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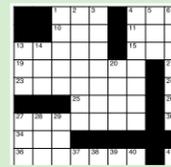
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## Mandarin High School student appointed to United States Naval Academy

By Angela Higginbotham  
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Photo courtesy Timothy Tillo

Timothy Tillo receiving his appointment certificate from Congressman John Rutherford.

Mandarin High School senior Timothy (T.J.) Tillo, Jr. was recently accepted into the prestigious United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. Tillo's outstanding GPA, extracurricular activities, impressive leadership skills and volunteer activities have lead him to this exciting journey that he has been dreaming of.

"I have always wanted to be in the Navy. I would go to air shows and I knew I wanted to be an aviator. In the Navy, you can make a service selection and aviation is why I chose the Academy," Tillo said.

The United States Naval Academy is a rigorous four year college that prepares young men and women to become professional officers of competence, character, and compassion in the United States Navy and Marine Corps. Naval Academy students are midshipmen on active duty in the United States Navy. Graduates are recognized as an immediate ensign (junior commissioned officer rank) in the Navy or

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As the Mandarin Art Festival's 50th anniversary approaches on Easter weekend, the early history of the event becomes of interest. Two of the festival's founders, Vina Schemer and Rosemary McCorkle, shared their memories of the festival's beginnings.

The concept for the art festival arose at a dinner at the home of Memphis Woods in 1968, attended by other Mandarin resident artists. Local artist Schemer suggested the Mandarin Community Club as the perfect location and Easter weekend as the perfect date — and the idea took root.



The event has always been credited to Judge Ed Westberry as founder and indeed, it would never have happened if he had not fully supported the idea as a means to attract interest, participants and some much needed funds to the Mandarin Community Club, where he served as president. But the impetus for the festival came from a small group of cultural creatives who wanted to attract attention to the quality of artists residing in still rural Mandarin, which was then known as an artists' enclave.

It wasn't just these artists who made the first festival a success. Mandarin Community Club board members of the period included Herb Peyton, Bill Mouro, and

others who worked alongside Schemer and McCorkle to recruit workers and supplies to help build a successful first time event.

## Art Fest history intrigues as 50th approaches

By Susie Scott  
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Though fewer than 20 artists participated, the talent that comprised the inaugural Mandarin Art Festival was impressive and included:

Memphis Woods (1902 – 1989) had moved from Georgia to Jacksonville and began teaching art at Landon High School. Woods was herself a renowned artist — primarily in the medium of weaving — but also in painting, bronze and mixed



media. Her works have been shown in many museums in the Southeast as well as the New York City Museum of Contemporary Crafts, the University of North Florida Library and commissioned works throughout Jacksonville. Woods was also one of the founders of the Jacksonville Art Museum (now Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville).

Charles "Charlie" Brown (1904 – 1987) was born in Mayport, but moved to Mandarin Road at the age of two. Brown's early work was in painting landscapes and still lifes. Encouraged by his friend, Memphis Woods, Brown took a pottery class and the rest is history. He is internationally known for his raku-fired pottery including pots, jewelry, wall hangings and even Christmas ornaments, some of which were selected by Vice President Walter Mondale and his wife for the tree in their Washington residence. Today his work can be found

in major collections including the Smithsonian, the Johnson Wax Collection, museums and countless homes, many in his beloved Mandarin.



This year, one of the founders and first exhibitors, Vina Schemer, will return as one of the festival's judges. A potter and ceramist since 1962 and teacher since 1964, Schemer has been a 37-year member of the American Crafts Council Southeast



Photos courtesy Mandarin Community Club  
Mandarin Art Festival posters, through the years.

Region and its Regional Director since 1979. Her work has been featured in many publications and recognized in national shows and can be found in permanent collections at the University of Florida, the White House, the Contemporary Ceramics Museum in Grottaglie, Italy and others.

Then and now, the Mandarin Art Festival is not to be missed. In 2018, the 50th installment of the festival will host more than 100 local and nationally known artist exhibitors, a Children's Art Show representing 19 local schools, a locally sourced Green Market, live entertainment, food court and a bake sale.

Mark your calendars for March 31 – April 1 and visit [www.mandarinartfestival.org](http://www.mandarinartfestival.org) to learn more about the upcoming 50th Anniversary Mandarin Art Festival.

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## Mandarin Senior Center hosts Health Fair

The Advisory Board of the Mandarin Senior Center announces its ninth annual Health Fair, to be held Friday, March 2, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the senior center, located at 3848 Hartley Road. More than 30 health care providers and organizations will be onsite conducting screenings, answering questions and providing information regarding community resources specifically for and about seniors. Attendees who bring three non-perishable food items to donate to the Mandarin Food Bank will receive a free chance at some prizes. Call (904) 262-7390 for more information.

