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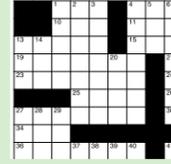
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Fourth annual Pet Supply Drive held this month

By Martie Thompson
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It's summer ... so that means it's time for the fourth annual Florida NewsLine Pet Supply Drive, which will run until July 17. Once again this year, all items collected will be donated

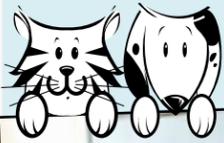


Photo courtesy Martie Thompson

All ages can donate supplies for pets in need during Florida NewsLine's annual Pet Supply Drive, now through July 17.

to First Coast No More Homeless Pets for its Pet Food Bank, which is staffed completely by volunteers and operates out of the First Coast No More Homeless Pets Cassat Hospital.

Many local businesses in the St. Johns, Ponte Vedra, Nocatee and Mandarin areas have generously agreed to be collection sites for the Pet Supply Drive. Be sure to see the ad detailing the locations in this issue. There is sure to be a location convenient for you! Or, readers may drop items off at the Florida News-

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Mandarin Middle School Lady Hawks cap undefeated season with trip to city finals

By NewsLine Staff
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The Mandarin Middle School (MMS) softball team recently made a run for a second city championship in three years. Anastasia Suhetskis, Sophia Davis and Montana Hunt were all in sixth grade the first time that MMS won in 2016. Now returning to the championship rounds in their eighth grade year, they worked hard to ensure that MMS was well represented.

The MMS Lady Hawks had an undefeated season and clinched the Southern Division title going into the semi-finals. After several rain delays, the semi-final game versus James Weldon Johnson was held at MMS. The Lady Hawks were able to pull off an upset by defeating James Weldon Johnson 10 – 9 after six innings, thus qualifying for the City of

Jacksonville's Middle School City Championship game.

Going into the city finals on Wednesday, May 23, MMS faced an extremely tough opponent — Fletcher, whose team came up short two seasons ago in the finals. Since last year's final game was never played due to weather, they were seeking this championship to cap off their year.

Tied 1 – 1 through the third inning, MMS picked up steam and began to build momentum with a 4 – 1 lead in the fourth. Fletcher wasn't having it. They held on and started a rally of their own, scoring six runs that made the game look like it was over. Going into the last inning down by six, MMS

stepped up their hitting game and scored an impressive four runs, including a two-run, out of the park home run by Baileigh Shoemaker. Unfortunately,

the Lady Hawks fell short in the last inning, losing 10 – 8.

"These

girls are the perfect definition of 'determination, dedication and an attitude of never give up' until the very end of their season," said proud parent Tammy Suhetskis. "They have represented their team and their school with the utmost respect and

dignity and a huge congratulations is due them."

The talent on the team and the discipline they bring to the field is testament to the coaching staff, Coach Jon Kern and Assistant Coach Lori Bishop. Not only does Coach Kern have great knowledge of the game, but he also has taught the team to take pride in their field by grooming it every night after practice and/or games to ensure it is ready for the next day. A big believer in sportsmanship, Coach Kern has an opening introduction at every home game where he recognizes every starting

player specifically as well as all teammates on both home and visiting teams. Suhetskis said he also makes sure the National Anthem is played at every home game — expressing pride for our country and teaching patriotism to the girls.

Anastasia Suhetskis and Sophia Davis were chosen for DCPS Middle School Athletic All Conference Honors for Mandarin Middle School. They were recognized for their hard work and dedication to their MMS team, as well as schoolwork.



Photos courtesy Tammy Suhetskis
The Mandarin Middle School Lady Hawks



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take 5

Arts and Farmers Market to be held

First Christian Church hosts the Second Saturday Arts & Farmers Market each month on their campus from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. This month's event will be held on Saturday, July 14. The market is growing and now has 40 vendors with products such as coffee, teas, jewelry, clothes, hair accessories, breads, jams, honey, plants, barbeque, Italian ice and dog treats. The market is family and pet friendly (pets must be on leash).

Silent film night in Mandarin

In celebration of its 95th anniversary, the Mandarin Community Club will host a silent film evening on Friday, July 27. Three films, called "shorts" because each is about 20 minutes in length, featuring memorable comedian Buster Keaton have been selected and will be enhanced with live music. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the first film will premiere at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free. Concessions, including the 1920s favorite, footlong hot dogs, will be available at reasonable prices at the concession counter or from an usherette. The Mandarin Community Club is located at 12447 Mandarin Road. Seating is limited; email event coordinator Ellen Milligan at Milligane@bellsouth.net for reservations.

Rally scheduled to protest proposed Julington-Durbin Preserve land swap

The St. Johns Riverkeeper and the Florida Native Plant Society join six other civic organizations to host the Rally to Save Julington-Durbin Preserve on Saturday, July 14 at 9 a.m. at the Preserve entrance, located off Bartram Park Boulevard. The rally is a protest of a developer's proposed plan to swap protected, environmentally sensitive land in the Julington-Durbin Preserve with land on Black Hammock Island, freeing the Julington-Durbin land for residential development. Several guided hikes will also be offered following the rally. Visit www.stjohnsriverkeeper.org for more information.

Jacksonville Area Afternoon Golf Tour accepting new members

The Jacksonville Area Afternoon Golf Tour is seeking local amateur golfers who would like to play one to two days per week (weekdays and weekends) around 1 p.m. at the following courses: Amelia River Golf Club, Bent Creek Golf Club, Blue Sky Golf Club, Cimarrone Golf Club, Eagle Harbor Golf Club, Eagle Landing Golf Club, Fernandina Beach Golf Club, Julington Creek Golf Club, King & Bear at WGV, Magnolia Point Golf Club,

North Hampton Golf Club, Royal St. Augustine, Saint Augustine Shores, St. Johns Golf & Country Club, Saint Johns Golf Club, Slammer & Squire at WGV, South Hampton Golf Club, and Windsor Parke Golf Club. The tour goes on continuously and year-round, so golfers can join for free anytime. No handicap is necessary and all skill levels are welcome. Play as little or as much as you want; you pay only when you play. Email JaxGolfTour@gmail.com for more information.

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River City Women to learn candy making

The July 18 program for the River City Women's Club includes homemade fudge, gourmet popcorn, nostalgic candy, gifting, popcorn tins and party favors. The Poppin Box will give attendees a demonstration and provide

candy making tips in a fun, hands-on activity — and everyone will go home with a treat. The River City Women's Club meets the third Wednesday of each month for lunch, camaraderie and a fundraising program for charity at the Ramada Inn, 3130 Hartley Road in Mandarin. Social time begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by a business meeting, luncheon and program. Guests are welcome and reservations are required; call Florence at (904) 262-8719.



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MYSTERY PHOTO

Can you guess where this is? Submit your answer to mail@FloridaNewsLine.com.

Last month's Mystery Photo was of the sign for Mandarin Park off Mandarin Road. Our winner was Susan Lanahan.

