Amazing SpaceX

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          SpaceX is one of the most complex rocket associations, with more than 9,500 employees, which is a staggering number. The creation of SpaceX is Elon Musk who made it on 9/28/2008. It was made to reduce space transportation costs and to colonize Mars. SpaceX is located in Hawthorne, California. Also, a cool fact is that SpaceX has been making/building rockets for 21 years. Also, their first rocket was the Falcon1 made on September 28, 2002. How was SpaceX made? That's a good question. It was made when Elon Musk found someone named Tom Mueller in his garage making a rocket. He was a rocket engineer and agreed to be his business partner and then SpaceX was made. That’s why I think SpaceX is amazing!

The Creation of Minecraft

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Minecraft is a game where you can play alone or with friends. You can build anything, fight anything, and you can do almost anything. Minecraft was created in Stockholm, Sweden. It was made by Marcus Person, also known by his gamer tag (Notch), on November 8, 2011. Minecraft was inspired by one of Notch’s earlier games called Dungeon Keeper. Minecraft was originally called Cave Game.

The Game Fortnite

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The game Fortnite was released on July 21, 2017 by Epic Games. It was created in Cary, North Carolina at a game jam. A game jam is where game developers can brainstorm and create games. They announced Fortnite at the 2011 Spike Video Game Awards. It was held on Saturday, December 10, 2011. The original game of Fortnite is Save The World, but then they released Fortnite Battle Royale on July 21, 2017. Fortnite has the blending of survival, exploration, and construction genres. You play Fortnite by jumping off a battle bus and gliding down to the island all over the map. Then you have to survive, build, and eliminate the rest of the one hundred players. You have to stay in the middle or else you'll start taking damage in the storm. If you are the last player left you got a Victory Royale and won the game. You can play on different platforms like PlayStations, Xboxes, Nintendo, or a PC.

Ice Skating

Caralynn Christiansen

Saint Pete, Florida

Cara Christiansen is an 11-year-old girl student from Northside Christian School. Her first competition this year will be on October 25. It will be held in Tallahassee, Florida. How do skaters prepare? Skaters have to practice their solo for at least two months to memorize the solo. The solo is five minutes long and they have to get their costume a month before the competition. You might be wondering how she skates on ice like that. She said, “The basics are just going side to side and that will help you a lot.” Why does she like doing this sport? She said, “It's fun, the sport makes me feel amazing!” That's why she has been doing it for three years.

Buccaneers

Andrew Klei

Saint Pete, Florida

The Buccaneers are one of the best teams. They drafted the famous Tom Brady and Rob Gronkowski from the Patriots and in that year, we won the Super Bowl! And that is not the only one. They won the Super Bowl in 2002. Do you guys want to know the most famous player in Buccaneer history other than Tom Brady? Well, you got it. It is a Super Bowl winner… Warren Sapp, a defensive tackle. Do you want to know who scored the most points for the Bucs? It is Martin Gramatica, a kicker who scored a whopping 592 points. The score of the Bucs for the whole team's existence is 288-441. What a team!

Lovey

Ayla Ellison

Saint Pete, Florida

Lovey is a cat and not just any cat. He is a very funny cat. Also, the Ellison family got him when their little girl encouraged them to get a cat. She got to pick out a cat and it was 6:30 so they were going to just go home but there was a pet shop nearby that was going to close. They didn't close so they got a cat. Next, why did she want a cat? Because she heard somebody say that cats are playful, fun, and relaxing. When she got him, she was only five years old and Lovey was one. Where the Ellison Family got him was at the second pet shop. Last but not least, Lovey plays with the family’s hair ties so for them they have to be careful. Also, he is scared around new people so he hides when there are new people but comes out if they’re staying for 3 days.

Tom Brady Retires

Caleb Gable

Saint Pete, Florida

Tom Brady, “The Goat,” just recently retired from football on February 1, 2023. The last team he played football for was when he was on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers! He retired from football because he is forty years old and that's old for football! His body started hurting because he played football for 23 seasons. That's a long time! He also wanted to spend more time with his kids. He was proud that he came down as a legend, but we are going to be very sad that he has retired.

Tampa Bay Rays

Carter George

Saint Pete, Florida

The Tampa Bay Rays are a baseball team out of St. Pete, Florida. The team started in 1998 but they weren't the best until 2008. But one of the dramatic games was in 2011 Joe Maddon was their manager and they were the underdogs all season but they proved everybody wrong ending with a 97 and 65 record. But they had to play a game 162 to see if they would go to the playoffs. Almost everyone in Florida was anxious about this game, especially me and I wasn't even alive. They started the game against the Yankees and the Rays were off to a horrible start. It was 7-0 but don't lose hope because the Rays are basically superheroes. They came all the way back and Evan Longoria came up with 2 outs and… The Rays won, The Rays walked off a home run, the crowd cheering louder than the Krakatoa earthquake everybody was going wild, the Rays players were jumping and running, and getting the Gatorade cooler to pour all the Gatorade on Evan.