## Heart of Jacksonville African Violet Society celebrates 25 years with show and sale

In honor of the club's Silver Anniversary, the Heart of Jacksonville African Violet Society will present "Cheers for 25 Years" on March 23 – 24, 2018. This juried show will be judged by the standards of the African Violet Society of America and will showcase prized specimens in all classes: standard, semi-miniature, miniature and trailers. Full grown and starter plants will be available for sale as well as leaves and many supplies needed to keep plants

healthy. Each day will also feature two free seminars. The show will be held at San Jose Church of Christ, 6233 San Jose Blvd. in the Family Life Center Fellowship Hall from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sunday. Parking and admission are free. Visit [www.jacksonvilleviolets.org](http://www.jacksonvilleviolets.org) for more information.

## River City Women to learn about cybersecurity

The River City Women's Club will meet on March 21 at 10:30 a.m. at the Mandarin Ramada Inn, 3130 Hartley Road, for lunch and a program. Following lunch, Julia Shartzter will give a talk on how to protect oneself on the internet and phone in the 21st century. The club meeting will feature the election of officers for the new club year and members will select their choices for charities to receive donations. The cost of lunch is \$17; call (904) 262-8719 for reservations.

## Writers to hold monthly meeting

The Catholic Writers Guild, St. Johns Chapter will have its monthly meeting on Saturday, March 10, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at St. Paul's Church and School Auditorium, 2609 Park Street. Dan Costello will present "How to Give and

Receive a Critique" and a critique session will follow. Attendees should bring 10 copies of any work. All those interested (including poets, fiction and non-fiction, screenplay writers, musicians, artists, editors, illustrators, etc.) are invited. Refreshments will be served. Contact Roderick T. Beaman at [writer-rod@comcast.net](mailto:writer-rod@comcast.net) or Antony Kolenc at [CWG@antonykolenc.com](mailto:CWG@antonykolenc.com) for more information.

## Language of Orchids show and sale scheduled

The Jacksonville Orchid Society Show and Sale will be held on Saturday, March 17 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and

Sunday, March 18, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at The Garden Club of Jacksonville, 1005 Riverside Ave. The event, entitled "The Language of Orchids," will feature thousands of beautiful, exotic orchids on display. Visit [jaxorchid-society.org](http://jaxorchid-society.org) for more information.



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## 18th Anniversary Sale

March 9th-11th  
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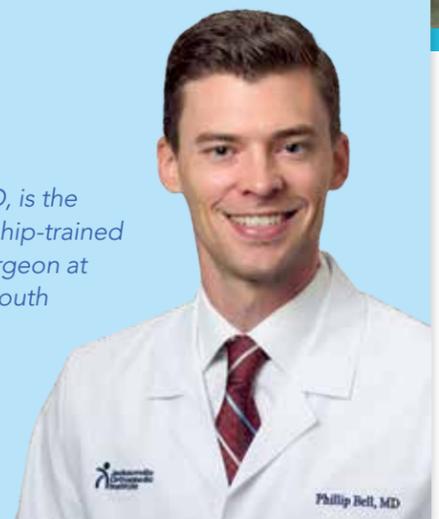
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## March 1

### Dealing with dementia

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.  
Brookdale Crown Point, 10050 Old St. Augustine Rd.  
Lunch served. RSVP (904) 288-8700

## March 2 - 3

### Dollar Clothing and Jewelry Sale

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friday / 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Saturday  
Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road

## March 3

### Parish Bingo

6:45 p.m.  
St. Joseph's Cody Center  
Open to community; (904) 742-8777

### Mandarin Republican Club breakfast meeting

10 a.m.  
Golden Corral, 11470 San Jose Blvd.  
rmclean1@bellsouth.net

### 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)

### 1911 Historic Mandarin Store and Post Office open

12 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
12471 Mandarin Road  
www.mandarinmuseum.net or (904) 268-0784

## March 4

### Under the Oaks music jam

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Mandarin Museum, 11964 Mandarin Road  
www.mandarinmuseum.net

## March 5

### Community Meeting for DCPS Superintendent Search

6 p.m.  
Wolfson High School, 7000 Powers Ave.

## March 6 - April 10

### Genealogy 101 workshop

Tuesdays, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 11951 Old St. Augustine Road  
Free; Register at (904) 923-5610 or joel.w.warner@gmail.com

## March 6

### Shuffleboard

1:30 p.m. (repeating event on Tuesdays)  
Mandarin Park, next to tennis courts at park entrance  
Just show up unless it rains

### Honeybee Quilt Guild

6:30 p.m.  
Mandarin Presbyterian Church, 11844 Mandarin Rd.  
www.honeybeequilters.org (Repeats first Tuesday of each month)

## March 8

### 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  
**Mandarin Council networking luncheon**

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Bonefish Grill, 10950 San Jose Blvd.  
www.mandarinCouncil.org

### Magnolia Circle of the Mandarin Garden Club

10 a.m.  
Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road  
(904) 260-2764; mandaringardenclub.org  
**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

## March 10

### Female a capella quartet, The Buzz

7 p.m.  
Mandarin Presbyterian Church, 2501 Loretto Rd.  
Free event; www.mandarinpres.com

### 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.dosafi.com/outreach/catholic-writers-guild/ or writerrod@comcast.net

### Mandarin Museum and St. Joseph's Mission Schoolhouse for African-American Children open

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (repeating event on Saturdays)  
Walter Jones Historical Park, 11964 Mandarin Road  
www.mandarinmuseum.net