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Answers to your Puzzles

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Answers: A. travel B. plane C. ticket D. leisure

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around town

World Golf Village: Tuesday, July 3.
Fireworks over the lake in the heart of World Golf Village begin at 9:15 p.m. Parking is \$10 per vehicle. www.worldgolfimax.com

Fireworks over the Matanzas: Wednesday, July 4.
Festivities begin at 6 p.m. Fireworks over the bayfront between the Castillo de San Marcos and the Bridge of Lions begin at 9:30 p.m. www.visitstaugustine.com

American Pride 4th of July: Wednesday, July 4.
Festivities begin at Moosehaven at 5 p.m. Fireworks over the St. Johns River begin at 9:20 p.m. www.moosehaven.org

Downtown Jacksonville: Wednesday, July 4.
Fireworks over the downtown riverfront will begin at 9:45 p.m. www.jaxhappenings.com

Jacksonville Beach: Wednesday, July 4.
Fireworks from the Jacksonville Beach Pier begin at 9 p.m. www.jacksonvillebeach.org



July 1
Under the Oaks music jam
2 p.m. - 4 p.m., weather permitting
Mandarin Museum, 11964 Mandarin Road
www.mandarinmuseum.net

July 7
Mandarin Toastmasters meeting
10:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.
South Mandarin Library, 12125 San Jose Blvd.
MandarinToastmasters.org

July 2
Southside Newcomers Club First Monday Coffee
10 a.m.
Mimi's Cafe in St Johns Town Center
sncmembership84@gmail.com

July 10
Service Officer available
4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Mandarin/St. Johns Elks Lodge, 4280 Oldfield Crossing Drive
(904) 268-4974 (Repeats second Tuesday of each month)

July 3
Shuffleboard
9:30 a.m. (repeating event on Tuesdays)
Mandarin Park, next to tennis courts at park entrance
Just show up unless it rains

July 12
American Legion Post 372 general assembly
6 p.m. meet and greet / 7 p.m. meeting
Mandarin/St. Johns Elks Lodge, 4280 Oldfield Crossing Drive
(904) 297-8344 or www.mandarinpost372.org

July 3
Honeybee Quilt Guild
6:30 p.m.
Mandarin Presbyterian Church, 11844 Mandarin Road
www.honeybeequilters.org (Repeats first Tuesday of each month)

July 12
Mandarin Council networking luncheon
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Bonefish Grill, 10950 San Jose Blvd.
www.mandarinCouncil.org

July 7
Bingo Night at St. Joseph's
6:45 p.m. doors open / 7:15 games start
Cody Center, 4152 Loretto Road
Open to the community; (904) 742-8777

July 12
Book Club/Friends of the South Mandarin Library meeting
1 p.m. / 2 p.m.
South Mandarin Branch Library, 12125 San Jose Blvd.
(904) 288-6385

July 7
1911 Historic Mandarin Store and Post Office open
12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
12471 Mandarin Road
www.mandarinmuseum.net or (904) 268-0784

July 14
About Boating Safely class
7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Florida Tackle and gun Club, 9010 San Jose Blvd.
www.safeboatingjax.com

July 14
Alzheimer's Saturday Support Series for Caregivers: "Getting Personal with Alzheimer's"
9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Almost Home Daybreak, 3604 Cardinal Point Dr.
RSVP to Jamie, (904) 731-4002

July 18
Small Business Advice: How do I develop a product or service to sell?
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Mandarin Branch Library, 3330 Kori Road
(904) 262-5201

July 14
Toast of Jax Toastmasters meeting
7:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
Baha'i Community Center of Jacksonville, 5034 Greenland Road
www.toastofjax.com (Repeating event on Saturdays)

July 21
Meet the Maple Leaf Divers
12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Mandarin Museum, 11964 Mandarin Road
www.mandarinmuseum.net

July 14
Second Saturday Arts and Farmers Market
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd.

July 21
Cruise In sponsored by Sunshine State Chevilles
4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
PDQ parking lot, 194 State Road 13
Repeating event on third Saturday of each month

July 14
St. Johns Chapter of the Catholic Writers Guild
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
St. Paul's Catholic Church school auditorium, 2609 Park St.
www.dosafl.com/outreach/catholic-writers-guild/ or writerrd@comcast.net

July 26
Mandarin Council monthly breakfast
8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Bonefish Grill, 10950 San Jose Blvd.
www.mandarinCouncil.org

July 16
All Star Quilt Guild
9:45 a.m.
First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd.
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with Jacksonville City Council Member
Matt Schellenberg (District 6)

Q: What's the latest on the idea of planting trees along Mandarin Road?

A: We now have a tentative plan to plant between 25 – 50 trees along Mandarin Road. The planting will take place later this year, after hurricane season and when cooler weather sets in, to provide the best environment for planting success. I will post the plans for this on my City of Jacksonville website in the next 30 – 60 days.

Q: Has the playground been installed at Losco Park?

A: The playground is scheduled to be installed on June 25. So it should be up and running by the time citizens are reading this. I'd like community members to let me know if they have ideas for any other parks in Mandarin.

Q: Did the JTA/Marbon Road property close yet?

A: Yes. The sale closed in mid-June and will adhere to the PUD that was agreed upon nine months ago. I don't know when construction is supposed to start.

Q: Can you shed any light on the proposed land swap for the Julington Durbin Preserve with Black Hammock Island?

A: This is a terrible proposal and a terrible deal for the citizens. I've inquired with the General Counsel's office for the City of Jacksonville and they told me that the city has no jurisdiction over this potential disaster. Citizens need to come together with grassroots efforts and a letter writing campaign to make sure their voices are heard. I'm also incredibly disappointed in the former mayor who has gone on record flip-flopping his position on this.

Q: Do you have any District 6 updates?

A: We have received inquiries recently from homeowners in the Indian Walk and Beauclerc Cove neighborhoods regarding standing water. We had more than three inches of rain in a 90-minute period this week. It's hard to anticipate that much water in that short time. Nevertheless, we have a meeting set up in early July with the Public Works department and a representative from JEA to see if anything can be done to improve the situation.

Q: Is there anything else you want to share?

A: In light of the recent discussion of whether the city should sell JEA, in my opinion, we own a valuable asset and it's important that it is run efficiently. I think citizens should know that for the past four to five years, FPL rates have been lower than JEA's, mostly due to diversity of power sources — they have wind, solar, nuclear, coal and natural gas. JEA is a smaller player and doesn't have these options. I believe there will be many challenges in the future and that rates will go up because of a poorly structured deal made 10 years ago to buy power from a nuclear plant in Georgia at whatever the going rate is at the time — for the next 20 years.

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

A: I will be hosting a general Town Hall meeting on Thursday, Aug. 16 from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the South Mandarin Library and all citizens are invited to attend. Additionally, community members can email me at MattS@coj.net or call (904) 630-1388.



with Duval School Board Member,
District 7, Lori Hershey

Q: What is the latest update regarding the DCPS efforts to comply with the school safety act?

A: More than 300 applicants applied for the 103 positions to serve as School Safety Assistants at elementary schools. Many of those applicants have served in the U.S. Armed Forces and have applied in order to serve our community. While Duval County Public Schools are beginning with this position, it does not mean that we will not transition to School Resource Officers at elementary schools in the future. School Safety Assistants meet the requirements set by the state in HB7026 (the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act).

The district is continuing to work through the summer to ensure our schools are safe. The district is also preparing and reviewing shelters in preparation for hurricane season.

Q: Do you have any news about new personnel in District 7 schools?

