



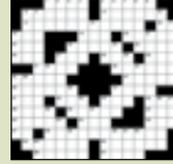
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Volleyball team aims to bring beach to Creekside High

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The Creekside High School girls' volleyball team may not be able to bring the school to the beach, but they are working on bringing the beach to the school — a beach volleyball court, that is.

The beach team, led by Coach Megan Bowers, grew from a request by her indoor volleyball players to continue play in the summer. After two years of practice, the team started competing in the Sunshine State Athletic Conference (SSAC) three years ago.

“It is a great opportunity for the girls to be exposed to another collegiate sport and a lifelong activity,” Bowers said. “Of course, they love the sun, too.”

Presently, the Creekside team does not have a home court, but a fundraising campaign is underway to transform a grassy patch behind the softball field into official competition courts.

According to Alexis Prieto, a member for four years, the team shares a single community court at Julington Creek Plantation. She said the team is unable to reserve the court for practice times, but “most people recognize us and will let us have the court or wait for us to get off the court.”

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STUDENTS COLLECT DONATIONS FOR ANIMALS ...AND READ TO THEM!

By Martie Thompson
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Patriot Oaks Academy third grader Elizabeth Palmer has always loved animals. Her family currently has four pets: Bailey the dog, Bear the hamster, Camostri the bearded dragon, and Frisco the rabbit. Elizabeth said one day, she and her friends Alia and Everly were discussing taking care of pets and the fact that not all animals are as lucky as some others.

“We thought it was very sad that some dogs and cats are homeless,” Elizabeth said. “Our teacher, [Kylee Stafford] mentioned that maybe we could start a club and do something about it.”

So Elizabeth, Alia, and Everly started Animal Safety Girls, or ASG for short. They even collaboratively created a logo — but most importantly, they held a donation drive for animals at the Jacksonville Humane Society. Elizabeth said they chose this shelter because they thought it “might need some extra help since it is so large.”

Their teacher reached out to the Jacksonville Humane Society for its requested items. The girls made flyers listing the requested donations to put up around their school and were able to make an announcement on the school's morning news show. They put up buckets at the front of Patriot Oaks Academy for the month of February.



Animal Safety Girls with their donations at the Jacksonville Humane Society. Photos courtesy Nancy Palmer

They were delighted to receive two carloads full of donations from students and staff that they dropped off at the Jacksonville Humane Society on March 23. On that day, the three girls also completed the humane society's brief training for its Pawsitive Reading program, which is designed to not only calm the animals, but provide encouragement for young readers.

“We read two books,” Elizabeth said. “We read an alphabet dog book and also a book of poems that we made at our school. We were able to spend about 20 – 30 minutes with the dogs.”

The Animal Safety Girls plan to sponsor these pet drives a couple of times a year, according to Elizabeth, who said



A staff member from the Jacksonville Humane Society with a bin of donations from the Animal Safety Girls.



Elizabeth Palmer with Alia and Everly at the Jacksonville Humane Society.

she hopes to start her own animal rescue shelter, open to all animals, someday.

“I felt really good inside after dropping off the donations,” Elizabeth said. “I felt we were making a difference to those dogs and cats and I know Alia and Everly felt the same way. We also enjoyed seeing the shelter and all the animals.”

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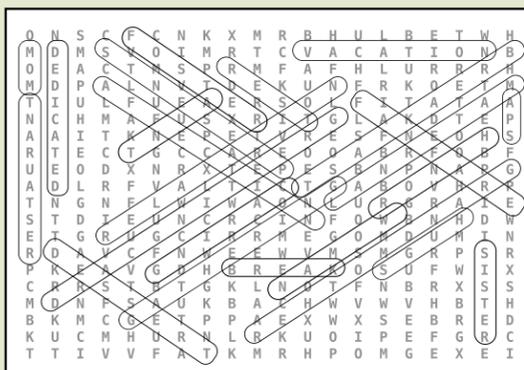
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Q & A

**with St. Johns County Sheriff
Rob Hardwick**

Q: Since you started your career in corrections, you have stated you have a special interest in this division. Can you share some statistics about the St. Johns County Jail?

A: We have 140 deputy sheriffs and 75 civilian staff at our facility who are responsible for the care, custody and control of individuals in our jail. We have great employees with positive attitudes. In addition, we have a separate 50-bed facility that houses our work release center. Individuals from here work on our compound, for instance in the laundry or kitchen, and we use their work to offset tax dollars that would be needed to perform these tasks.

Last year, we averaged 410 adults, male and female, in our facility, which has a maximum capacity of 630. Last year our agency had just over 4,000 arrests that were brought to the St. Johns County Jail.

Q: What is your goal as far as the corrections division is concerned?

A: Our goal is to make the individual a better person than when they came to our facility. We offer many programs in this regard, including substance abuse, mental health and faith-based programs. We also offer programs to make the individuals more marketable when they get out. We have teamed with First Coast Technical College to bring certification programs in fields such as culinary arts, cosmetology, small engine repair and landscaping to our facility. We also hope to partner with local businesses so that we can help these folks get jobs when they get out.

Q: How has COVID-19 impacted the correctional facility?

A: It has been a challenging time. We have our own COVID quarantine block for people when they first enter the facility. We are currently working with the county to get vaccinations available for the jail population.

Q: What are some other improvements you see in the correctional division?

A: At one time, everything — substance abuse, mental health/Baker Acts, and crime — came to the jail. We are trying to triage better and get people to the proper place. Individuals who are Baker Acted now go to Flagler Health+ and we rely on our not for profit partners to provide psychological and substance abuse services.

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

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Eddie Creamer**

Q: Can you give us some information about Save Our Homes?

A: This is actually Amendment 5 to the Florida Constitution, passed in 1995 and it's the part of homestead exemption that is most misunderstood by homeowners. It puts a 3 percent cap on the amount that the tax assessed value can go up any given year on homesteaded property. Actually, the cap is the lesser of 3 percent or the year's cost of living index. During my term in office, the cap has been the cost of living index, since it's been significantly less than 3 percent (approximately 1 to 1.25 percent).

Q: Why is this important?

A: Save Our Homes is particularly important in St. Johns County, where values have gone up more than 40 percent in recent years. Year to date 2021, values are up about 8.5 percent, but your tax assessed value of your homesteaded property will still only go up by the lesser of 3 percent or the cost of living index.