## March 15

### Cherokee Rose Circle of the Mandarin Garden Club

10 a.m.  
Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road  
(904) 260-2764; mandaringardenclub.org  
**Attracting birds to your yard with native plants, presented by Florida Naturalist Gary Whiting**  
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Wild Birds Unlimited Store, 450 State Road 13N  
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## March 16

### Line Dancing

10 a.m. (repeating event on Fridays)  
First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd.  
bootsbarb194@comcast.net

## March 17

### Free Tools to Quit Smoking class

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Mayo Clinic Primary Care  
Call Northeast Florida AHEC to register (904) 482-0189

### 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

### Mandarin Toastmasters meeting

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

# around town

## April 14 About Boating Safely course

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Palm Valley Community Center, 148 Canal Blvd.  
RSVP to U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 14-4, (904) 955-7077

## April 21 Duck Race - Making a Splash for Autism

9:30 a.m. gate opens/race at 10:30 a.m.  
Adventure Landing, 1944 Beach Blvd.  
https://jaxduckrace.org

## April 21 McGala 2018 to benefit Ronald McDonald House

6 p.m.  
www.RMHJacksonville.org/events/mc gala

## April 21 14th annual Katie Ride, benefiting the Katie Caples Foundation's organ donor education and awareness raising programs

7:45 a.m.  
Atlantic Recreation Center, Fernandina Beach  
https://katiecaplesfoundation.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=535

## April 30 Katelyn's Champions for St. Jude Golf Classic

10:30 a.m.  
St. Johns Golf and Country Club  
www.stjude.org/get-involved/find-an-event/dinners-and-galas/katelyns-champions.html

## March 17 - 18

### Jacksonville Orchid Society show and sale

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday  
The Garden Club of Jacksonville, 1005 Riverside Dr.  
Jaxorchidsociety.org

## March 19

### All Star Quilt Guild

9:45 a.m.  
First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd.  
www.orgsites.com/fl/allstartquiltguild or (904) 502-5254

## March 20

### Dogwood Circle of the Mandarin Garden Club

10 a.m.  
Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road  
(904) 260-2764; mandaringardenclub.org

## March 21

### River City Women's Club luncheon featuring Julia Shartzter

10:30 a.m.  
Ramada Inn Mandarin, 3130 Hartley Road  
RSVP to Florence, (904) 262-8719

## March 22

### Mandarin Women's Club with guest speaker Emily Lisska, former executive director, Jacksonville Historical Society

10:30 am  
Ramada Inn Mandarin, 3130 Hartley Road  
RSVP by March. 15; gerimarch23@gmail.com or (904) 993-7649

### Live Oak Circle of the Mandarin Garden Club

7 p.m.  
Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road

### (904) 260-2764; mandaringardenclub.org Mandarin Council monthly breakfast

8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
Bonefish Grill, 10950 San Jose Blvd.  
www.mandarinCouncil.org

## March 24

### American Pride Chili Cook Off to benefit Fleet Reserve Association

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Fleet Reserve Association, 5391 Collins Road  
\$5 for tasting kit; www.americanpridechilicookoff.com

### Easter Musical

7 p.m.  
Mandarin United Methodist Church, 11270 San Jose Blvd.  
www.mumc.net

## March 27

### "Mandarin Women in a Howling Wilderness," a presentation on early 19th century Mandarin women by Emily Lisska

7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Mandarin Branch Library

## March 29

### Town Hall Meeting with City Councilman Matt Schellenberg

6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
South Mandarin Library

## March 31 - April 1

### 50th annual Mandarin Art Festival

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Mandarin Community Club, 12447 Mandarin Road  
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with Jacksonville City Council Member Matt Schellenberg (District 6)

**Q: What can you tell us about all the trees being taken down on Orange Picker Road?**

A: KB Homes has bought this parcel of land with intent to build houses on it. I am distraught and appalled, like many other Mandarin residents, that they have already cut down so many trees. They are having to contribute approximately \$320,000 to a mitigation fund, but I don't feel this is a fair amount.

**Q: Can anything else be done?**

A: Well, as some history, this property was rezoned about a year and a half ago.

The purchaser at that time indicated they would contribute a substantial amount of funds to Flynn Park, which is next to the property and would be very good for the community. Unfortunately, this buyer fell through and KB Homes is now the purchaser. I am reaching out to them to see if they will agree to substantially upgrade Flynn Park as well as plant many more beautiful trees on the property.

**Q: The potential sale of JEA is a hot topic right now (Feb. 15). Can you give us your thoughts?**

A: There is great anxiety about poten-

tially selling JEA. My position is that we need to know all the information. Why would we sell, what its value is, what are we getting now and what are the benefits of selling? We would need to consider if, in the short term as well as the long term, there would be benefit to the citizens. Then, we should have a thoughtful dialogue with all interested parties including the citizens of District 6. I have a general Town Hall meeting set for 6 p.m. at the South Mandarin Library and we could discuss this at that time. I feel that depending on the price we could get, we should consider selling it, but only if

it makes financial sense. One thing that should be considered in addition is if the city is getting a fair return at this point on JEA. That should definitely be part of the conversation. And if we do decide to sell it, I have introduced legislation to prevent the City Council from spending all the sale proceeds in one year.