A: We do have new principals for two District 7 schools. John Kniseley will be the new principal at Mandarin High School as of July 1. He has extensive experience in education as well as the military. He succeeds Dr. Donna Richardson, who is retiring. Also, Twin Lakes Academy Middle School welcomes Aurelia Williams as its new principal. Her leadership experience is in both business and education.

Additionally, we are excited to have Dr. Diana Greene as our new superintendent. Please stay tuned to Mandarin NewsLine for an upcoming date you can meet her in District 7.

Q: Do you have any advice for students and parents over the summer?

A: Take time to visit your local library this summer. There are many great opportunities for continued enrichment over the summer. Don't forget, school begins on Aug. 13.

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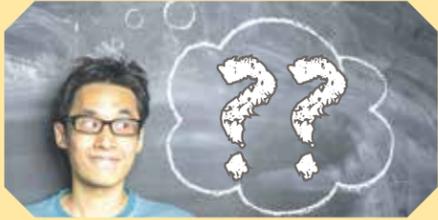
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Inquiring Minds want to know!

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

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

Here is a follow up answer to a question we received last month:

Q: What are the green wooden boxes, about 4 in. x 4 in. and 18 - 24 in. high, located on private residences along Scott Mill Road south of Interstate 295?

A: We thought these might be some sort of historical markers, so we reached out to Sandy Arpen of the Mandarin Museum & Historical Society. She said that's not what they were, but offered to try to find out for us. After a little investigating, she was told they were part of the sewer system — a type of pump station, one for every two houses. We were unable to verify this with anyone from the City of Jacksonville, so we asked readers to write in if they knew anything.

This month, we heard back from a reader, Bob Waterston, who said these boxes are part of a new sewage system installed a few years ago by JEA — a vacuum system, which eliminated septic tanks for those houses in the local area.

Gerri Boyce with JEA supported this assessment.

She said, "These are the air intakes (terminal) for the vacuum sanitary sewer system that were installed during the Scott Mill Septic Tank Phase Out Project, part of Mayor Delaney's Better Jacksonville Plan. Each air intake is made of molded polyethylene, not wood, serves a vacuum pod that can serve up to four customers (but usually just one to two). This project was completed in 2008. The air intakes are required for operation of each pod and overall vacuum system."

Thanks to everyone who helped us with this question!



with Jacksonville City Council Member
Tommy Hazouri (At Large District 3)

Q: Do you have any updates on the potential dog park to be located behind the South Mandarin Library as well as the Mandarin Trail?

A: The Parks Department is still working on the dog park plan and budget. It's in the early stages of development and would still need approval from the library, which I don't anticipate being a problem. I appreciate the emails I've received from citizens in support of this project, which we hope to have open in the fall.

As for the Mandarin Trail, this would connect Old St. Augustine Road to Greenland Road with a combination of park trails and bike lanes. It will hopefully be finished in the summer of 2019.

Q: Has the JTA/Marbon Road property sale closed?

A: The buyer and seller finalized all terms and the transaction closed in June. Now First Coast Energy will develop the property in accordance with the previously approved PUD, which includes commercial and retail units adjacent to San Jose Boulevard and residential units off Marbon Road. JTA will continue to provide transit service to the community from a reduced parking lot. There is not yet a final site plan.

Q: The city's opioid pilot program that you told us about in the spring was supposed to conclude at the end of May. Are there plans for it to continue?

A: Funding has been approved by the City of Jacksonville for another four and a half months. Then a budget will be submitted for continuation of this very successful project. Previously, the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department was responding to an overdose every two hours and now it's improved to every four hours. We plan to expand the program to two additional emergency departments.

Q: What is your opinion on the proposed Julington Durbin Preserve land swap?

A: In this case, the landowners want to trade a major piece of the protected land in the Julington Durbin Preserve for an equal amount of land on Black Hammock Island. This would be a horrible deal for our citizens and a great deal for the developers. Although the City of Jacksonville is limited in its ability to respond, I'm going to fight hard to prevent this swap of beautiful land in the Julington Durbin Preserve for swamp land on Black Hammock Island. All of Duval County, St. Johns County and especially Mandarin should be aware that this is something that shouldn't happen.

Q: Do you have any other Mandarin updates?

A: The Mandarin Senior Center should finally be getting some traction on its proposed expansion. In 2011, \$1.5 million was approved for this, but the plans for build out cost more than the project was allocated. So these plans have been changed and this September, the updated building plan is expected to be submitted. Hopefully once it is approved, I would expect the project to be completed sometime in 2019.

Also, in late June we coordinated with the Mandarin Community Club and the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department staff to hold a hurricane preparedness seminar. If residents have any questions about any type of disaster preparedness, they can call JaxReady at (904) 255-3110.

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

A: They can email me at THazouri@coj.net or call (904) 630-1396.

Editorial

By Shannon Blankinship
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Save Julington Durbin Preserve

A naturalist's paradise inside the rapidly growing Bartram Park community is under threat. Julington Durbin Preserve is a 2,031-acre peninsula formed at the confluence of Julington and Durbin creeks, with approximately nine miles of shoreline along the adjacent waterways. The property was purchased in 2001 for \$16.5 million as part of Jacksonville's Preservation Project, a land acquisition program conceived by Mayor John Delaney to manage growth, protect environmentally sensitive lands, improve water quality, and provide access to the city's natural areas.

The developers who originally sold the Julington-Durbin Preserve property to the City of Jacksonville and State of Florida for conservation now want it back. J. Thomas Dodson and Eastland Partners, the developers of the adjacent Bartram Park mixed-use community, are now proposing to build 1,400 homes inside the heart of Julington-Durbin Creek Preserve. To do this,

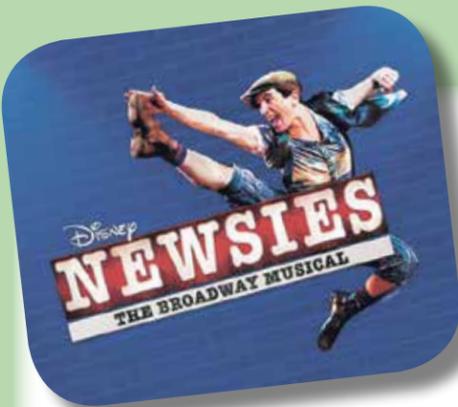
they are offering to exchange property on Black Hammock Island, near the Timucuan Ecological and Historical Preserve, for 407 acres within the Preserve.

This land was meant to be protected in perpetuity for water quality, habitat and for the benefit of future generations. People purchase homes near parks and preserved land because they believe this land is protected. If we allow this property to be developed, then what does "in perpetuity" mean?

Julington Durbin Preserve contains nine unique ecosystems including extensive floodplain wetlands and upland pine scrub. The conservation management of the site depends critically on controlled burning, which also provides fire protection benefits for nearby residents. In addition, the preserve has 22 documented archaeological sites, including a prehistoric burial mound, sev-

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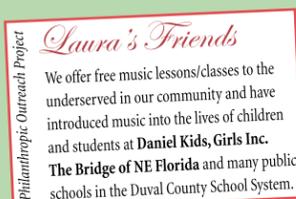
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Briefs

Mandarin Museum is a "Blue Star Museum"

The Mandarin Museum & Historical Society is one of more than 2,000 museums across America and three in Jacksonville that are participating in Blue Star Museums for military personnel and their families this summer.