Q: Can you tell us about portability?

A: The difference between the increase in the Just Market Value and the cap is the portability amount on your home. You do not pay taxes on this and it can continue to go up each year (it can also go down if values decline).

Q: Why is portability important?

A: If you relinquish your homesteaded property for any reason, you have three years to take your portability with you

to a new homesteaded property. There are a couple of caveats: first, the most portability you can take is \$500,000. Secondly, if your new homestead is equal to or greater than the value of your relinquished property, you can take 100 percent of the portability (up to the \$500,000 maximum). If the new property is less, you can take a pro-rata share of the portability with you.

Q: What is your recommendation for homeowners?

A: Because St. Johns County today is in a very hot real estate market, with values going up dramatically and houses staying on the market for less than a week, it's important for homeowners to check our website and look at their TRIM notices to make sure they are accurate. Don't wait until it's time to sell your home; you want to make sure you get the portability you are entitled to.

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

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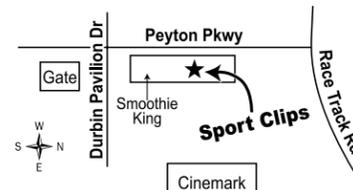
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What's Going On in St. Johns?

Community Calendar

A modified calendar of events

The St. Johns County Civic Roundtable will meet on Monday, May 10 at 12 p.m. and feature Commissioner Trish Becker from the Anastasia Mosquito Control District and Dr. Whitney Qualls, scientific manager/entomologist at the Anastasia Mosquito Control District. This meeting will be via Zoom video conferencing. Email info@sjcroundtable.org to register for the meeting or for more information about the St. Johns County Civic Roundtable.

The Northwest St. Johns County United for Progress Club will meet on May 10 via Zoom, with social time beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting beginning at 7 p.m. The speaker, Austin Trantham, assistant professor of political science and public policy at Jacksonville University, will discuss the executive branch of government. Email nwsjcp@gmail.com for zoom meeting details.

The Bartram Trail Newcomers' and Women's Club will meet on Tuesday, May 11 at 11 a.m. at St. Johns Golf and Country Club off County Road 210W for lunch and a meeting. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. The theme of the luncheon will be Musical Themes of TV Shows and Movies of the 60s, 70s, and the 80s. The cost of the luncheon is \$22 for members and \$30 for nonmembers and must be received no later than May 6. Contact Pam Brawer at pjbrawer0512@comcast.net to register or for more information.

The All Star Quilters Guild will meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 17 at the First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd. The program is a trunk show of Robyn House-Geuttler's "Pathway through Quilting." No refreshments will be served due to Covid 19. Bring your own mask. New members are welcome. Visit www.allstarquilters.org for more information, including options for joining the meeting via Zoom. Be sure to also see the raffle quilt under

the "Service" tab.

The Newcomers of North St. Johns will host a meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, May 18 at 11 a.m. at St. Johns Golf and Country Club, 205 St. Johns Golf Drive. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. The event will feature accomplished pianist Carl Grant, who will entertain members with a medley of soft ballads and soothing love songs. Covid guidelines are in place. The cost for the luncheon and program is \$30 for members. All reservations must be received by May 10. Contact Sue Aird at sjaird@comcast.net to register.

The Jacksonville Camera Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19 at Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran School, 6595 Columbia Park Ct. in Jacksonville. The program will include the first Triannual Print Contest results. Visit jaxcameraclub.com for more information.

First Coast Florida Lifestyles Newcomers Recreation Card Club will host lunch/card playing at a coffee/food cafe in St. Augustine on May 22. Arrival is at 1:30 p.m. and card games will be played from 2:15 p.m. – 5 p.m. Masks must be worn while playing cards and one entree must be purchased to satisfy restaurant management. Call the club organizer at (904) 829-0643 (no texts) to RSVP or for information about the club. The club is open to both men and women and is a smoke- and drug-free club.

Herbal Medicine for Beginners will be offered on May 22 at 10 a.m. Attendees will learn about traditionally used herbs to promote wellness and health as well as how to create their own tinctures, teas, and salves. Included are guides, plant identification, lecture and herbal snacks. Pre registration is required via phone or text: (386) 972-1891.



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

Q: Can you comment on the recent news regarding the district's high school dress code?

A: We have heard from a variety of people, those concerned and those in support of our dress code. As is typical this time of year, we are looking at some changes to our Code of Conduct and the dress code within it. The proposed changes will come to the school board for approval in the next month or two. We appreciate everyone's input.

Q: What is the latest on the walking safety issue for students from the St. Johns Forest neighborhood?

A: Statutorily, Superintendent Tim Forson is the only one who can ask that a walk zone to school be reexamined. He has written a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation and we have received word back as to the name of our FDOT partner who will be working with us going forward. At some point, representatives from the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, the FDOT and the school district will go out to the walk zone and take a look and evaluate safety issues and potential solutions. We hope this will be accomplished by next school year, but a great deal of it is out of our control.

Q: Do you have an update on zoning for High School III?

A: We are right in the middle of the zoning process for this new school and we are looking for public input. There are four zoning plans on the school district website and I encourage anyone with middle school or high school students in the Northwest to take a look. Bartram Trail High School zoning is mostly affected, but so is zoning for Nease and the area middle and K-8 schools. We will receive public input at our board meetings in May and via the contact information on the district website. We plan to approve the final zon-

ing at our June 8 meeting, so now is the time to voice your opinion.

Q: Florida Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran recently recommended that school districts dispense with mask mandates and instead make masks optional. What is the St. Johns County School District doing?

A: First, we are still wearing masks through the remainder of this current school year. As for next fall, our plan is to be back to school face to face, in brick and mortar. Those families with special circumstances who still desire virtual instruction can enroll their student in either Florida Virtual School or St. Johns Virtual. We are monitoring the mask situation closely and will do so throughout the summer before making a decision. If the case numbers continue to be low, we will likely go without masks for next school year.

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

A: First, I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to Fruit Cove Baptist Church, which made a \$20,000 donation to pay for delinquent school lunch debts at schools across our county. It was very generous of them and we are so grateful.

Secondly, I'd like to continue to encourage pre-registration for next year, especially at the kindergarten level. This can be accomplished online at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment/ or by visiting the student's assigned school website. It is so important that we know how many students are coming to our schools so we can have enough teachers.