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

A: Community members can email me at MattS@coj.net or call (904) 630-1388.

## "My Fair Lady" debuts in March at Northeast Florida Conservatory

By NewsLine Staff  
mail@floridanewsline.com

Northeast Florida Conservatory's first show of 2018 is "My Fair Lady," which opens on March 16. Based on George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," the show features the witty book and lyrics of Alan Jay Lerner and music by Frederick Loewe.

Andrew Ocean plays Henry Higgins, an arrogant, outspoken phoneticist, who bets that he can change the speech of a Cockney flower girl, Eliza Doolittle, so that she can pass as a lady. Alyssa Billings and Ella Kemna share the role of Eliza.

As Eliza progresses in her transition, she acquires a suitor, Freddie Eynsford-Hill, who sings the haunting ballad "On the Street Where You Live." A cast of other unique characters rounds out the production, which is full of humor and favorite melodies.

The show is directed by Richard Dickson, who also conducts the live orchestra, a unique feature in Northeast Florida for every Northeast Florida Conservatory production. Juanelle Marshall, known for her costuming in "Hello, Dolly," is

in charge of the lavish costumes for the production and Jodie Jernigan, who has danced in many Northeast Florida Conservatory productions, is the choreographer.

Northeast Florida Conservatory is a non-profit organization that sponsors Laura's Friends, which provides free music lessons primarily to children, but also to a few adults, who are unable to afford music lessons. As a community arts center, it is also affiliated with the Jacksonville Fine Arts Forum, National Guild for Community Arts Education, American Association of Community Theatre and other associations.

*"My Fair Lady" will be on stage March 16 - 25 with Friday and Saturday night show times at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday show times at 2 p.m. All seats at all shows are \$20 and tickets can be purchased online at [www.ShowTixNow.com](http://www.ShowTixNow.com) or at the Conservatory, located at 11363 San Jose Blvd. in Bldg. 200 near the Mandarin Road intersection. Special arrangements can be made for wheelchairs, walkers and other special needs. Call (904) 374-8639 for more information.*

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

**Q: A big topic at this time (Feb. 15) has been the potential for privatizing JEA. Can you explain some potential pros and cons as you see them?**

A: First of all, this is a very complex issue. JEA is the largest public utility in the country. I would say a pro for selling it is that the city would get out of the utility business — and as technology becomes more advanced, the private sector may be better able to handle it. Also, we would get a big chunk of money from a sale. Conversely, we would be losing the franchise fee in lieu of taxes that the city receives from JEA, essentially an income stream to the city. In the event of a sale, once the chunk of money received is spent, it's gone and we wouldn't have the income stream.

**Q: The City Council would have to vote to sell JEA. Do you think there will be a vote coming any time soon?**

A: No. I imagine we would probably have new council members by the time we would get to a vote. A number of entities are involved and details must be considered, but nothing would be done without transparency to the public. I believe the time may be fine for us to

determine the value of JEA, but now we need to move on to other things.

**Q: Do you have an update on the second rollout of the human trafficking provisions, which state that hotels and motels must now also comply with signage requirements?**

A: In Duval County, 315 additional businesses have been identified as needing to register and meet the human trafficking bill requirements. As of mid-January, 135 businesses have registered and notifications are being sent to the remainder again this month.

**Q: Do you have any update on the JTA Complete Streets Project?**

A: This initiative will improve public access and mobility. Along Mandarin Road, underway are the construction of sidewalks and relocation of some utility lines. The next step is excavation for drainage swales and driveways. The project is slated for completion in April 2018.

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

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



with Duval School Board Member, District 7, Lori Hershey

**Q: Do you have any updates on the search for the new superintendent of schools?**

A: The school board selected Hazard Young Attea Associates to head the superintendent search. There are a total of 10 community input meetings scheduled across the district, including a meeting at Wolfson High School on March 5 at 6 p.m. All residents are invited to attend. The board intends to have a new superintendent in place by July.

**Q: What is the latest on the potential implementation of a school zone in front of Twin Lakes Academy Elementary?**

A: I am pleased to announce that two signs calling for a reduced speed have been erected near the entrance to the school and pavement markings along the road from the exit of the car loop have also been completed. These should help with student safety.



Photo courtesy Lori Hershey  
New sign at Twin Lakes Academy Elementary

**Q: Do you have any similar updates for student transportation safety in Mandarin?**

A: Yes. I alerted Superintendent Patricia Willis about safety concerns at the bus stop located at Hartley and Hampton

roads in Mandarin. She directed Leslee Russell, Director of Transportation to investigate and a transportation coordinator was placed at the bus stop in late January to observe. The motor vehicle traffic was extremely heavy that morning, and based on this a bus stop was added at Hampton Road and Whalers Way for students living on the north side of Hartley Road — which means students no longer have to cross Hartley Road to catch the bus. The new bus stop took effect on Jan. 31.