Blue Star Museums is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 2,000 museums across America to offer free admission from Memorial Day through Labor Day to the nation's active-duty military personnel and their families, including National Guard and Reserve. Since Mandarin Museum is always free, it welcomes military individuals and families during this time by offering them the member discount on certain items in the museum Gift Shop.

This is an exciting time for military families to visit the Mandarin Museum because of special exhibit of rare Civil War artifacts recovered in the St. Johns River from the U.S. Army Troop Transport Maple Leaf. A second exhibit of interest, "A Soldier's Story," focuses on the experiences of World War I, drawing on the personal letters and artifacts of a local resident, Pvt. Marion J. Losco, who died in France in 1918. An authentic and complete WWI uniform is part of this display as well as personal objects that belonged to Pvt. Losco.

Visit www.mandarinmuseum.net for a complete look at all the programs of the museum, located in Walter Jones Historical Park, 11964 Mandarin Rd. The museum is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

St. Johns Riverkeeper to hold final Town Hall meeting on flooding and rising waters

On Wednesday, July 11 at 6 p.m., the St. Johns Riverkeeper will hold its final in a series of Town Hall meetings at Intuition Ale Works, 929 E. Bay Street in downtown Jacksonville. The meeting is intended to inform local citizens about rising waters and engage them in a dialogue about the threat of flooding to their homes, businesses, recreational opportunities, and health. The discussion will also include the impact of past St. Johns River dredging projects and the dredging that is currently underway.

As demonstrated by Hurricane Irma and the historic flooding that occurred, Jacksonville is more at risk than ever before and important action steps must

be taken to better prepare for a future of rising waters in the St. Johns River.

"Sea level rise and a deeper channel have no doubt resulted in higher water levels and storm surge in the river, increasing the risk of flooding and sewage spills in the St. Johns," states Lisa Rinaman, the St. Johns Riverkeeper, "The current plan to dredge the St. Johns an additional 7 feet deeper will only make these problem worse."

Visit www.stjohnsriverkeeper.org for more information.

Orthodontist office welcomes new doctor

Dr. Jimmy Glenos and the team at Smiles by Glenos are proud to announce the addition of a second Board Certified orthodontist, Dr. Craig Hadgis. Dr. Hadgis and his wife, Anne, have recently moved back to the north Florida area, where Dr. Hadgis earned his orthodontic specialty certification at the School of Orthodontics at Jacksonville University.



Photo courtesy Smiles by Glenos
Doctors Glenos and Hadgis at the desk.

Prior to specializing in the field of orthodontics and then going on to become Board Certified by the American Board of Orthodontics, Dr. Hadgis received a master's degree in biomedical engineering from the University of Michigan and his DDS degree as well as a degree in Advanced Education in General Dentistry from the University of Detroit Mercy. He has eight years of experience practicing the latest techniques in providing customized, digitally planned orthodontic services and is experienced in the Damon and Insignia appliance systems.

The Hadgis family has enjoyed a long-standing connection to St. Augustine area. Dr. Hadgis' great uncle was the first physician to practice in nearby Bunnell. This area has been the family's "go to" vacation destination since Dr. Hadgis was a child growing up in Grosse Pointe, Mich. As the son of a family dentist, it is not surprising that Dr. Hadgis ended up favoring a career

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Marti has on several occasions accompanied me to hospitals (even to the delivery room where we closed with one lucky family gaining a new home and a new baby all in the same day), to assisted living facilities, to places of work. You name it, Marti is always prepared to accommodate, and always with a smile on her face.

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Night Out for Neighborhood Safety to be held Aug. 7



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Night Out for Neighborhood Safety will take place the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 7. Organized locally by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, this national crime awareness and prevention program enters its 32nd year in 2018. Planned events are designed to strengthen neighborhoods, increase awareness about the importance of crime prevention and reporting and reinforce positive police/neighborhood relationships. Homeowners associations and other neighborhood groups are invited and encouraged to participate. The Ramsgate Homeowners Association is one of many who will be part of the program again this year. For information on how you can become involved, contact the JSO Community Affairs Division at (904) 630-2160 or visit www.jaxsheriff.org/departments/sheriffs-office/citizen-involvement/sheriffs-watch for more information about Sheriff's Watch.

Lori Hershey cont. from pg. 5

Q: Do you have any additional District 7 news to share?

I will hold a community meeting in September at Mandarin Oaks Elementary; the date is TBD. After the community meeting in May, it was suggested that we meet more often as a district to discuss issues pertinent to schools in

District 7, so this upcoming meeting is a way to help accomplish that.

Q: How can our readers contact you?

A: They can email me at HersheyL@duvalschools.org or call me at (904) 316-3609.

Back in Time with Brett

By Brett Nolan
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There are a little over nine acres of land behind County Dock Road and it is one of the last undeveloped pieces of property in Mandarin; on this land is the Charles Frederick Winton estate. In the fall of 1887, William Monson built this home for Charles Winton and his family. Monson also built several other structures around the community, some still standing today, such as the Mandarin Store and Post Office.

Winton was born in 1851, all the way across the pond in Maidstone, Kent, England. He came to Mandarin in the 1870s as a representative of Lloyds of London, an insurance market founded in 1686, which is still in operation today. Responsible for managing the exports of produce shipments, Winton

Mandarin families. Imagine what a party there was like back in the day...

Like the Calvin Read house, the structure received 3 out of 4 stars in a city-supported study that turned into the masterwork, "Jacksonville's Architectural Heritage," published in 1989. The publication categorizes a 3-star rating as "a great value to the immediate neighborhood." But Emily Lisska, former executive director of the Jacksonville Historical Society, said the home would likely receive a 4-star rating today, classifying the structure as "a great significance to the city and warrants the maximum preservation effort."

Presently, a rezoning is being sought for development of a subdivision on

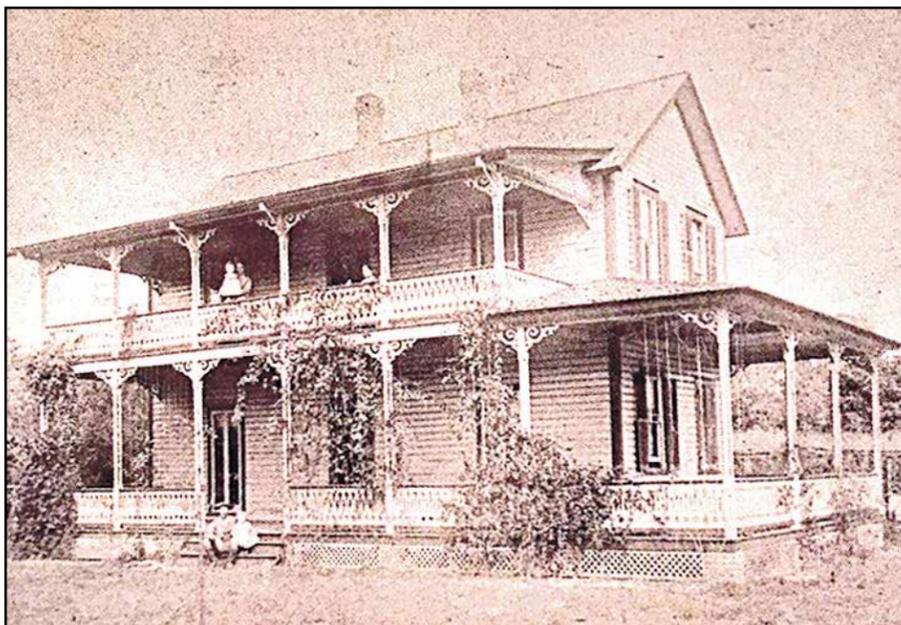


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organized local growers to supply his shipping business with "fancy fruits and vegetables" overseas and up north. He acquired roots, herbs and flavorings from the Black community in Mandarin as an additional shipping product.