The Beginning of Acrylic Nails

Keslyn Cohen

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     Here is the story of the acrylic nails. Acrylic Nails were invented in the 1950s by a dentist named Frederick Slack. Now, you may ask, HOW did a man make acrylic nails if he is a dentist? Well, he broke his nail doing an experiment, and he used different materials to create an artificial nail to go over his broken nail. For those who don't know what acrylic nails are, acrylic nails are false nails that a lot of women wear. Acrylic nails originated in Egypt, women found out what they were and started using them to this day! A cool fact about acrylic nails is, they last up to 2-4 months! Back in the day, acrylic nails were illegal, because they caused deterioration of nail plates, nail dislocation, and allergic dermatitis in both customers and nail technicians! It's different now because we fixed it! Acrylic nails are an amazing hobby to do, especially for younger children!

The Amazing Place Croom

Kayden Creel

Saint Petersburg, Florida

Croom is an ATV and dirt bike park. It is welcome to many people. I recommend going in winter when it's cooler out. But it is normally packed with people during that time. It is located in Brooksville Florida, in the Withlacoochee State Forest. Croom was established in 1973. It is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes from here in Tampa Bay. Now you know where to go when you want to ride.

The Attacks of 9/11

Ezekiel Davis

Saint Petersburg, FL

The day the Twin Towers fell was a sad day Americans will never forget. Terrorists hijacked planes to carry out an evil act of violence. Flight 11 hit the World Trade Center’s North Tower and everyone above floor 91 was trapped. Flight 175 crashed into the south tower of the World Trade Center. Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon causing minimal damage. Because Flight 93 had a 43-minute delay it took off after all the attacks had been done. The people on board as soon as the hijackers started hijacking, knew what was happening so they tried to help the situation. Flight 93 crashed in an empty field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Although its ultimate target was unknown it was most likely heading to the state capitol to crash into the White House. During the time after the attacks Americans came together to help one another and support each other. 9/11 was one of the most crucial moments in US history and will be remembered for the rest of time.

Bear Sighting at Tennessee Cabin

Ryliegh Davis

Saint Petersburg, Florida

        In late July, a bear was spotted at the front door of a cabin in Tennessee. The bear was found at Ryliegh Davis and her family's cabin. They went to their cabin because Ryliegh’s brother Ronnie had a baseball tournament there. They were looking out the front door because they had seen a baby bear coming down the hill and it came right up to the door which was glass and it just stared at them. The 8-year-old daughter Ryliegh was not scared at all.  She said, “Awwww he's so cute!” This prompted her to learn more about bears. She learned all sorts of things like, there are 8 types of different bears, they can weigh up to 27 kg to 700kg, and during the winter bears hibernate for up to 100 days. Ryliegh and her family will never forget that day in Tennessee.

Gaylord Palms

St. Petersburg, Florida

Madeline Dunn

     Gaylord Palms is one of my favorite resorts of all time. With lots of experience, Gaylord Palms has been entertaining kids and adults since November 24, 1944. They also have things like festivals and events for example, every December they have an entire “snow” room dedicated to kids and adults of all ages. It has a slide made of ice chilly ice and snow all over the room. It's The perfect place for Floridians like me who have never seen snow if you love seeing snow but you can't get a chance to see it this winter. Other than things to do in the winter, something they have yearlong is an amazing very own water park with one drop slide, two racing slides, and mini slides for children 8 and below. And let's not forget their amazing lazy river for people of all ages if you want a life jacket to make it easier to float or keep your young ones safe. Just in case you like basketball they have a giant pool with three basketball hoops. They also have a movie every night, so make sure to check it with the office to know what the rating is, some nights they have adult movies, and some nights they have kids’ movies. Don't forget all of their amazing restaurants and gift shops. I promise you definitely won't go home empty-handed.

The Best Video Game FORTNITE

Manuel Fisher

St. Petersburg, Florida

Do you know what the best video game of all time is? FORTNITE! It was created by a company called Epic Games. Epic Games started when…began from an internal game jam at Epic Games following the publishing of Gears of War Three around 2011. You may ask why they made it because they wanted to create something different like Fortnite. It was created on September 26, 2017, and released on July 21, 2017. Some of the best Fortnite players are Typical Gamer, Clix, Buga, Nick A Thirty, and Sypherpk. Fortnite's population in 2019 was 3,093,277 players online and the Live population right now is 231,349,262. The most famous landing spots this season are Sanguine Suit and Eclipsed Estate. Also, there is a mode called Save the World where you fight zombies. That's why I think you should play Fortnite.