**Q: It is legislative session and almost election season. Is there anything you would like parents to be aware of in this area?**

A: I would like to encourage the public to pay attention to the revisions being proposed by the Constitutional Revision Committee. These revisions will be on the upcoming ballot and have the potential to limit our representative government in the state of Florida and reduce local control on many issues.

**Q: Do you have any other District 7 updates?**

A: I would like to congratulate Atlantic Coast art students Justin Luong, Trinity Roebuck, Roxanne Olesen, Jonathan Weiss, and Victoria Ross, who won the Wyland Foundation Mural Challenge. Their mural will be featured at Adventure Landing.

**Q: How can our readers contact you?**

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

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**Briefs**

**Miss Aggie Day at Historic Mandarin Store and Post Office, March 3**

The recipient of the 2018 Miss Aggie Award will be honored on Miss Aggie

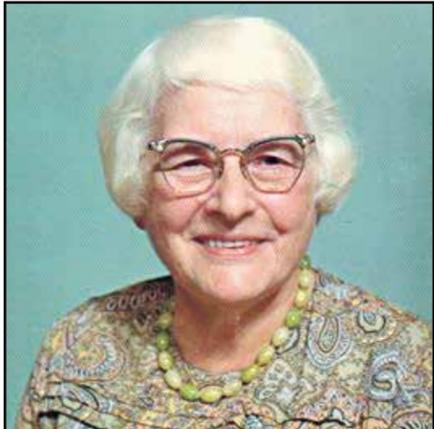


Photo courtesy Mandarin Museum & Historical Society  
Agnes Jones, Postmistress of Mandarin 1928 - 1964

Day, which will be held on Saturday, March 3, at the Store and Post Office, 12471 Mandarin Road, from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Moon Pies and RC Cola will be served. This award is given by the Mandarin Museum & Historical Society annually to person who has contributed greatly to the community of Mandarin in the areas of business, civic, educational or charitable accomplishment. It is given in honor of Agnes Jones, Mandarin Postmistress from 1928 - 1964. Visit [www.mandarinmuseum.net](http://www.mandarinmuseum.net) or call the museum at (904) 268-0784 for more information.

**Mandarin Toastmasters to hold Open House**

Mandarin Toastmasters will host an Open House and potluck on March 17, starting at 10:30 a.m. at the South Mandarin Library. This is a special event, as Toastmasters only host them twice a year, so the atmosphere is light-hearted and fun.

Open Houses are usually run like normal meetings, so any curious attendees can see how things are done, and ask questions. Most of the officers will be in attendance and will be standing by to help in any way they can. The members enjoy these more relaxed events and are welcoming of visitors.

If you are curious about Toastmasters and want to learn more and take advantage of some stellar cooking, stop by. Toastmasters meets the first and third Saturday of each month at the South Mandarin Branch Library at 10:30 a.m. Visit [mandarintoastmasters.org](http://mandarintoastmasters.org) for more information.

**Mandarin Women's Club welcomes Emily Lisska**

The Mandarin Women's Club's March 22 program will feature guest speaker Emily Lisska. She is the former executive director of the Jacksonville Historical Society and will speak about notable women from North Florida who made significant contributions to history. The Mandarin Women's Club meets at the Ramada Inn in Mandarin. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and the cost of the lunch is \$17. Reservations must be made no later than one week prior to this event; contact Geri at [gerimarch23@gmail.com](mailto:gerimarch23@gmail.com) or call (904) 933-7649. Visit [www.mandarinwomensclub.com](http://www.mandarinwomensclub.com) for more information on events, photos, and membership forms.

**Rotary Club of Mandarin has busy first half of Rotary year**

The Rotary Club of Mandarin recently concluded the first half of the Rotary year.

In July 2017, several members traveled to Horquetas, Costa Rica to continue their work in conjunction with 6:8 ministries at the Children's Ranch.

They brought books, blankets, health and beauty items, donations and their commitment, love and labor. July also afforded many of members an opportunity to bowl in the fundraiser for the Blue Dolphins Special Olympic Swim Team.

In August, the group welcomed an inbound exchange student, who will live with a series of host families and attend a local high school before returning home in June 2018.

In October the club participated in an event at Topgolf in support of Field of Dreams in St. Johns County. Field of Dreams is a specially designed baseball field that allows special needs children the opportunity to play baseball. Also in October, members worked with the Mandarin Museum and Historical Society replanting the grounds from the damage left by Hurricane Irma.

The Rotary Club of Mandarin has members who are architects and contractors and builds several wheelchair ramps a year. November marked the first one of the new Rotary year. In November and December the club worked with the Mandarin Food Bank to assist residents in need of food.

Each December the group looks forward to volunteering with the Salvation Army Red Kettle Team to accept donations for the great work they do.

Now the club looks forward to the second half of the Rotary year filled with commitment and enthusiasm.

**Ramsgate Homeowners Association holds annual meeting**

The Ramsgate Homeowners Association was pleased to host guest speakers Richard Leon, arborist with the City of

Jacksonville and Gary Dickinson of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office at its annual meeting held last month. The election of officers for 2018 also took place.