While today the home may look a little different than it did more than 130 year ago, the house is still loaded with character. Numerous additions have been added onto the original structure; however, the home originally featured a very finely decorated two-tier veranda, with a wraparound porch on the bottom level. It was known to the community as "Jubilee Hall" because it was a popular gathering place for many

the property, and the home is in danger of being demolished. The Jacksonville City Council's denial of the rezoning is currently on appeal. In the meantime, a neighbor is working to relocate the home and is asking for support from the community. If you are interested in helping, contact the Mandarin Museum & Historical Society at (904) 268-0784 or mandarinmuseum@bellsouth.net and the museum will put you in touch with the neighbor leading the rescue effort.

Brett Nolan is a volunteer with the Mandarin Museum & Historical Society. Visit www.mandarinmuseum.net for more information about Mandarin's history.



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Mandarin Council awards two Janice Meisel Scholarships



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The 2018 Jacksonville Chamber Mandarin Council Janice Meisel Scholarship was awarded on June 14 at the Mandarin Council's monthly lunch meeting. This year for the first time, there was a tie for first place. Through the council's fundraising efforts, extra funds were available to award each winner a \$1,500 scholarship. The winners are Kenneth Harland, who will attend the University of Florida, and Grace Rogers, heading to the University of Central Florida. Harland plans to pursue a career in medicine and Rogers will pursue a business major and hopes to start her own cosmetics company. Pictured are Grace Rogers and Kenneth Harland with Zeke Benavides.

Community event brings together cancer survivors in Mandarin

By NewsLine staff
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On Saturday, May 19, Jacksonville's cancer patients, survivors, and their families came together for a morning of celebration, education, and fun at the Hug a Survivor Festival. Hosted by Ackerman Cancer Center, this annual event provides patients with resources and education to continue living a healthy life that reduces risk of cancer recurrence, and offers a great community of patients and survivors to share stories and heal together.



Photo courtesy Ackerman Cancer Center
Caroline Tunkel and survivor group

"My husband was diagnosed with a brain tumor, and this was a great opportunity to meet other families that are going through cancer. Whenever you can hear stories from survivors, it gives you hope — to know that you're not in this alone and that some days will be harder than others, but you have the support to be able to go day by day, get through it, and survive," said Paula Zumot, the wife of a brain tumor survivor, when asked about her experience.

Two survivors, Steven Briggs and Caroline Tunkel, spoke to the group about their cancer journeys and how they got to be where they are today — proud survivors who are committed to providing mentorship, encouragement and guidance to patients who have been recently diagnosed.

Each also recognized the importance of caregivers through their cancer journey. Briggs brought his wife, Audrey, on the stage to say thank you for all she did, and Tunkel was quick to praise her husband for his role: "A good caregiver is vital to the recovery of any cancer patient." Each speech concluded with all attendees coming together in a group hug to show their support for patients, survivors, and families.

Many community partners were in attendance, including the American Cancer Society, the Wellness Working Group, Live for Today, In the Pink and the Mammograms, Bosom Buddies, the Christina Phipps Foundation, and the American Lung Association.

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Mandarin Road sidewalks completed

On Wednesday, June 6, City Council Member Matt Schellenberg joined JTA CEO Nat Ford to celebrate the completion of the JTAMobilityWorks Mandarin Road sidewalk improvement project by walking one-half mile to demonstrate the value that sidewalks contribute to making communities safer. JTA's contractor, Baker Klein, constructed 0.9 miles of new five-foot wide sidewalk along Mandarin Road from Bolton Abbey Drive to Orange Picker Road. The project also included utility relocations and drainage improvements to help improve safety and mobility along Mandarin Road and enhance the quality of life for the neighborhood residents.



Photo courtesy City of Jacksonville

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eral prehistoric campsites, and remains from early 19th century buildings.

We are concerned that developing this property would result in loss of critical habitat for plants and wildlife; adverse impacts to water quality in Julington and Durbin creeks and the St. Johns River; loss of flood protection; increased traffic congestion; and will set a dangerous precedent that would potentially open up other conservation lands to development.

Attend the Rally to Save Julington-Durbin Preserve on July 14 at 9 a.m. at the Preserve entrance. Several guided hikes will also be offered following the rally.

Learn more about the issue, including who to contact to send a strong message at www.stjohnsriverkeeper.org or sign the petition to #SAVEJDPRESERVE.

Shannon Blankinship is Advocacy Director, St. Johns Riverkeeper

Summer Learning in full swing at Mandarin's public libraries

By Kaylee Burke
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Bugs, live animals, music, and more — it's all part of Summer Learning and fun for kids. Mark your calendar for Thursdays in July from 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. for cool programs, specially designed for ages five – 12.

Energetic youngsters can Twist and Shout with Rebecca Myers as they practice reading through dance and movement at South Mandarin Branch Library July 5. On July 12, Jerry Walls will bring his Amazing Animals show to the library's Scales and Tales program. The adventure-filled hour features live animals, offers tips about what to do if you encounter an animal in the wild, and teaches facts about snakes and alligators. Kids can sing, learn about insects, and discover what's inside of Tom's box of bugs when musician and bug enthusiast Tom Cornwell presents Bug Songs on July 19.

Are you and your family preparing for a summer getaway? Then don't miss South Mandarin Branch Library's "Resources for Your Travel Abroad" on July 7 from 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. The workshop will demonstrate online resources such as Transparent Language, World History in Context and others that can help you plan your trip, get familiar with a foreign language, and learn about a different culture.

Curious little minds and aspiring meteorologists will be thrilled to meet Action News Jax Chief Meteorologist Mike Buresh at Mandarin Branch Library on July 21 at 2 p.m. Buresh will talk about his experiences as a storm chaser, and discuss what causes tornadoes and hurricanes. During this



Photo courtesy Jacksonville Public Library

South Mandarin Library conducted a fun activity at Mandarin Oaks Elementary School's annual STEM Family Night in May to show kids how energy is transferred to objects.

STEAM program, children aged five – 12 can create barometers or tornadoes.

Join musician Al Poindexter on July 25 at 7 p.m. for a special guitar performance at Mandarin Library. Sit back, relax and enjoy the sounds of Poindexter's songs about Florida, vibrant characters and backwaters. Listen as his music takes you away for a ride down an old Florida river, and you just might forget you're in a library.

As the end of Summer Learning approaches, you're invited to awesome closing parties at South Mandarin Library on July 26 at 3 p.m. and Mandarin Library on July 28 at 2:30 p.m. Families can celebrate the Summer Learning wrap-up, enjoy games, puzzles, treats and more. And don't forget, you can keep reading and logging your books this month to earn a free book and more chances to win an iPad.

Visit jaxpubliclibrary.org/summer to sign up for Summer Learning and learn about events. Call Mandarin Branch Library at (904) 262-5201 or South Mandarin Branch Library at (904) 288-6385 for more information. All programs are free and open to the public.