Tampa Bay Rays

Jonah Gil

St. Petersburg, Florida

The 2023 Tampa Bay Rays are right now in the playoffs. The Rays are a baseball team. They became a baseball team in 1998. They are a team that has about 75 players on the roster. They are in St. Petersburg FL. They became a team because an ownership group led by Vince Naimoli was approved on March 9, 1998. They play in St. Petersburg FL. The Rays were named the Devil Rays, now they are the Rays. And the Rays have been saving a bunch of money, so now they can build a new stadium that is probably the best stadium ever. And that's how they are a team.

The Best Trip to Georgia

Caleb Goodwin

St. Petersburg, Florida

First, it started out with a 7-hour car ride. The Goodwin family and their friends were traveling to Georgia. Second, they had a 1-hour car ride to the Blue Ridge Mountain. Third, they got to the cabin house. They got in the hot tub and then went back into the house and found their room. Then they went out and played in the snow. Finally, they had a fire and had smores. The Goodwin family had so much fun on their trip to Georgia!

Tampa Bay Rays

Andrew Grafton

Saint Petersburg, Florida

Tampa Bay never won a championship. but this year they are going to win the championship. Randy Arozaron is so good he hits home runs every game. One time Sano hit a ball to the top of the Tropicana field. The reason that you should visit the Tampa Bay Rays is because they have the best food and the best view. An ownership group led by Vince Naimoli was approved on March 9, 1995. The Tampa Bay Devil Rays began playing in the 1998 Major League baseball season. Tropicana Field is the home team of the Tampa Bay Rays.

Jann Mardenborough, Video Gamer, Chance of a Lifetime to Race for Nissan

Tanner Green

Saint Petersburg, Florida

Jann was one of the best Gran Turismo video game drivers. Jann was invited to race in a once-in-a-lifetime chance to race for Nissan. He got in and started on his racing skills. He almost ruined his dream when he crashed trying to win a race and air got under his car. He flipped and killed a safety member. Jann was okay but the safety member was declared dead. Jann got third in a 24-hour race and proved he was the right fit for Nissan. He started racing in 2016 and to this day he is still racing with Nissan.

The Trip of a Lifetime

Gracelyn Greitzer

Saint Petersburg, Florida

During the summer of 2023, the Greitzer family went on a five-week road trip. They went to many different places including Alabama, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Tennessee, and Georgia. Their two favorite places were New Mexico and Colorado, but the other places were amazing too. They said New Mexico was very different from Florida, but it was really cool and unique. There is this place called Taos Pueblo where you get to go into people's houses and buy things they make. They live in adobe houses. They loved Colorado as well and went to three different places in Colorado. They went to Colorado Springs, Estes Park, and Breckenridge. They had lots of fun and would totally recommend going there. Daughter Gracelyn said, “One thing that was really hard to get used to is the air. It is really hard to breathe in the very thin air.” They also said the views were so amazing and beautiful! They totally recommend going to some of these amazing places!

The Twin Towers

Asher Halkett

Saint Petersburg, Florida

            The Twin Towers were made in New York City and were the tallest buildings in the world from 1971 to 2001. And on September 11, 2001, the most tragic thing of all happened. The Twin Towers were hit by a plane and the North Tower fell first because the whole thing caught on fire. Then out of nowhere, another plane hit the other tower and in a matter of 10 minutes, that tower also fell. Then the people knew this wasn't a coincidence the commercial airline was hijacked twice. It was a sad day and many people lost their lives. The people who caused the Twin Towers to fall was the group called al-Qaeda and the leader of that group was named Usama Bin Laden. Some of the people wanted to just end it and they jumped out of the window of the Twin Towers. Even the police officers and the fire department didn't know what to do. And that is what happened on Tuesday, September 11, or none as 9/11.

Video Games

Grayson Harring

Saint Petersburg, Florida

Have you ever heard of Roblox, Minecraft, or Fortnite? Well, those are all *video games*. Roblox is way more popular than Fortnight by 180 million people. The U.S.A. is where video games are most popular. You can play video games anytime, anywhere, as long as you have internet and WIFI. It is my job to help you have fun by playing video games.