The Ramsgate Homeowners Association was organized in 1986 making it one of the oldest homeowner associations in Mandarin. Membership is voluntary, but is encouraged of all 264 homes in the subdivision.

**Mandarin Community Club seeks members**

The Mandarin Community Club continues its 2018 membership drive. Part of the community since 1923, membership is open to all interested parties. There are several different membership levels, including one for businesses.



Photo courtesy Mandarin Community Club  
Mandarin Community Club

Membership forms can be found in the information box in front of the club building (12447 Mandarin Road) or visit [www.mandaincommunityclub.org](http://www.mandaincommunityclub.org) to download one. The club table located in front of the main building during the 50th annual Mandarin Art Festival scheduled for Easter weekend, March 31 - April 1, will also have membership forms available.



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## Audiology practice changes hands

Audiologist Dr. Leslie Staverman with Arthur Faull and audiologist Dr. Rosann Faull at the Fond Farewell/Celebration of New Beginnings open house on Feb. 16. Dr. Staverman has purchased Dr. Faull's audiology and hearing health practice upon the retirement of Dr. Faull. The practice will be renamed Staverman Hearing Centers. Dr. Staverman, who received her Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.) from Arizona School of Health Sciences, has been providing hearing health care for more than 25 years. Dr. Faull began the original practice at 12276 San Jose Blvd., Suite 710 in 2009 and is now taking the time to enjoy traveling throughout the United States with her husband, Arthur Faull.



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## Remodeled ballroom space unveiled at local hotel

The Ramada Hotel and Conference Center, a full-service hotel located in the Mandarin, revealed its newly remodeled ballroom space to the public during a grand reopening celebration on Feb. 8. Guests at the event were entertained with a tour of the new space, live music, a signature recipe presentation by the hotel's Executive Chef, and event décor ideas courtesy of the event and sales' team. The Ramada Mandarin revamped its ballroom space with new flooring, fresh paint, updated lighting and new seating, following a more modern, updated theme. The Ramada Hotel and Conference of Mandarin has been privately owned and operated since 1984. The hotel also houses and operates GiGi's Restaurant, The Comedy Zone, and 10,000 square feet of ballroom space. Pictured is owner and general manager Fred Pozin at the grand reopening celebration.



Photo courtesy Ramada Hotel and Conference Center

## Mandarin Garden Club learns about herbs and plans for events

By Betty Waldrep  
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On a cold day in January, Linda Cunningham, owner of Cunningham's Herbs, presented a program at Mandarin Garden Club on herbal oils

and vinegars. Cunningham has vast knowledge and experience in growing and using herbs and is a recipient of the International Herb Association Service Award for outstanding contributions to that organization. She is a Jacksonville resident and

opens her property to the public for three different herb festivals in April, December, and May. Visit her Facebook page, Cunningham's Herbs, for information and dates for her festivals.

The Annual \$1 Clothing and Jewelry Sale will be held Friday, March 2 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Saturday, March 3 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. The sale will

feature gently used clothing for women, men and children as well as purses, shoes, belts, scarves, gloves, socks, and beachwear. The boutique will be open

featuring evening wear, designer clothes, jackets and sweaters. The items in this area will cost more than \$1. The club collects jewelry all year long from its members and friends to sell at this sale.

The club's annual Plant Sale will be held on April 28 from 8

a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road. All of the plants at the sale have been grown by club members and Master Gardeners. The event will also feature gardening-related vendors outside the club selling their wares. The Garden Cafe will be open with baked goods and free coffee and the Masons, will be on site selling a BBQ lunch.



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Autumn Beth Vaughn, Earth Bar Wellness; Sandra Varner, Magnolia Circle Leader; and Linda Cunningham, Cunningham's Herbs.



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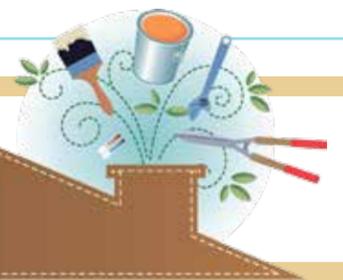
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# HOME IMPROVEMENT GUIDE



## Gardening

*Spring is in the air*

By Master Gardener Lesley Arrandale  
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As January came to a close, the weather was fairly seasonal, but we had two really cold spells. With luck and some protection many of your plants will have survived — even if their tops are looking bedraggled — so don't give up on them and don't prune them before they begin to flush out in spring. Clean up dead foliage of bulbs and gingers if you like, but leave any material that comes from below ground or from the neck of bulbs; we need to prevent water getting down into those bulbs and rhizomes, which would promote rot.

Now, in early February, I am thinking about a summer garden. (Unfortunately Hurricane Irma foiled my chances of a cool season garden, as we had no water for several months.) I'm looking forward to establishing some transplants in our raised beds and using my drip system again. As always, I'll refer to the Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide (<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/vh021>), and our county newsletter A New Leaf (<http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/media/sfyli-fasufledu/duval/horticulture/homownerhort-pdfx27s/January---February-2018.pdf>). Seed catalogs are a good source of information about new varieties, but take care to make sure they are suited to our region.