Q: How can our readers contact you?

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

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**with St. Johns County Commissioner
Christian Whitehurst, District 1**

Q: It's county budget time again. Can you share any insight?

A: The initial overview for this process was presented to us in March. The three day budget hearings will be held May 19 – 21 and are open to the public, but by that time funds will have already been allocated as a draft to each department. I would invite the public to contact me now to let me know their priorities. I have some priorities of my own, like ballfields and basic infrastructure, which needs to be addressed as our county grows. We have deficient roads in the Northwest as well as we need to get some properties off septic tanks.

Q: Do you have an update on parks?

A: Yes, we have a new park, which will include ballfields, going in around the State Road 16/International Golf Parkway area. It is already budgeted and is in the permitting stage now.

Q: What can you tell us about the proposed project on County Road 210W along a new extension of Veterans Parkway known as the Helow property?

A: This is proposed to be a massive project to include 3,500 homes and 2.5 million square feet of commercial/retail space. At this point, it is just an application that is working its way through our growth management process and is not scheduled to come before the Board of County Commissioners until at least fall. Because this is a quasi-judicial matter, I'm required to hear all competent,

substantial evidence before rendering a decision and can't comment more than that at this time. But I do welcome the community's input.

Q: Is there an item that you seem to get a lot of questions about that you would like to address here?

A: Yes, right now I'm receiving a lot of emails from constituents regarding Project Breeze. The applicant, who is allowed to remain anonymous due to state statute until their second hearing, is proposing to invest \$100 million in the project, including land and construction of the facility. They will retain some jobs here and bring in new jobs as well. They are seeking economic incentives from the county. If we are going to pursue economic development in St. Johns County, which was part of my campaign platform, then these types of economic incentives are necessary to attract high paying jobs and be competitive with surrounding areas. I would never vote for an economic benefit package unless I was convinced there was a net financial benefit to the county. I'm doing my due diligence to make sure that the economic benefit to the county is more than the incentives they are requesting. The second hearing on this project will be held at one of our commissioner meetings in May.

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

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Q: What can you tell us about the new St. Johns County Memorial Garden?

A: The center courtyard of the judicial complex will be re-landscaped and renamed the St. Johns County Memorial Garden. We envision it to be a centerpiece for visitors and guests to be able to take a moment and collect their thoughts. We will incorporate the existing Victims Garden and move it inside the courtyard to be part of the Memorial Garden. We expect it to be finished by fall, when we will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Q: What else do you have to share with northern St. Johns County citizens?

A: For the 28th consecutive year,

the Clerk's Office was awarded the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for our fiscal year 2019 annual report. This highlights the transparency and accuracy of our financial report, which is available online. People come to St. Johns County for the quality of life and management of taxpayer dollars is a big part of that.

Also, our Inspector General's office has met the initial entry requirements to become accredited by the Commission on Florida Law Enforcement. For a 24 month period, the commission will assess our Inspector General's office to ensure the highest standards of professionalism. Successful completion of this results in accreditation. Only four Clerks of Courts' Inspector General offices in the State of Florida are accredited. The Inspector General's office investigates and audits county government entities as well as waste, fraud and abuse cases.

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

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

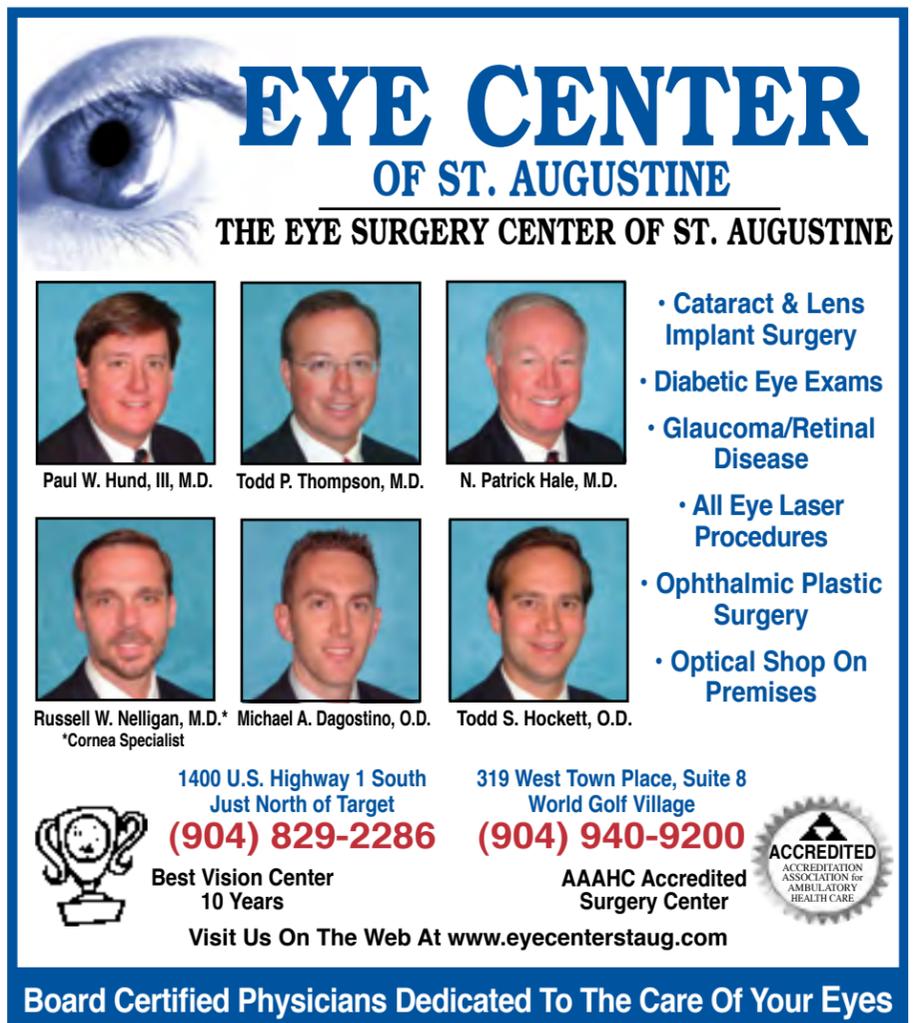
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Market Insight

On Jan. 29, 1882 a young Seminarian from Boston, freshly graduated from Cambridge, stepped off Sandy Bob's stagecoach onto the dusty streets of his new home, Tombstone Arizona. His name was Endicott Peabody, he was 25 years old, and his mission was to build an Episcopal church in one of the most dangerous places on earth. Just three months earlier, Wyatt Earp and Doc Holiday had gunned down members of the gang of outlaws known as the Cowboys in the city's OK Corral.