The Amazing Fortnite Game

Justus Hogg

Saint Petersburg, Florida

Fortnight is an online game created by a software developer and published in Cary, North Carolina. Fortnite was created on July 21, 2017. It was developed by Epic Games, it is available in three distinct game mode versions that otherwise share the same general gameplay and game engine. The way Fortnight is played is that players are dropped onto the map and must compete to be the last one standing by eliminating every other player. The reason Fortnight’s got its name is because the game saves the world mode where the original goal was to survive for a fortnight. Fortnight was originally named Save the World. Fortnite is a fun game, download for free on any platform and play now.

Hurricane Idalia-A Storm to Remember

Hannah James

Saint Petersburg, Florida

           On August 24, 2023, a trough of low pressure formed in the Eastern Pacific spotted offshore of the Central America coast and formed a hurricane. It hit Keaton Beach at the speed of about 125 miles per hour. It caused over $100 billion dollars of damage. There was also a lot of flooding. It hit some of Georgia and some of Florida. When the hurricane hit a lot of people had to evacuate, get sandbags, and had to move stuff inside. Now it has been a few weeks and everyone is recovering and everything is looking okay.

Baseball

Paul Joseph

Saint Petersburg, Florida

Baseball was invented in June 1839. One of the best prospects right now is Junior Caminero. This year is the 25th year for the Tampa Bay Rays and they might win the World Series. The Ray’s stadium is in Tampa and it is called the Tropicana Field. But the Rays are creating a new stadium and it will be done in 2028. This will cost 1.3 billion dollars. There will be 30,000 seats. Baseball was created by a rock as a baseball and a branch as a bat. Baseball was created to draw influence from other English games.

The Chance of a Lifetime

Londyn Keef-Fitch

Saint Petersburg, Florida

You may be wondering, what can be a chance of a lifetime? My answer? Enterprise Village! Dr. Howard Hinesly invented Enterprise Village in 1998, giving an opportunity to young students to learn to work and write checks, manage money, and save money. Enterprise Village is located at 12100 Starkey RD. Largo, FL 33773. A school’s group of fifth graders ventures to a world of maturity for a day on October 11th, 2023. Now I say, I wish those 5th graders the best time!!

The One and Only FORTNITE!

Matthew Klei

Saint Petersburg, Florida

Fortnite is a video game that you can play on PS5, PC, Xbox, and Nintendo Switch. You can do emotes on Fortnite and you can get the battle pass. On the battle pass, you can get skins, emotes, and more! In Fortnite, you can play different games too! The game I like to play is Battle Royale. Battle Royale is the original game on Fortnite. Fortnite is the best video game in my opinion!

Trip of a Lifetime

Juliette LaBarca

Saint Petersburg, Florida

This summer the LaBarca family went to Italy, so let's talk. The LaBarca Family lives in America and they fly internationally. That's crazy. So far I can't even imagine flying to another country and on top of that it is so expensive yikes. But let's talk about what part they went to. Well, they want to go to Palermo. Palermo is such an old city it was so cool to see all the old history and there is a tree that is over 500 years old if I can remember. So that should cover where they stay.  The LaBarca family is so lucky they can have the ability to see and do all that stuff. Now let's talk about food. They loved their food: pizza, pasta, fish, clams, and so much more. They saw so much food, literally head-to-toe seafood. Mmm, yummy in the tummy! This was a trip of a lifetime for the LaBarca family.

TAYLOR SWIFT!

Demi Livingston

Saint Petersburg, Florida

      Taylor Swift is an amazing singer who has lots of fans and songs. My favorite songs are 1989, Lover or Karma and my favorite is, Speak Now. But she has way way more. They are all great. Taylor is now dating 87 on the Chiefs and his name is Travis Kelce. He won yesterday night and Taylor was in the wife's VIP section but they are only dating. I really want to go to her concert but I don't know. I'm going to ask for it for Christmas or my birthday. If you want to attend a Taylor Swift concert you won't regret it. TAYLOR IS THE BEST GO WATCH HER.

A SOCCER LEGEND

A Kid Becoming the World’s Best Soccer Player Ever

Jayce Mascara

Saint Petersburg, FL

Edson Arantes, known as “Pele” a boy born in the 1940s from Brazil became a soccer superstar. During 1958-1970 he surprised many people with all his moves, skills, and almost everything! He was so good that people were calling him the “king of soccer” or as other people call it football. Later on, during 2021, he was fighting cancer. Then a year later (2022 December 29th) he died due to cancer. But this person was, is, and always will be a soccer legend.