Since the last week in January, I've been seeing flocks of robins around town, and have had intriguing glimpses of winter visitors — those hard to identify pretty little warblers in particular. And I'm pretty sure my yard had a visit from either an immature or a female Baltimore oriole. In among the robins there may be some elegant cedar waxwings. Both species like fruit, and the (unfortunately rather weedy) Carolina cherry laurel is a favorite, as well as the loquat or Japanese plum. Loquat fruits are tasty for both humans and birds, but once a flock of cedar waxwings finds them there will be precious few left. One of the more recognizable warblers is the yellow-rumped warbler, an insect eater. They also love suet, and it's

an ideal time to set this out when insects aren't so readily available. You may continue feeding commercial suet throughout the year, which is rendered and bacteria free, but in our climate it doesn't hold up well. It will attract woodpeckers, wrens, brown thrashers, and cardinals, to name just a few.

Looking around town, camellias, specifically *Camellia japonica* varieties, have come into their own, their blooms brightening up the somewhat somber evergreen shrubs. The early winter blooming types are *Camellia sasanqua*, and their flowers are equally beautiful. Ideally new plants

da flame azalea (*Rhododendron austrinum*) are deciduous, and those with fragrant flowers make a particularly delightful contribution to the spring garden.

Redbuds (*Cercis canadensis*) have begun blooming, and the maples too, which are both good food sources for bees. The winter flowering tea olive (*Osmanthus fragrans*) is another potential food source, but I love it for the perfume alone. One grows near the corner of my house, and I intend to find something equally as scented for other areas of my yard. Possible contenders include the old fashioned banana shrub, Michelia (or Magnolia)



Photo by MetroCreative

should be installed November to February, but with care camellias can be established in late spring. For details on culture and varieties, see <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep002>. It won't be long before our azaleas make a showing. The newer "Encore" varieties bloom in flushes throughout the year, although not always profusely, and are well worth considering. See <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/mg019> for culture and care, and brief descriptions of our native azaleas. Most native species, like the Flori-

figo, wild olive or devilwood, *Osmanthus americanus*, and sweetshrub, *Calycanthus floridus* (apparently "Michael Lindsey" is wonderfully fragrant and has beautiful, shiny leaves, see <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/fp095>). Scented perennials include butterfly ginger, dianthus, phlox, and moonflowers (*Datura spp.*). Yesterday-today-and-tomorrow (*Brunfelsia grandiflora*) is a deciduous shrub to about six to eight feet. It is easy to grow and has attractive mid-green foliage, but the pretty lavender-fading-to-white flowers are powerfully scented, and, to me, it can be overpowering.

Our average last frost date is around March 20, but that can depend on your own microclimate. Stay watchful, read the next March/April edition of A New Leaf (<http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/duval/new-leaf-newsletter/>) for those timely tips and information on upcoming Extension programs, and have a happy spring.

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# Community comes together for Jax Book Fest and Women's History Month

By Kaylee Burke  
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Calling all writers, educators, and book lovers of all ages! The Jacksonville Public Library will host the second annual Jax Book Fest at the Main Library downtown on Saturday, March 3, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The event, which had more than 3,000 people in attendance last year, will include New York Times best-selling authors Nicola Yoon, Kimberla Lawson Roby and Brenda Jackson.

At Jax Book Fest, you can meet and mingle with more than 100 local and best-selling authors, attend author talks and presentations, and purchase your favorite authors' books. San Marco Books and More will set up shop in the library to sell books, souvenirs and more. This event is free and open to the public. Visit [jaxbookfest.org](http://jaxbookfest.org) for a full schedule and more information.



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With activities, author workshops, and books for all ages, Jax Book Fest is an event the whole family will enjoy.

From writing contemporary literature to pioneering in aviation to fighting for equality, women have left — and continue to leave — their mark on the world. During Women's History Month, Mandarin and South Mandarin libraries honor the achievements of women with special programs.

Mandarin Library Book Club will meet on March 1 at 1 p.m. at Mandarin Branch Library to discuss Kelli Estes' novel, "The Girl Who Wrote in Silk," a USA Today best-seller. Based on true events, Estes tells the story of two women, one past and one present, whose worlds become intertwined.

Amelia Earhart and Eleanor Roosevelt are two women you might be familiar with, but did you know that these influential ladies were friends who both had a love for flying? Children aged five – 12 can take flight with Amelia and Eleanor at Books and Bricks this month. Kids will build their way through a moment in history that is often times forgotten. Books and Bricks will be held at Mandarin Branch Library on March 13 from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. and at South Mandarin library on March 27 from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