Peabody quickly realized that in order to build his church he would need to appeal to the men. The woman of the city went to church; the hardscrabble miners, drawn to the area by the lure of a massive silver strike, were more reticent. Toward that goal Peabody challenged the Methodist minister, a man named Joseph "Mac" Macintyre, to a boxing match. The whole town turned out to witness the spectacle of two men of the cloth duking it out bare-knuckled under the blazing Arizona sun for the right to save the souls of the male citizenry of the town nicknamed "Hellorado." Peabody won. His next match was

against the miner's champion. The burly, weathered, mining champ took a beating. Endicott founded a baseball team as well. The local paper, the "Tombstone Epitaph," called him a "Daisy" of a ballplayer.

His friends called him "Cotty" and as his reputation grew, so did his flock. Initially, he held his weekly services in the Miners Exchange building. The old church had been burnt to the ground six months earlier by a rowdy mob of drunks. He also travelled to nearby towns. One day, in nearby Charleston, he delivered a sermon on his own 11th Commandment: "Thou Shall Not Covet Thy Neighbor's Cattle." The sermon so enraged a member of the infamous outlaw gang of cattle rustlers known as the Cowboys that he threatened to shoot Peabody if he ever returned. Endicott sent back word that if the man wanted a fight, he could have one, but proposed they meet in the boxing ring, charge admission, and donate the proceeds to the local orphanage. The matter was dropped. No one wanted to go toe to toe with the hard-punching Priest from the East.

In order to raise funds for a new church, Peabody took to haunting the gambling halls and saloons — not to drink or place bets, but to solicit donations. He would stride into the den of iniquity and announce that on the following Sunday he would be preaching on the evils of gambling. He would then stand by each poker table in turn, silent and foreboding, his outstretched arm holding his upturned hat until the players made a donation. Gambling was big business in Tombstone. Endicott soon had more than \$4,600 to build his church. St. Paul's Episcopal Church still stands today. It is the oldest Protestant church in the state of Arizona.

Endicott Peabody returned to the East after just six months. He finished seminary and founded the Groton School. He became friends with Teddy Roosevelt and educated four of his sons. Teddy's cousin, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, is the Groton School's most famous alum. Endicott Peabody was the scion of a family that included models and bishops, famous actresses and even a governor.

That family is perhaps best known locally for the exploits of his daughter-in-law, Mary Parkman Peabody. On Easter Sunday 1964, the 72-year-old Parkman Peabody arrived in St. Augustine with the intent of being arrested protesting segregation. She spent three days in the local jail. True grit, it would seem, ran hard in the Peabody clan.

Franklin Roosevelt considered Peabody to be the second most influential man in his life, behind his own father. So enamored was he that he quoted his "old schoolmaster, Dr. Peabody" in his final inaugural address. FDR remembered him saying, "Things in life will not always run smoothly. Sometimes we will be rising toward the heights — then all will seem to reverse itself and start downward. The great fact to remember is that the trend of civilization itself is forever upward."

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By Robert Eberling
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Summer Camp and Activities Guide



Places to go and things to do

By NewsLine Staff
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Summer in Northeast Florida is a great time to do a little exploring. The days are longer and the weather is beautiful (although a bit hot!) and there are so many interesting places to visit that are only a brief car trip away. Here are a few ideas to keep kids and adults busy during the lazy days of summer. (Be sure to check the websites for complete information, including addresses, online ticketing, and potential COVID protocols, before you go):

St. Augustine and area to the south:

Castillo de San Marcos: (www.nps.gov) Built by the Spanish more than 333 years ago, the Castillo is the oldest masonry fortress in the United States. Open Wednesday – Sunday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. with limited capacity. \$15.

Fort Mose Historic State Park: (www.floridastateparks.org) A 40-acre waterfront park with an observation and birding boardwalk as well as an interactive museum that tells the story of the first legally sanctioned free African settlement in the United States. Open Thurs-

day – Monday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Free.

Ormond Scenic Loop and Trail: (www.ormondscenicloopandtrail.com) A 30-mile trail that traverses A1A in Ormond-by-the-Sea as well as rivers, creeks and marshes on the mainland, this scenic trail showcases the diverse natural scenery in Florida.

Palatka-to-St. Augustine State Trail: (www.traillink.com) Runs through the rural communities of Armstrong and Elkton with plans to connect to the Palatka-to-Lake Butler State Trail as part of a developing 260-mile regional network known as the St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop.

Marineland: (www.marineland.net) This world's first oceanarium features interactive opportunities with trained dolphins including swimming. 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. \$15 adult/\$8 child general admission; additional varied prices for dolphin encounters.

IMAX Theater at World Golf Village: (www.imax.com) Giant screen movie theater featuring 3D films and current blockbusters. See website for times and prices.

World Golf Village Hall of Fame: (www.worldgolfhalloffame.org) Designed to honor both men and women in golf, the museum has a permanent exhibition and a rolling program of temporary exhibits. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. \$21; discount available for St. Johns County residents.

St. Augustine Aquarium: (www.saaquarium.com) The St. Augustine Aquarium consists of an 80,000-gallon Snorkel Adventure, interactive Shark and Stingray Cove, Seahorse and hands-on exhibits. Seven days a week, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. \$12 adults/\$7 children.

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St. Augustine Wild Reserve: (www.sawildreserve.org) The reserve provides a home for unwanted and abused exotic animals, including big cats, wolves, and a black bear. Tours are booked online and by appointment only.

Waldo Farmers and Flea Market: (www.waldofleamarket.com) After more than 40 years, this landmark flea market is still owned and operated by the Blakewood family. They boast more than 900 dealers and 20,000 customers each weekend. Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Log Cabin Winery: (www.logcabin-farmwinery.com) A 75 year-old family-owned farm, vineyard and winery in Satsuma that is pet and family friendly.