Getting a Brand New Puppy

Juliana Mejia

Saint Petersburg, Florida

One day on December 31, 2021, New Year's Eve there was a 9-year-old girl named Juliana Mejia and her sister and her mom wanted a puppy for a year or shorter so they went to get a dog at Petland. Petland is a place where they have a lot of dogs and different kinds of animals and have little playpens to play and interact with a puppy. When they were looking at different dogs, they saw this one dog that was a mini-Australian shepherd, and she was so cute! They said they wanted to play with her and while they were playing with her, she was having fun playing and she even fell asleep half of the time they played. While they were playing with the puppy Juliana’s Grandma called the mom and invited them over for pizza. She said that they were down a little but she didn't say anything about the little pup, so the mom said that maybe let's get the dog another day. The kids begged their mom, so they got her! The people working there took the dog back and washed her and dried her off and did other things. Then Juliana and her family got to take a picture next to a tree they had there, and Juliana and her sister Alyssa came prepared and picked out a couple of names. They named the sweet little puppy, Lilo Marie Mejia. Lilo is turning 2 on October 25, 2023, and they went home and surprised their grandparents. Ever since that day they have loved that puppy.

Bitcoin - The New Currency

Sophia Morgan

Saint Petersburg, Florida

Bitcoin is a type of currency or stock in today's market. It is a type of currency you can get, and it's worth a lot. Currently, one Bitcoin is worth about 26,000 dollars! The creator of Bitcoin is someone named Satoshi Nakamoto. You can get Bitcoin in a few ways. One way is by doing something called solo mining! It involves using your hardware and software to “mine” it independently. Bitcoin is a way to earn tons of money, by simply earning it and selling it. Bitcoin is distributed through the network, and there are no headquarters. It was created in 2008 and is still popular today. If anything, it has grown way more! If you want to make lots of money, you should try doing this, and you will make lots of money!

The Making of Roblox

Elle Nguyen

Saint Petersburg, Florida

Roblox is a game that all ages can play when bored. Founded by David Baszucki and Erik Cassel. Also, the headquarters are in San, metro California. And was created in 2005 and released in 2006 so Roblox today is 15 years old! And if you have no friends then you can find some in a public game. Also, you can play whatever you want. Why play this game? Well, the reason why this game is so fun is because it has around 40 billion games! So you can find the game just for you to play with your friends in your free time.

My Trip to Dollywood

Aubrey Panagiotacos

Saint Petersburg, Florida

During the summer of 2023, the Panagiotacos family went to Dollywood. They wanted to go on vacation but wanted to go somewhere new and different. So, they rented a house in Tennessee and they bought four tickets to Dollywood. When they got there there was Dolly Parton merchandise everywhere. Dollywood had fun roller coasters. They have many speeds like slow, medium, and fast! All the rides they went on were fantastic. They would recommend that you plan a trip to Dollywood!

Mr. & Mrs. Crabs

Malachi Pierre

Saint Petersburg, Florida

What is the best seafood restaurant ever? That would be Mr. & Mrs. Crabs. They have great options from biggest to smallest. It is the number one place to eat. They load their food with some of the best sauces you can get. If you love seafood and can't find a place to go then come on down and let your taste buds on an adventure of flavor. This great restaurant has been here for seven years and will be here for many more. They have many locations all around the world, a few are in Florida, Michigan, Utah, and so much more. Now you know what to do, come on and have some delicious food.

The Transformers

Joey Ramirez

Saint Petersburg, Florida

The first Transformers show was made in 1986. There are two sides, the auto bots and the Decepticons. Optimus Prime is the leader of the auto bots and Megatron is the leader of the Decepticons. The first MOVIE was filmed in a … castle in Los Angeles, California. The first five films were directed by Michael Bay. Here are some of the auto bots, Optimus Prime, Bumblebee, Ratchet, Maroge, and Wheeljack. Next are some Decepticons: Megatron, Soundwave, Starscream, and Nemesis Prime. So that is the story of the Transformers.

Phillies

Cam Robinson

Saint Petersburg, Florida

The Phillies are GOATED. They got their name in 1883. The Philadelphia Phillies won a World Series against the Tampa Bay Rays in 2008. They won because Cliff Lee only gave up 3 runs. The World Series MVP was Cole Hamels. But now in 2023, the Phillies are even better! With Kyle Shwarber, Trea Turner, Bryce Harper, and J.T Realmuto. The Phillies beat the Miami Marlins in the postseason. And they got first in the wild card in 2023, 2022, and every year. That's why you should cheer for the Phillies.

World Series

Vanelope Rodriguez

Saint Petersburg, Florida

In late October-November a big event happens, the World Series. This is a big baseball event for all baseball lovers. Vanelope is a 10-year-old girl who traveled from Florida all the way to Philadelphia just to see her dad coach in the big event. Here are the facts about the event. It always takes place in two cities or states, and it is a seven-day event. Vanelope had to go because her dad has been coaching the Phillies for about a year and a half. She flew two whole nonstop hours to Philadelphia. And a cool fact about Vanelope is that she actually lived in Philadelphia for a year so she is used to the area. Vanelope loves watching her dad coach baseball and can’t wait for this year’s World Series.