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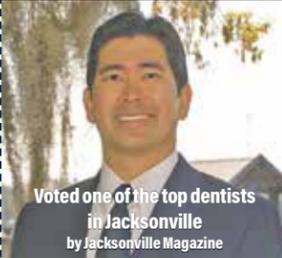
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Photo courtesy Donna Richardson
Donna and Steven Richardson

Dr. Donna Richardson is a Jacksonville native and a graduate of Andrew Jackson Senior High School. Her love for school morals and enthusiasm began as her high school mascot and has led her through many years in education while inspiring so many around her — most recently as the beloved principal of Mandarin High School. Richardson graduated from Florida Junior College with an associate degree and then earned a bachelor's in Education/Language Arts with a minor in Journalism from the University of North Florida. She went on to receive her master's in Educational Leadership and a doctorate in Educational Leadership, also from UNF.

Richardson began her career with Duval County Public Schools in 1985 as an English teacher at N.B. Forrest High School, where she taught for 10 years. A cancer survivor and long time public servant, volunteer and charity supporter, Richardson is passionate about making a difference in the lives of children and the entire community. As a Life member of the Florida PTA, 2016 Principal of the Year and many additional award nominations and winnings, Richardson's career is certainly one to admire.

Looking ahead with excitement towards new adventures, both Richardson and her husband of 47 years,

former JSO lieutenant and long time chief legislative aide in the Florida Senate, Steven, are retiring simultaneously. The former high school sweethearts have two children, seven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

1. What do you enjoy most about working in the Mandarin community?

The people. The support from parents and their children is overwhelming. The faculty at Mandarin High School and many other supporters in the community is something I will always remember.

2. What has been the hardest aspect of your career?

I would probably say the hardest part has been making sure that the school is where it needs to be and that we get that "A" grading. Making sure that the faculty and children have everything they need to succeed and be ready for testing is stressful at times.

3. What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

I love to read and we enjoy traveling. We love spending time with our family and watching our grandchildren grow into fine young people. My husband and I feel blessed to have been able to be public servants for this many years. We are active in our church and are looking forward to working more there

and following whatever new journey is planned for us.

4. Any big plans after your retirement begins?

My husband and I are really looking forward to a trip to Italy in the fall.

5. What is something most people don't know about you?

I'm very humble. I can't thank everyone enough for all of the support that has been given to me over the years. I learn from the past, always try to live in the present, and plan for the future every day, both in my professional career and personally.

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School Briefs

Mandarin High School graduates recipients of National Merit Scholarships

Twelve students from Duval County Public Schools, including two from Mandarin High School, are among 3,500 winners nationwide of the National Merit Scholarships financed by U.S. colleges and universities. Mandarin High School graduates Daniel Daugherty and Evan Heeg both plan to attend the University of Florida. Daugherty's probable career field is Statistics, while Heeg's is Geology.

The awards range from \$500 to \$2,000 a year for up to four years of undergraduate study. Colleges and universities sponsoring the scholarships selected re-

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Community Club's essay contest has a winner

The Mandarin Community Club has announced the winner of its first annual middle school essay contest: James Thompson, an eighth grader at St. Joseph's Catholic School.

This year's topic was "Harriet Beecher Stowe: Her life and her impact on Northeast Florida." Eighty-five essays were received and read. From the top fifteen, this year's review committee selected the essay of Thompson, who received a \$100 prize.

One of the missions of the Mandarin Community Club, established in 1923, is to preserve the history of Mandarin. The students who participated in this year's contest are aware of Harriet Beecher Stowe's contribution to Mandarin and Northeast Florida.

Neighborhood lemonade stand teaches valuable lessons about money

By Martie Thompson
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It wouldn't seem like summertime without a neighborhood lemonade stand. In Mandarin last month, five-year-old Saul set up a business in his front yard with siblings Sarah, age three and Ike, age two. According to their mother, Hannah Tyson, Saul recently became curious about money. His parents taught him the names and denominations of coins in his piggy bank and thought he would like to earn more money.

"He then saw a 'Curious George' episode about lemonade stands, and decided that that is the way he could earn money," Hannah Tyson said.



Photo courtesy Hannah Tyson
Saul, Ike, and Sarah at their lemonade/art stand.

Since Saul wants to be an artist when he grows up, he had the idea to also sell art at his lemonade stand and according to his mother, this really got him excited. The siblings worked for four days, getting the art ready. Each child made drawings and salt dough magnets.

Hannah Tyson said, "Saul really thought about what people might want to buy. He drew pictures of Moms with flowers, because he thought that is what they would want. And he drew pictures of kids, because he thought that is what kids would want to buy. Sarah and Ike also like to draw people, mostly family members. The kids also came up with the idea of magnets since it is how their art is displayed in our house."

Saul set the prices for the lemonade/art stand. He decided that a fair price would be one quarter for a cup of lemonade and one quarter for each piece of art. The lemonade/art stand made \$18 dollars (some neighbors were quite generous, Hannah Tyson said). Saul profited \$14 after paying back his parents \$2 for costs, and \$1 to each of his helpers, Sarah and Ike.

According to his mother, Saul wants to use the money to buy more art supplies so he can make more things to sell, and he is saving up to buy a new piggy bank that sorts and counts his coins.

He also wants to build up his balance in his bank account at the "Bank of Dad," which is something the Tysons instituted with their children to encourage saving and financial responsibility. They pay 5 percent compounding interest in lieu of allowance. Saul has learned that whenever he adds money to his "account," the amount he earns in interest increases and the opposite happens when he makes a withdrawal, which he is allowed to do for anything he wants.

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Sunshine State Pow Wow held at Forever Florida

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The mounted sheriff's patrol at the 2018 Sunshine State Pow Wow.

The Native Sons and Daughters Timucuan Longhouse of Jacksonville traveled to Forever Florida in St. Cloud, Fla., to participate in the 2018 Sunshine State Pow Wow. This annual event sees tribes travel from Ft. Lauderdale, Boca Raton, Hollywood, Tampa, West Palm Beach, Orlando, Winter Garden, Cape Canaveral, Ponte Vedra Beach and of course, Jacksonville. Held annually, each of the member groups gather to demonstrate crafts, banners, Native American regalia, coup sticks, drums, tribal shirts and a host of individual items that specific children have assisted in creating.

This year's event was hosted by the Seminole Princess Nation out of Broward County and more than 700 hundred members attended. This Pow Wow took on a very special meaning as the chairman of the Board of Elders, Don Bittala (Brave Eagle), the National Assistant Chief, Mike Ryan (Wild Eagle) and the State Chief of Florida, Brian Quirk (Flaming Arrow) were all in attendance. The campers were granted beautiful weather by the Great Spirit except waking up to frost on Friday morning. Some of the entertainment at this year's Pow Wow included Jimmy Sawgrass, Chief Rawley Snake Trainer, ziplines, horseback riding, a slime station, bounce houses, the mounted sheriff's patrol and even a midnight rendition of dad's kickball.

State Pow Wow Chief Victor Nappe said, "We wanted to put on an epic Pow Wow for the children, one they will talk about with their friends once they get back home."