Jacksonville and areas to the north and west:

Jacksonville-Baldwin Rail Trail: (www.traillink.com) One of Florida's oldest rail-trails, it traverses a rural setting of hardwood uplands, wetlands and pine flatwoods. Keep an eye out for wildlife, too.

Ichetucknee Springs State Park: (www.floridastateparks.org) Cool off by tubing, swimming or snorkeling in the crystalline Ichetucknee River, spring-fed to a constant 72 degrees which flows through shaded hammocks and wetlands until it joins the Santa Fe River. 8 a.m. – sunset. \$6 per car containing eight or fewer occupants.

Little Talbot Island: (www.floridastateparks.org) Little Talbot Island has more than five miles of white sandy beaches and is one of the few remaining undeveloped barrier islands in Northeast Florida. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. \$5 per car containing eight or fewer occupants.

Big Talbot Island: (www.floridastateparks.org) Big Talbot Island is a natural preserve perfect for birdwatching and photography. 8 a.m. – sundown. \$3 per vehicle to access picnic area and trailhead. \$2 per person to access fishing pier.

Kingsley Plantation and Fort Caroline National Memorial: (www.nps.gov) Learn about the 6,000 year history of the Timucuan Preserve and freedom and enslavement at Kingsley Plantation. Open Wednesday – Sunday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Museum of Science and History (MOSH): (www.themosh.org) Situated

on the Southbank Riverwalk, this museum specializes in science and local history exhibits. Be sure to see a program in the Bryan-Gooding Planetarium, one of the largest single-lens planetariums in the United States. Thursday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. \$15.

Cummer Museum: (www.cummermuseum.org) Holding one of the finest art collections in the Southeast, the museum has nearly 5,000 objects in its permanent collection. Be sure to also view the extensive riverfront gardens. Tuesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. \$10.

Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens: (www.jacksonvillezoo.org) Situated at the mouth of the Trout River, the zoo has more than 2,000 animals and 1,000 plants in its collection. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. \$25 adult/\$20 children.

Fort Clinch State Park: (www.floridastateparks.org) This historic park located on Amelia Island and dating to the Civil War provides recreational activities immersed among beautiful natural communities. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. \$6 per vehicle up to eight people; \$2.50 per person entrance fee to the fort.

Sweet Pete's: (www.sweetpetescandy.com) This candy shop boasts a fully functioning factory with an interactive gallery, two large retail areas, a full restaurant and bar, rooftop patio and dessert bar. Tuesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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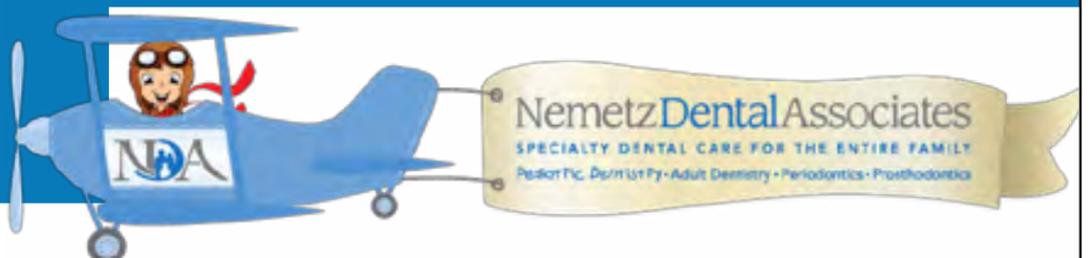
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Prieto, who will attend the University of Florida in the fall, explained that at first the team traveled long distances to play; however, nearby Bishop Kenny High School opened three courts, and Episcopal High School added six.

Still, having courts in Creekside High's backyard "would make it a lot easier for everyone," said Erin Wagner. "We could have longer practice sessions and become better players in general." The four-year veteran followed in her father's footsteps as a competitive volleyball player, and she is looking into continuing in the intramurals program at the University of South Florida.

Already, former team member Emily Davanzo played on the University of North Florida's beach team. And graduating seniors Jessica Lary and Samantha Byrd will be playing both collegiate beach and indoor volleyball next year at Austin Peay State University and St. Andrews University, respectively.

"It's definitely one of the best sports I've ever played," said Wagner.

Prieto agreed. Having just two players on a team (vs. six in regular volleyball) requires a lot of teamwork, and "communication matters more than anything."

Bowers looks forward to growing the game and hosting dual exhibition matches for the community. At present, they are raising funds through donation links. Those interested in supporting the team may contact Bowers at megan.bowers@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

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The CHS beach volleyball team in action.

The CHS volleyball team.



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Nutrition Check

How much fruit is “too much”?

by: Kristen Hicks-Roof PhD, RDN, LDN, CLC and Crystal Liebenberg BS

With summer just around the corner, imagine a beach day with some watermelon slices and ice-cold, fruit-infused water. The only problem is, you might be wondering how much fruit you are “allowed” each day and what is considered to be too much.

For multiple years there has been a myth that sugar found in fruit is considered bad for you, and that you should limit your fruit intake. Let us address this myth the best way possible, with evidence-based scientific information. The United States Department of Agriculture states that consuming fruit is not only harmless, but has multiple health benefits. Fruit contains natural (as opposed to processed or added) sugar in the form of fructose and glucose — which is different than added sugars as those are often processed and used to sweeten foods (e.g. pastries, candies, flavored beverages).

Fruit is packed with a combination of vitamins, minerals, phytochemicals, and fiber. Sugar in fruit is slowly released into the bloodstream, different from the typical spike in blood sugars with added sugars. This moderated release helps to prevent spikes and drops that often cause undesirable symptoms. Fruit also contains phytochemicals, which are imperative for antioxidant and anti-inflammatory functions in the body.

The 2020 – 2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans encourages consumption of

nutrient-dense foods, which includes one to two cups per day of fruits, which most Americans fall short of. So, what does all of this mean for you? The last thing you should be worrying about is eating “too much” fruit. Rather, try to increase your whole fruit intake and focus on “eating the rainbow” to consume different colored fruits each containing unique phytochemicals and health benefits. Fruits may be fresh, frozen, canned, in a container or dried, and may be whole, cut-up or pureed.