Cowboys vs. Patriots

Lilyana Savino

Saint Petersburg, Florida

It was October 1st, 2023 at the Cowboys Stadium the Dallas Cowboys were playing against the Patriots. The Cowboys were playing against the Patriots and won 38 to 3. The Cowboys are known to be America's favorite team. The Patriots lost big time. The Patriots threw 2 interceptions. The Cowboys did well in that game. This game was a regular season game. Let's hope that in the next game, the Patriots will play well. The Cowboys are the 6th best right now. The Cowboys won the Super Bowl in 1996,1994, 1978, and 1972. The Patriots won in 2019, 2017, 2015, 2005, 2004, and 2002. They might not have a good season this year but the Cowboys might have a chance of winning a lot of games. The quarterback on the Cowboys is Dak Prescott and the quarterback on the Patriots is Mac Jones. So, if you like one of these teams you can cheer them on at the next game.

Tampa Bay Rays

Brooks Scarbro

Saint Petersburg, Florida

The Tampa Bay Rays are the youngest team in baseball right now. They were built 25 years ago. A fun fact is they are light and dark blue. The Rays head coach is Kevin Cash who won manager of the year last year. They are located in St. Pete Florida. Even though they are named the TAMPA Bay Rays. They are located in St. Pete, FL. They were made to add entertainment to St. Pete Florida. The Tampa Bay Rays are a great team to cheer for in baseball.

Winter, the Life Touching Dolphin

Chasity Schworm

Saint Petersburg, Florida

Winter the Dolphin touched lives with her story. Her story was amazing how she recovered. Sadly, on November 11th, 2021, Winter passed away. Winter was so inspiring, strong, and very smart. Winter was only 2 months old when she was found in the ropes of a crab trap! That’s crazy! On November 10th when she was 16 years old, they found out that Winter's condition was critical. On November 11th, during preparation for an exploratory surgery, at 8:00 pm, Winter passed on. Everyone today still remembers Winter to this very day. Her story 2023, is still inspiring others. Remember, “The future is brighter when you have Hope.” \*Wink\*

A Trip of a Lifetime

Kason Shackelford

Saint Petersburg, Florida

This past August the Shackleford and Nasse families took a trip of a lifetime. They both took a 2-hour flight to New Jersey and then they took a 9-hour flight to Milan, Italy. Where did they go? They traveled to Lake Como, Rome, Spain, and Barcelona. Why did they go? They went because the Nasse and the Shackelford are families and they wanted to have a fun trip together. When did the Nasse and Shackelfords go? They went at the beginning of school. What did the Nasse and Shackelfords do there? They did cooking classes and they did a 7-day cruise. It was a magical trip these families will never forget.

The Fall - September 11th, 2001

Emerson Snapp

Saint Petersburg, Florida

September 11th, 200, was just about 20 years ago but has still had an effect on someone's life. It started out as a normal morning in New York City when disaster struck. A plane had hit the North Twin Tower of the World Trade Center! It burst into flames and just sixteen minutes later a plane hit the south tower. But this was no coincidence. A group of terrorists also known as, Al Qaeda, had taken over four commercial aircraft one landing at The Pentagon, two into the Twin Towers, and the last aiming for The White House, but a group of people on that plane had taken over again and sacrificed their lives to save the lives of others therefore crashing the plane into an open field. One of the men said” Let's roll” that soon became a famous quote. Meanwhile, both of the Twin Towers were in flames with firefighters doing all they could to save the people of New York. About an hour and a half later the towers collapsed still with about 2,000 people in it. There were only 18 survivors of this horrific event. September 11th, 2001 is a day everyone will remember when one of the five tallest buildings fell and most importantly, we miss the loved ones such as family members, policemen, firefighters, or someone we have never met who died that day. 9/11 was a terrifying day to anyone no matter who you ask.

Simone Biles

Giulianna Spence

Saint Petersburg, Florida

Simone Biles was born on March 14, 1997. When Simone Biles was little, she grew up going to Bannon's Gymnastics in Houston. Simone Biles is so good because she doesn't give up, she focuses very well, and she's very hard on herself when she does her tricks. Once Simone Biles demonstrated her abilities as a gymnastics prodigy. Simone Biles actually just won her 8th national title. After that Simone Biles took a break from gymnastics for her mental health. That's just a few things that Simone can do. She is awesome!

