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YOUR TOWN



File photo

This home on Spanish Drive South put us in the holiday spirit last year.

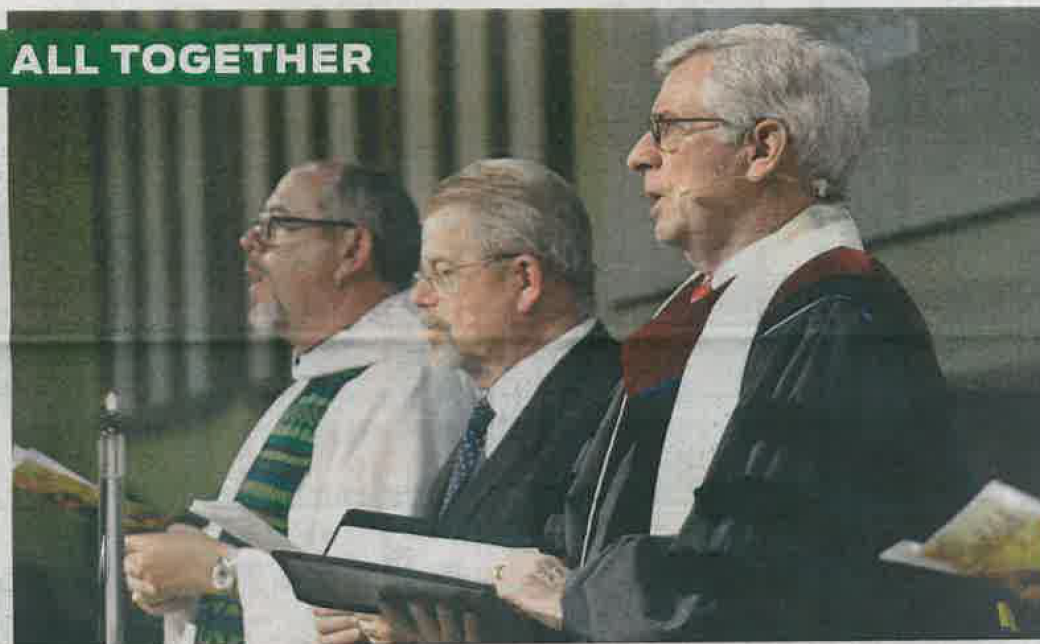
Light up the Observer

Is your neighborhood looking merry and bright? If so, we want to know. The *Longboat Observer* is making its list and checking it twice to find the most vibrant holiday lights across the island. If your house, or your neighbor's, is lighting up the neighborhood, email kjohns@yourobserver.com by Dec. 11. It could end up in our Christmas issue. Please include the address and a photo, if possible.

March ballot: 7 up

Commission candidates speak up on priorities for new year. **PAGE 3A**

ALL TOGETHER



Katie Johns

The Rev. Kenneth Blyth, Rabbi Stephen Sniderman and the Rev. Norm Pritchard sing the benediction song at the 37th Annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service on Nov. 21 at Christ Church of Longboat Key.

Longboat clergy gather for a Thanksgiving message of year-round gratitude. **SEE PAGE 1B**



Courtesy photo

The Pettingell family handed out Thanksgiving pies Nov. 22 to clients. Any leftover pies were donated to local food shelters.

A sweet tradition

For more than 10 years, Coldwell Banker International sales agent Roger Pettingell has made Thanksgiving a little sweeter for his clients.

This year was no exception. On Nov. 22, Pettingell ordered more than 140 pies from Yoder's Amish Village to give to his current and past clients. Pettingell and his sons, Jake and Max, and wife, Alisa, handed out the pies as clients stopped by the office. Leftover pies were donated.



Moving to another pond

After a tragic spring and surgery on her wings, Susie is single again and starting over on Longboat.

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BLACK TIE



Hot dogs, cool cats.
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