Things to consider:

1. What counts as a cup of fruit? In general, a small piece of fresh fruit (apple, plum, pear), one cup of whole or cut-up fruit (grapes, berries, melon) or one-half cup of dried fruit (raisins, prunes, apricots)
2. What are some fruits I can choose from? Beyond your “typical” fruits, there are so many options. Try something new such as a honeydew, grapefruit, lychee, persimmon, mangosteen, tangerine, peach, papaya, pineapple, plum, kiwi, starfruit, dragon fruit, passionfruit, mango, cherimoya, plantain.
3. Individuals with pre-diabetes or Diabetes Mellitus should talk to a Registered Dietitian about their specific carbohydrate needs, as fruit is considered a carbohydrate.

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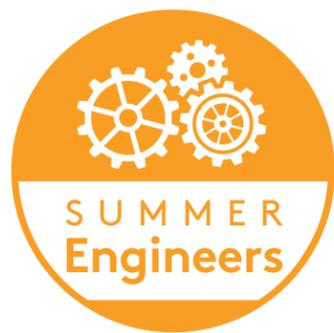
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Briefs

Public advised to not post vaccine card on social media

With the ramp up in COVID-19 vaccinations occurring throughout the state comes an increased risk of fraud related to the inoculations. Vaccination cards issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention include the recipient's full name, birthdate and vaccine location — information scammers can use to hack online accounts or commit identity fraud.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "It is encouraging to see so many Floridians receiving their COVID-19 vaccines, but be cautious when sharing the good news online. Scammers can use information from a vaccine card to hack financial accounts, commit identity theft or even create fake vaccination cards and sell them on the black market. Instead of posting your card, consider using an announcement or picture that does not reveal any personal information."

Posting pictures of vaccination cards presents another downside besides sharing personal information that scammers covet — the posts could help scammers create phony vaccine cards. According to the American Association of Retired Persons, fake cards are popping up for sale on social media platforms and other websites.

COVID-19 has forced millions of Floridians to work, learn and socialize more online, which scammers are taking advantage of by ramping up online scams. Consumers should be wary about what information is shared online.

Attorney General Moody offers the following tips as reminders for Floridians on how to safely share vaccination news or other information on social media:

- Instead of sharing vaccination cards, consider using a Got My Vaccine profile picture frame;
- Do not post anything that contains personal or identifying information online;
- Be wary of viral social media trends that often highlight a user's assortment of favorite things or personal information. Know that the responses to these trends are often commonly used to inspire passwords or security questions; and
- Always use strong passwords on all accounts — include numbers and special characters.

Mauri Mizrahi named new CEO for River Garden Senior Services

At River Garden's 75th Anniversary Day celebration and annual meeting in March, River Garden Senior Services announced Mauri Witten Mizrahi as River Garden's fourth chief executive officer.

Mizrahi is a Jacksonville native who believes in building community through helping others and taking action. She has been involved in many organizations such as the Jewish Federation and Foundation of Northeast Florida as a board member and Young Leadership Division chairperson. She was the recipient of the Jacksonville Jewish

Federation Ilene Sari Selevan Young Leadership Award in 2007. Mizrahi has also given her time to the Martin J. Gottlieb Day school from 2002 to the present. She was the vice president of education at the Jacksonville Jewish Center from 2010 to 2012 and received the Jacksonville Jewish Center Woman of Valor award in 2012.

Mizrahi graduated magna cum laude from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science degree in physical therapy. She knew early in her career that she enjoyed working with seniors and furthered her education, knowledge and skills in geriatrics. She began work at River Garden in 2005 as a physical therapist. Officially in 2017, as part of the agency's long-standing commitment to responsible succession planning, Mizrahi joined River Garden's administration team. In May 2018, she became a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator and has been working as an Associate Administrator at River Garden for the past three years. Following her pattern of being engaged and involved, Mizrahi joined the LeadingAge Florida board and the Association of Jewish Aging Services (AJAS) conference planning committee in 2020.



Photo courtesy River Garden
 Mauri Witten Mizrahi

Council on Aging announces Coastal Community Center in-person programs for seniors

In-person programming has resumed for participants at COA's Coastal Community Senior Center on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. St. Johns County seniors aged 60 and older may reserve their place for either the Tuesday or Thursday morning program, as space is limited and registration confirmation is required. The programs are being held at COA's River House at 179 Marine St., in St. Augustine. For the health and safety of participants, masks are required and social distancing protocols are in place.

"We are really looking forward to seeing our friends, old and new," said Sue Richerson, COA Senior Centers Program Manager. "This is an important next step in our plans to gradually resume in-person programming in the safest possible way for our participants."

Lunch is available for pick up by participants after the program.

To reserve your spot, please contact Sue Richerson at (904) 209-3631.

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Get to Know ...

By Martie Thompson
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Chuck Mulligan

Longtime St. Johns County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Chuck Mulligan has recently retired after a 33-year career with the agency — and he is enjoying his new found free time. "There's always a new project," he said. "But I am loving spending more time with my wife and daughter." While most people in the community know Mulligan through his two decades as liaison with the media, prior to holding this position he served in a number of different roles within the SJSO, including patrol officer, a diver in the marine unit, a motorcycle cop in the traffic division, and a member of the SWAT team. Mulligan has been married to his wife, Terri Arnold, for 22 years and they share a daughter, Jenna, a collegiate gymnast at the University of Michigan.



Photo courtesy
Chuck Mulligan

Chuck Mulligan during a recent family trip to Ireland. The castle ruins were in the territory where the Mulligans (O'Maoligains) were chieftains over several baronies in County Donegal (Northwest Ireland).

Q: Can you tell us about your family background?

A: On both my mother's and my father's side, our family history in St. Augustine goes back to before the fort was even built. My mother's family were Minorcans who helped settle St. Augustine and my father's family were potato farmers. St. Augustine was a phenomenal place to grow up. We lived a block from the St. Augustine Lighthouse and I spent my days fishing and riding my bike all over downtown St. Augustine.

Q: Where did you go to school?

A: We lived in St. Augustine, but took a break when I was in late elementary school/middle school in the mid-1970s. My father had a contract offer to go work in Iran and so my younger brother and I went there with him and my mother. We went to an American school there, but lived among the general population. I learned a lot about Middle Eastern culture and met many wonderful people. We lived through the Iranian

Revolution and were eventually evacuated in 1979 about a month prior to the American hostage crisis. We came back to St. Augustine and I eventually graduated from St. Augustine High School.

Q: How did you meet your wife?