The Queen is Dead

Donnie Stables

St. Petersburg, FL

It has been one year since Queen Elizabeth II died so let us recap. Queen Elizabeth was the ruler of England for 72 years. She gave birth to 4 kids. She had Charles III, then Anne the princess royal, then prince Edward, and Prince Andrew. The interesting thing was that she had a husband that was her third cousin. His name was Prince Philip. She became Queen of England when she was 25 when her grandfather died suddenly. She was all the way in Africa when he died. Speaking of death, Queen Elizabeth died on September 8, 2022. She will always be remembered.

North Carolina

Tristan Venuti

Saint Petersburg, Florida

The reason Tristan is writing about North Carolina is because Tristan’s Grandma and Grandpa were born there. Also, Tristan lives in Florida and it can get hot. And the reason Tristan is writing about North Carolina is because it is beautiful in the fall, the leaves, the sun, the view, and the weather. Also, the best YouTuber lives there, MRBEAST. And there is so much to do like looking in caves, climbing mountains, golfing, roller coasters, and mining. North Carolina is a great place to visit and live.

The Tampa Bay Rays made it to the Playoffs

Aiden Wagner

Saint Petersburg, Florida

The Tampa Bay Rays is an MLB team with many good players. The Rays made it to the playoffs in 2023. The Ray’s record is 53-28. Yandi Diaz, Randy Arozarena, and Shane Mclanahan, all made it to the all-star game. Randy Arozarena made it to the home run derby. Earlier in the season a player on the Rays whose name was Wander Franco, got cut from MLB. He was rude to his coaches and he had anger issues. He got benched twice. The Rays became a team in 1998 and ever since they have been very successful, they have become stars.

Paragon Stables

Anna Wincelowicz

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Paragon Stables is the best place you could ever go to. Paragon is a horseback riding stables, with lots of amazing horses and people! Jessica Saft and Kennedy Wilson both work there. Jessica is the owner who owns all the horses. It’s located in Palmetto, FL 1200, Street E. I go to Paragon to ride on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Horseback Riding is a pretty easy sport! You have to use basically all of your muscles like arms, head, legs, feet, hands, and all of the above. If you like horses and horseback riding, I would consider coming to Paragon Stables. They would love to have you there!

Argentina Wins!

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The 2022 Men’s World Cup is tied 3-3 tension is high, the crowd is roaring, it goes to penalty kicks, and Argentina pulls through! 4-2 Argentina wins! France walks off the field defeated. The match of the century, Kylian Mbappe versus Lionel Messi, Argentina’s 3rd World Cup win, Messi’s first World Cup win. It was held at Lusail Stadium in Lusail, Qatar on December 18th, 2022. Argentina celebrates like never before. The World Cup trophy is theirs!

Taylor Swift Dating Travis Kelse

Makenna Bauer

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Taylor Swift is dating Travis Kelse. She started this year with him and it seems she was meant to be with him. They are happy together. She was dating him in high school and went out on her own and he didn't get to tell his feelings to her. Travis Kelse is on the Kansas Chiefs and is great at it. She was alone for a long time until Travis came along. She has been going to all his games. Everyone is so happy for her!

The Amazing Life of Frank Galloway

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Frank Galloway was a hard worker and dedicated child of God. These are just a few character traits of Franklin Roy Galloway who is truly an amazing person who lived 96 years on earth and forevermore in Heaven. Frank served in the navy as an aviation electrician in WWIl but that's not all he did. He was a policeman in East Mckeesport and when he was a young man, he baked in his mother's bakery making bread for Webb City in 196. He was hired to be a chef, so he worked on and on and after 30 years he retired. He then enjoyed his hobbies such as working on trains and in his rose garden. He also did woodworking, creating and constructing many heirlooms that were treasured by his family; he had continued his art of cake decorating with many celebrations of weddings and birthdays and he was a longtime member of St. Luke's church. Frank Galloway was truly an amazing man!

Tyreek Hill

Kolton Creel

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Introducing the American football wide receiver for the Miami Dolphins of the National Football League, Tyreek Hill. Hill was drafted by the Kansas Chiefs in the fifth round of the 2016 NFL Draft. He played college football at Garden City, Oklahoma State, and West Alabama. The Kansas City Chiefs have traded wide receiver Tyreek Hill to the Miami Dolphins in exchange for fifth draft picks. Miami Dolphins superstar wide receiver Tyreek Hill is among the fastest wideouts in NFL history. The seven-time Pro Bowler has a 40-yard dash time of 4.29 seconds, registering a 19.07 mph speed. Hill's first season with the Dolphins went about as well as it could have from a fantasy perspective.