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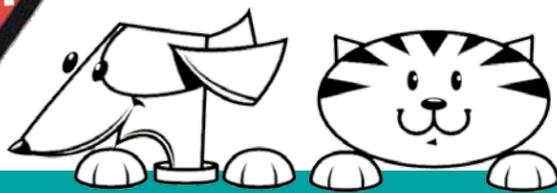
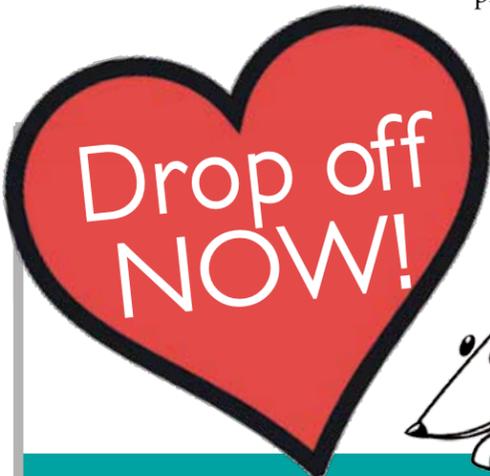
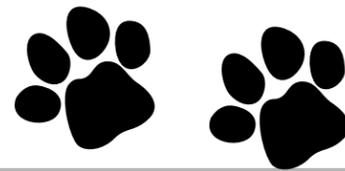
"As the parent of a young child, you have the tremendous opportunity to get to know your child," said Brian Quirk. "Spending quality one-on-one time with your child will help build a strong bond of trust and memories that will last a lifetime. As the Great Spirit reminds us, 'You only have 18 summers to make a difference in your child's life.'"

Next year's event will be hosted by the Canaveral Nation out of Cape Canaveral. Visit www.nsdjax.org for more information on this special parent/child program

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ipients from the pool of 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists planning on attending their institution. In addition to Daugherty and Heeg, 10 students from Stanton College Preparatory School round out the Duval County Public School winners. Stanton recipients are Sumanth Aluri, Jason S. Collins, Abigail Ellis, Alexandria Gombass, Alicia Yunxin Hou, Mitchell Mika, Andrea Relova, Emma P. Shafer, Christopher Vairogs, and Isaac Wiley.

School's sixth graders pass torch to fifth grade class

San Jose Episcopal Day School sixth graders welcomed the fifth grade class to the Senior Preparation Year by passing down the red tie, which symbolizes the leadership that comes with being the oldest students on campus. The Senior



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Maddie Young and Barron Pettway at the Senior Prep Ceremony.

Prep Year helps sixth graders prepare for middle school by fostering growth in knowledge, leadership, character and service.

Crown Point students honored at ESOL Award Ceremony

The annual ESOL Award Ceremony for Duval County Schools was held on Thursday, May 17 at Englewood High School. The following students



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from Crown Point Elementary School were honored for their positive attitude towards school and for working to learn the English language: Allesandra Cbrera-Hernandez, fifth grade; Amanda Padilla, fourth grade; Crisshell Morales-Garrido, third grade; Sophia Arguijo-Cruz, second grade; Etida Berbiu, first grade; and Asma Raham, kindergarten (not pictured). Crown Point Principal Brett Hartley was also announced as the ESOL Principal of the Year.



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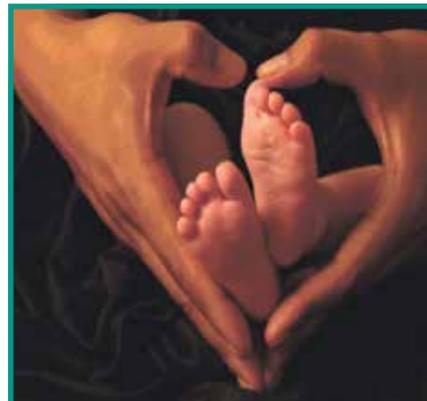
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Gardening

Here we go again

By Lesley Arrandale
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Summer rains arrived early this year, in the form of Subtropical Storm Alberto. It is now officially the hurricane season, and as always, we need to be as prepared as possible, with supplies in hand and an evacuation plan in the event of a potential major impact.

Rain in general, both the lack of it and an overabundance, is at the forefront of many a gardener's mind. It governs how we deal with our gardens from day to day, and season to season. If we are in drought, drip irrigation can help save our plants and there's the added bonus that it can reduce water use, saving us from large water bills. If you can install a water barrel which fills from a drain-pipe or receives runoff from a valley in the roof, the rain collected is ideal for ornamentals; however, shingle roofs can potentially pollute rainwater if new or very old, and perhaps should not be used on vegetables under those circumstances.

Low areas of the yard that regularly become saturated with rain can be planted with water-tolerant plants — a rain garden. Choose plants which can take dry periods as well as periods of inundation. This website will help guide your choices: <https://tinyurl.com/y7srcqxr>.

Master Gardeners have a variety of tasks we can take on, depending on our interests. But all of us, I think I can safely say, are basically fascinated with plants. So when a group of us recently took a trip to the Florida Panhandle to visit nurseries, research establishments, and the stunningly beautiful St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, a good time was guaranteed!

For me, one of the highlights was a visit to the nursery of The Monarch-Milkweed Initiative, based at the headquarters of the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, established in 2014 after President Obama signed a Presidential memorandum "creating a federal strategy to promote the health of honey bees and other pollinators." The response by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service was to ask refuges nationwide to increase milkweed populations, conserve habitats, and inform the public about the importance of pollinators.

Through careful research and experimentation St. Marks' Ranger Scott Davis has established germination methods for the 21 milkweeds native to Florida. To obtain the often rare plants and seeds, he relies on help from volunteers and members of the public reporting on the whereabouts of populations of the plants, as well as undertaking his own reconnaissance (<https://tinyurl.com/yb4aq2bj>). By judiciously gathering plant material, the group propagates thousands of milkweeds every year which are given to groups which establish them in natural areas, use them in the restoration of degraded habitats, or plant them in both public and private gardens, all of which help to support the monarch butterflies and other pollinators which grace our state.

Sadly native milkweeds are still not widely available in local nurseries. Butterfly weed, *Asclepias tuberosa*, is the one most likely to be found, and will take full sun and sandy well drained soil. As with most plants, it needs careful watering until established, but should then be able to survive on rainfall alone. We learnt at the milkweed nursery that milkweeds don't usually set seed by themselves; two or more plants are needed for cross pollination. And if a productive butterfly garden is your ambition, plant a number of *A. tuberosa* to support feeding caterpillars: those monarch babies are voracious eaters!

If butterfly weed just can't be found, the internet is a good resource, but if you'd rather visit your local nursery you are more likely to find the Mexican milkweed (*A. curassavica*). Some caveats: *A. curassavica* can carry a disease which is harmful to monarch butterflies, and it should be cut down in November, both to reduce the impact of the disease and to mimic the native milkweeds dying back for the winter.

Enjoy our beautiful butterflies and have a safe summer.



Photo courtesy Donna Crosby

Mandarin Garden Club introduces new leadership team

The 2018 – 2019 leadership team of the Mandarin Garden Club includes Sandie Ingram, president; Mary Forster, second vice president; Laura Miller, secretary; and Mariam Swain, treasurer; and Betty Waldrep, second vice president (not pictured).