A: We first met in the 1980s when I went to St. Augustine Beach and parked next to her car. She was home from college on summer break and I asked her out. We dated through the summer, but then she went back to college. Almost 10 years to the day later, a friend of mine who was dating a friend of hers asked me to come and hang out and Terri was there. We were surprised to see each other after so many years. By this time, she was back home in Fruit Cove helping her family run the family business and I was with the sheriff's office. We've been together ever since.

Q: How did you become a sheriff's deputy?

A: When I graduated from high school, I started my own car detailing business. It was successful, but I felt unfulfilled. Through family, I met David Shoar, then with the St. Augustine Police Department and he invited me to ride along with a deputy and see if I liked it. I did. On the very first ride, we did something to help people. I joined the police academy and upon graduation as a 20 year old, wanted to work locally. Then-Sheriff Neil Perry put me in the reserve program to prove myself and I worked for no pay until I was finally hired full time in 1988. The most fun of all my positions within the SJSO was when I was a traffic cop. I had the freedom of being able to create work for myself; I was not just writing tickets, but was able to help people. I also enjoyed my time on the SWAT team.

Q: What are your plans post-retirement?

A: I actually first retired a few years ago after 30 years in full time law enforcement, most recently as the media liaison. Sheriff Shoar asked me to stay on a contract basis until he retired three years later and so I did. Now I'm turning the page. I'm entertaining some very interesting offers for the future, but I'm in no hurry. I'm enjoying being unplugged; it's the right thing for me in my life right now. I'm focusing on spending time with my wife and I'm happy to finally be able to spend time with my daughter. She is a competitive gymnast now at the University of Michigan and we have been able to go to many of the meets. The team is now ranked number two in the nation and we are headed to the national championship in late April.

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Those who require transportation to the program may contact COA's Transportation Department Customer Service line at (904) 209-3712.

The best way to stay informed about the latest news, programs and services for seniors and caregivers is to sign up to receive COA's weekly e-newsletter; visit www.coasjc.org/sign-up or call (904) 209-3700.

Visit www.coasjc.org for more information on COA's programs and services for seniors and caregivers in St. Johns County.

Community donates \$8,000 of pet food and supplies

Approximately \$8,000 of pet food and supplies, as well as 50 large bags of towels and blankets were collected by St. Johns CARES, Inc. with assistance from 24 host donation collection sites and individuals to help animal shelters and food pantry clients with pets. Food, supplies and

linens were distributed to five animal shelters and pet food to five food pantries in St. Johns County.

The annual initiative for St. Johns CARES volunteers for May is the funding of new backpacks, supplies and gift cards for incidentals for homeless high school seniors in the county school system's ASSIST Program who enroll in higher education. The backpacks serve as recognition of the students' accomplishments despite many obstacles and encouragement as the students pursue a better future through education. Monetary donations can be made through the St. Johns CARES website (stjohnscares.org) or by mail to St. Johns CARES, 450-106 State Road 13N, #165, St. Johns, FL 32259.

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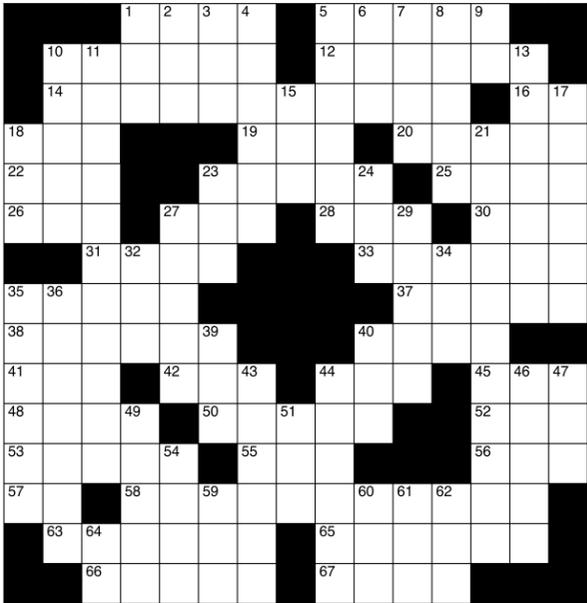
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Puzzles

Answers on page 3
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Large, flightless birds
5. Lifts and moves heavy objects
10. Hyundai sedan
12. Wear away by erosion
14. Arranged alphabetically
16. Top prosecutor
18. ___-de-sac: Short dead-end street
19. Digital audiotape
20. Linguistics pioneer
22. Singer DiFranco
23. Arms of the sea
25. Near-reach weapon (abbr.)
26. Ballplayer's accessory
27. You get one at the beach
28. U.S. founding father
30. W. Australia indigenous people
31. Amounts of time
33. Put on the shelf
35. Russian dynasty member

CLUES DOWN

1. Midway between northeast and east
2. Partner to cheese
3. One from Utah
4. A way to move
5. Playing cards
6. Baseball stat
7. Long river in western Asia
8. Grandmothers
9. Entertainment legend Sullivan
10. Steam bath room
11. One who kills
13. Food
15. Swiss river
17. Fleet
18. Taxi
21. Working class
23. More (Spanish)
24. High schoolers' test
37. City along the Elbe River
38. A peninsula between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf
40. Actor Damon
41. ___ King Cole, musician
42. Company that rings receipts
44. Scatter
45. Basics
48. Part of a door
50. Indicates silence
52. Moved quickly on foot
53. Monetary units
55. A place to crash
56. Many subconsciousnesses
57. Group of countries
58. About line of latitude
63. Female follower of Bacchus
65. A dentist can treat it
66. Dull brown fabrics
67. Int'l nonprofit

27. Large heavily built goat antelope
29. Murdered in his bathtub
32. Tease good-naturedly
34. Morsel
35. Cause persistent resentment
36. A radioactive element
39. Perform in a play
40. Witty remark: Bon ___
43. A great place to kayak
44. Conclude by reasoning
46. In an unfavorable way
47. Complex of nerve tissues (abbr.)
49. Machine for making paper
51. Feline
54. Yugo's hatchback
59. Check
60. Press against lightly
61. Wind-pollinated plants
62. ___compoop
64. Commercial