A Trip of a Lifetime

Giuliana Kassis

Saint Petersburg, Florida

In November of 2021, the Kassis family went to Tennessee to celebrate Giuliana and her mom and her aunt's birthday. In their cabin there was an indoor pool they said was very cool. Then they went to a place called Goats on a Roof. It was a roller coaster and yes there were goats on the roof. Then I heard they went on a ski lift and saw a little bear climbing a tree. And like any trip, they shopped a little bit. And they did a couple more things. And it was one of the best trips ever.

Dogs

Catherine Payne

Saint Petersburg, Florida

Do you need a friend that keeps you entertained? Well, go get a dog. There's a dog for every person, there is not a dog that doesn't fit you. You are probably wondering where you can get a dog. Well, you can call a breeder and get a dog. Why do you want a dog? Well, dogs can help kids with their emotional and social skills and can help cure loneliness. Many people think dogs are just a waste of time, but they actually will make a big impact on your life. Dogs are super smart and they help the disabled. Go get a dog today and I promise. You’ll never regret it!

Volleyball

Daniella Ramirez

Saint Petersburg, Florida

It started when Daniella wanted to go to volleyball practice but she didn't know where. She knew a lot about volleyball but didn't know where. So, she looked up some places and found Northside Christian School, and how did she get in you may ask? Well, she goes to that school, and by the way, it's a great school. She did this when her school organized it for people to see and have fun. They have a great team that actually competes. They are competitive. Talking about that, when she was on that team, she had to play a game against the other team (and if you guessed they won, hint). Why if you are wondering? Well, she loves volleyball and wants to do it. You have to guess who won! Of course, Daniella’s team did! It was a fair game and it was definitely fun for all of them.

Life With One Hand

Rae Rashba

Saint Petersburg, Florida

My name is Rae. I was born with one hand. It is hard going around life with one hand and trying new ways. I had to learn a different way to tie my hair up. And now I am half to learn a different way to tie my shoes. But it is so easy if you give it your all and try your best. The chance of me having one hand is out of 45000 kids. I got lucky. When I was five years old, I was going into kindergarten, I was so excited but yet did I know what was going to happen. When I walked in, people kept asking me what happened, and eventually, it got annoying. For the rest of the year, I felt like a nutshell. And I didn't want to come out. But in first grade, nobody asked about my hand! It was kind of cool. But I still had to go out in public and face people who were going to make fun of me and ask about it. “It's hard to have one hand but if you push super hard, you're like everybody else! You might have to learn new ways to do things but you will get there I promise!”

**Fortnite World Cup**

Michael Reiter

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The Fortnite World Cup was an esports competition based on the video game Fortnite. It took place July 26–28, 2019 at the Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York where the Jets played Fortnite World Cup Solo Finals champion 16-year-old North America East player Kyle "Bugha" Giersdorf also known as Ug Bugha, who finished with a staggering 59 points after a whirlwind of a competition. His prize? A cool $3 million, plus the undeniable knowledge that his life has been forever transformed.

Yellowstone National Park, The First National Park Ever

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Horace M. Albright, the founder of Yellowstone National Park, loves wildlife. He loves wildlife so much; he made the Park to protect the geysers and wildlife in that area. The park was established on March 1, 1872. It was made with an act of Congress. One of the congresses said, "as a public park or pleasuring-ground for the benefit and enjoyment of the people.” Yellowstone National Park was a big help for the wildlife in that area. That, including bison, elk, wolves, and many more animals, that population went up drastically because of this national park. Yellowstone had beautiful terrain and was an awesome place for the animals, and people in that matter. The animals have an amazing place to run around, and the people get to admire these beautiful creatures from a safe distance. I think next time you want to go somewhere, you should, most definitely, go to Yellowstone National Park.

Babe Ruth

Jeremiah Gonzalez

St. Pete, Florida

Babe Ruth was one of the best baseball players of all time. He was born in 1895 and died in 1948. He played in Boston to play his game. He was an outfielder for the Yankees. He was the best player those days. He was leading the team. He was on the bases on defense. On offense he hit 10 home runs, scored 8 times, and ran 5 times. Babe Ruth's mom's name was Katherine Schamberger. His father’s name is George Herman Ruth, Sr. His daughter's name is Julia Ruth Stevens. He is truly the greatest baseball player of all time.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers VS Minnesota Vikings

Alex Yoder

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On September 10,2023 the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Minnesota Vikings played each other in the Minnesota Vikings home stadium. The Buccaneers were losing. The score was 10-17. The Buccaneers scored a touchdown. The score was then 17-17. The Minnesota Vikings were putting up a good game. The Vikings had good defense. The Vikings and Buccaneers were going back and forth. The Buccaneers were on 4th down in the 4th quarter and they made a field goal. The Buccaneers won the game. The final score was 20-17. It was a great game!