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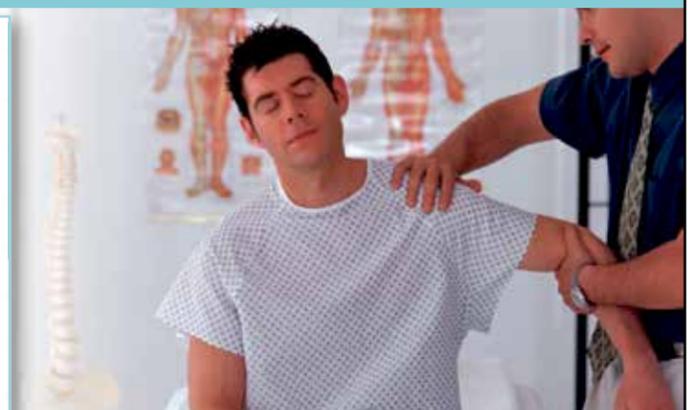
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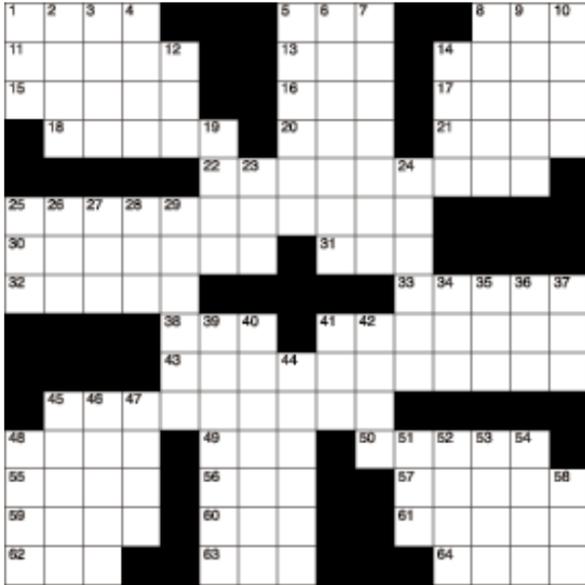
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13. Monetary unit
14. Mother of Hermes
15. Broadway actress Daisy
16. Tobacco mosaic virus
17. Expression of surprise
18. African financial intermediaries
20. Fully ripe egg
21. Soothes the skin
22. Editors write them
25. Nashville-based rockers
30. Surgical tube
31. Lasting records
32. Member of Ghanese tribe
33. Being in a vertical position
38. Spasmodic contraction
41. Cartilage disks
43. Domestic help

45. A way of drying out
48. Small sponge cake
49. Distinctive practice or philosophy
50. Sword
55. Type of missile (abbr.)
56. Home to various animals
57. American comedian Tim
59. Scores perfectly
60. A major division of geological time
61. Spiritual leader
62. Unhappy
63. Unit of force (abbr.)
64. Door part

7. Surround completely
8. A Philly footballer
9. Dinosaur shuang_____aurus
10. Slowly disappear
12. Large antelope
14. Not nice
19. Piece of footwear
23. Newt
24. Seriously mentally ill
25. Kilogram force (abbr.)
26. Terrorist group
27. Negative
28. Time zone
29. A blacksmith's workshop
34. Baked dessert
35. A way to perceive uniquely
36. Breeze through
37. Dry white wine drink
39. Treated with iodine
40. Not thorough
41. Famous museum

42. Supplements with difficulty
44. Polynesian language
45. Bangladesh capital (var. sp.)
46. ___ and flowed
47. Excessively theatrical actors
48. Prejudice
51. Swiss river
52. Nonsense (slang)
53. "Luther" actor
54. Resist authority (slang)
58. Pinch

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Travel

The new U.S. Civil Rights Trail and Mississippi Museum

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On July 4, Americans celebrate our country's independence. While the 13 colonies broke free in 1776, individual freedoms have come more slowly, with the struggle for Civil Rights continuing to this day.

To commemorate and explain the journey, the National Park Service and tourism officials have combined to create a U.S. Civil Rights Trail: a national listing of locations where important civil rights events took place. They chose only ones that offer visitors a stop well worth the time. The new Civil Rights Trail's collection of churches, courthouses, schools, museums and other landmarks let travelers see and learn about the activists and the events that challenged segregation and changed the nation.

The presence of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the most visible leader of the movement, emerges at locations in several states. His birthplace and gravesite sit just steps apart in downtown Atlanta. He led the successful bus boycott after the arrest of Rosa Parks from his first church, in Montgomery, Ala. The Memphis church where he gave his "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech the night before his assassination at the Lorraine Motel is a popular destination. The motel, expanded into the National Civil Rights Museum, is the most visited restored civil rights landmark in America. The museum highlights the 50th anniversary of the death of Dr. King this year.

A stop in Greensboro, N.C. or Nashville, Tenn. reveals the F.W. Woolworth lunch counters where sit-ins by black college students in 1960 inspired a wave of similar nonviolent demonstrations.

The trail's stops include four major museums including the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. opened in 2016. Still drawing immense crowds, the museum's popularity requires reservations well in advance for its timed passes.

The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, now the centerpiece of a new national monument, faces the park where police fire hoses and dogs terrorized demonstrators in 1963 — across the street sits the 16th Street Baptist Church, site of the Sunday morning bombing that killed four young girls, injured many others, and brought national attention to the campaign for civil rights.

The Center for Civil and Human Rights is



Photos courtesy Debi Lander
 The Woolworth Counter in Nashville, Tenn.

a major attraction in downtown Atlanta. The newest of the trail's museums, the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, opened in Jackson on Dec. 9, 2017. I recently had the opportunity to tour the Jackson site, the only state-sponsored civil rights museum and one focusing on Mississippi events. Eight interactive galleries grip visitors with striking images and stories. Seven of the galleries encircle a central space, highlighted by a sculpture called "This Little Light of Mine." You move from the darkened galleries into the light as you work your way around the building. The sculpture becomes brightest when the music of the Movement swells, about every 15 minutes. I found myself pulled in by the clapping, swaying and singing of others who gathered in the space.

Warning: This is not a museum you can whisk through; there's no sugarcoating here. The brutal stories make this a poignant place. The Emmett Till case, for example, reveals the riveting tale of a 14-year old boy beaten, shot and then thrown in a river for whistling at a white woman shop owner.

A lynching tree inscribed with names bears witness to the 600 Mississippians hung in the state. The displays include Ku Klux Klan robes and the rifle that killed Medgar Evers. The cutting-edge museum includes a number of informative videos set within small spaces — like the back of a police wagon or a jail cell. Sometimes you have to wait your turn to get in, but do take the time.

Civil and human rights remain at the center of political and social discourse today. The trail and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum highlight stories that Americans can't and shouldn't forget. I highly recommend a visit and suggest you plan to spend a minimum of a half-day.

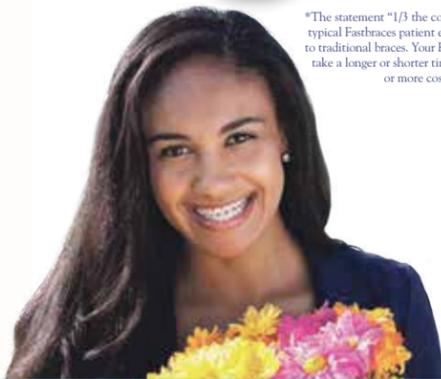
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