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

A. 2 11 16 12
Clue: Strong emotion

B. 9 11 5 17 12 13
Clue: Female parent

C. 15 24 26 5 23
Clue: Presents

D. 23 3 12 18 24 21 2
Clue: Beyond ordinary

MOTHER'S DAY WORD SEARCH

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M D P A L N V T D E K U N F R K O E T M
T I U L F U E A E R S O L F I T A T A A
N C H M A F U S X R I T G L A K D T E P
A A I T K N E P E T V R E S F N E O H S
R T E C T G C C A R E O O A B R F O B F
U E O D X N R X T E P E S B N P N A P G
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C R R S T B T G K L N O T F N B R X S S
M D N F S A U K B A C H W V W V H B T H
B K M C G E T P P A E X W X S E B R E D
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T T I V V F A T K M R H P O M G E X E I

WORDS

- AFFECTION
- AUNT
- BREAK
- BREAKFAST
- CARING
- DEDICATED
- DESSERT
- FANFARE
- FOSTER
- GATHERING
- GRANDMOTHER
- GREETING CARD
- HONOR
- HUGS
- MATERNAL
- MOM
- PRESENTS
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# Local soccer players earn talent identifier opportunity

By NewsLine Staff  
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Seven Florida Elite Soccer Academy players (Olivia Bori, Reese Gordon, Grace Ivey, Hayden Petrick, Emma Revels, Avery Robinson, and Brenna Robinson) were invited to the one-day US Youth National Team Identifier Center on March 30. Identification Centers are one of the main tactics of talent identification. Youth National Team ID Centers are no-cost identification opportunities for U.S. Soccer Talent Identification Managers to evaluate and monitor top talents. U.S. Soccer, in conjunction with local clubs, hosts approximately 100 sessions each year in 25 key markets throughout the country. These invite-only training sessions provide opportunities for scout

development, education, and mentoring, and help strengthen connection and collaboration between U.S. Soccer, clubs, and their constituents in local markets. Due to COVID-19

the format of the identification center process will be different than usual; however, it was important to U.S. Soccer that the identification process continues forward for 2021.



Olivia Bori



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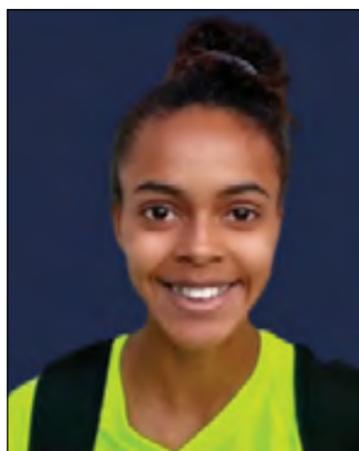
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Regardless of the time of year, you can almost always expect "catching" to be different from one trip to the next. Weather, tides, moon phase, and salinity all play into the cause and effect when it comes to catching and making great excuses when the catching isn't too good.

Despite a mixed start to this year's fishing season, summer is about to happen, and fishing should only get better. We should soon be able to expect our usual summer run in the river of croakers, yellow mouths, redfish and more. There will be days when the fishing and catching is great, and there will also be days that will leave you wondering what happened to the bite. As the old saying goes, "That's why they call it fishing and not catching."

Most people that go fishing are there for the sport, the water, the outdoors, the sunshine, and hopes of bringing home a catch worthy of a fish fry for family and friends. Any one, or combination of these reasons is worth the trip, but what if your catch ends up being not worthy of the fish fry you were really hoping for?

Everyone who fishes has trips that fall short of expectations from time to time. That is to be expected. The most important thing is to not let the fish you caught go to waste. You can always pass your fish on someone else fishing in the area, or give them to a friend or

neighbor that only needs a fish or two to make a meal. But if you're still hoping to have that fish fry for family and friends — clean them, freeze them, and keep them.

Keeping fish fresh till you are ready to eat them is easy. After cleaning your catch, just add water and freeze. Any air tight container or zip lock plastic bag will do. Just make sure your fish are completely covered in water when freezing and that no meat is exposed to air. Fish and shrimp will easily keep for six months or longer and will be ready to cook when thawed. Now, a catch of two or three on one trip, and five or six the next, quickly adds up to the big catch you were hoping for to have that long planned fish fry.

**Fishing Report:** Fishing the beach has been great from Fernandina to St. Augustine when the water has been clear and the waves not too big. Bull whiting and pompano have been the main bite. Area freshwater should still be a good bet for bream and bass, with the river just starting to come to life with it's usual summer time catches. Remember that catching shrimp is closed to Northeast Florida during April and May (even if you're catching them for bait).

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- Purchase orders
- Licenses and permits
- Certificates of insurance
- Employment applications
- Articles of Incorporation/Certificate of Organization
- Operating agreements
- Annual meeting minutes
- Trademark, Service Mark and Patent registrations
- Inventory logs

There are several recordkeeping tools out there to help business owners get organized, including software-based solutions, cloud-based solutions, and paper-based solutions.

**Software solutions:** The trick with recordkeeping is to keep things simple. Basic software solutions like Microsoft Excel spreadsheets and Microsoft Word documents can be a simple, easy-to-use solution for businesses that only require a few recordkeeping basics. Quickbooks Pro for desktop is a more sophisticated software solution. Make a habit of backing up your records daily, whether it's on a secure server, external hard drive, or a cloud-based system. There are free or low-cost solutions like Google Drive and Dropbox that are great for simple file storage. Or, you can invest in a cloud-based back-up solution, like Carbonite, that takes care of automatic file back-ups for all of your critical documents with increased security.

**Cloud solutions:** Paperless cloud-based solutions are becoming more sophisticated and easier-to-use. If you're a small service business, a simple cloud-based

accounting system like FreshBooks may be all you need to manage your books. For more complex small businesses, like those that manage inventory, Quickbooks Online is an excellent cloud-based option. Many of these tools will sync right to your business bank account and credit card to automatically log expenses. Look for options like digital receipt filings that let you scan physical receipts and turn them into digital records, eliminating the hassle of paper records.

**Paper solution:** If you prefer doing things the old-fashioned way, there's nothing wrong with using pen and paper to keep your business' records in order.

Keeping good records will pay dividends come tax time. At the end of the tax year, turn over your business records to a professional accountant. If you use a cloud-based solution, most systems allow you to provide your accountant with a unique log-in so they can access tax documents and business records directly without you doing any additional leg work. Whichever system you use, keeping well-organized records gives your accountant the information they need to file your business taxes accurately keeping your business in good standing with the IRS.

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