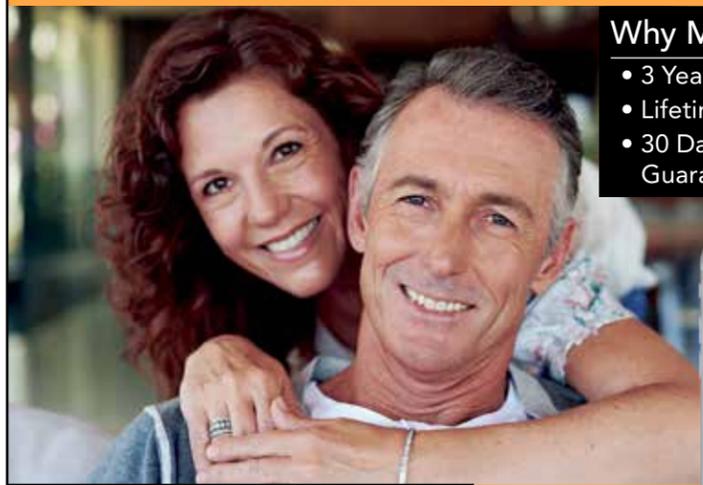
If you haven't already heard, the hidden rock craze is a simple and fun way to spread kindness throughout our city. Learn It at Your Library this month will supply everything you need to create your very own little rocks to hide around town to make someone's day a little brighter. Join your friends at Mandarin library on March 12 at 1 p.m. to get started.

Although Mardi Gras has passed, South Mandarin library is taking a quick trip to the Big Easy on March 20 from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. for some belated fun. ARTrageous this month is filled with the spirit and sounds of New Orleans. Kids aged five – 12 can read about jazz musician and producer Trombone Shorty, and create instruments of their own to play.

Find information about additional upcoming events at Mandarin and South Mandarin branch libraries at [jaxpubliclibrary.org/events](http://jaxpubliclibrary.org/events) or call the Mandarin Branch Library at (904) 262-5201 or the South Mandarin Branch Library at (904) 288-6385.

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What does it mean to be gifted? There's often a misconception about the label. By definition, gifted does not mean "easy to teach." Students who are gifted may struggle in certain areas of school and excel in others. They might not even be "A" students. It does mean that a student has an advanced capacity to learn and apply knowledge in a particular area, whether it's academic, artistic, athletic or social.

"We encourage our students to pursue their passions," explains Caitlin O'Keefe, Director of Education and Curriculum at San Jose Episcopal Day School (SJEDS).

As Head of School, Lori Menger began a professional development initiative to provide faculty with hands-on training in differentiated instruction. For three years, SJEDS faculty worked with Dr. Christine Weber, Associate Professor of Childhood at the University of North Florida, an expert in differentiation and gifted instruction. The faculty has continued their gifted education professional development through The Schultz Center, completing five courses on their own time, as a cost-effective way of providing high-quality training.

Kindergarten teacher Kathy Balek, who received her gifted endorsement in 2014, points out an example of how differentiated learning has benefitted her students.

"I had a student who, during the first few weeks of school, demonstrated that he had already mastered kindergarten math skills," she said. "Because I have the autonomy to tailor instruction in my classroom for each individual student, we



Photo courtesy San Jose Episcopal Day School. Creativity abounds in Kathy Balek's kindergarten classroom.

spent his kindergarten year successfully working through the first grade math curriculum."

The training also provided insight into the importance of creativity. Creative giftedness, which can often be overlooked, is just as powerful academic giftedness. Creativity can manifest itself in talent such as performing or fine arts or in creative thought such as humor.

"There are comedians in our society making millions of dollars. Look at Jimmy Fallon," said Menger. "People with that kind of gift might not have been the best math student or had the best science fair project, but there's value in what they do."

Creativity is an important tool for teachers as well.

"As teachers, we can't let it go by the wayside. The more creativity we use in class, the more the students will get out of it," said sixth grade language arts teacher Shannon Nunley.

"As a teacher, it is fulfilling to empower kids and help light that lifelong spark," Menger said. "All that we're doing, through differentiation and Think Tank, our school-wide enrichment program, provides real, authentic learning experiences. And that sticks with kids better than multiple choice tests."

*Mandy Intravaia is with San Jose Episcopal Day School.*

## School Briefs

### St. Joseph NJHS focus on books and reading

Earlier this school year, the St. Joseph Catholic School National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) hosted the annual book collection. Together, as a school, students accumulated more than 2,109 books, which were all donated to the UF Trauma Center in Jacksonville. While donating these books, students were also given a tour of the facility by several staff members.

Of the many school projects undertaken by the National Junior Honor



Photo courtesy Theresa Twisdale. St. Joseph Catholic School National Junior Honor Society members with books they collected for donation to UF Trauma Center.

Society, reading to Pre-K through third grade students really stood out for members of the organization. Each NJHS member was assigned to a class and had the option to dress up and portray the main characters in the books they read to each grade.

### Crown Point celebrates 100th day of school

On Monday, Feb. 5, kindergarten students at Crown Point Elementary School celebrated the 100th day of school. They had lots of fun with all



Photo courtesy Mary J. Elyer. Teacher Aylin Kelley with her kindergarten students.

activities centered on the number 100. The students spent the entire day working on grouping and counting snacks of 100, decorating 100th day hats, reading, and writing about what they would look like when they're 100 years old.

### School raises funds for Healing Hearts Project

River City Science Academy (RCSA) Mandarin celebrated Valentine's Day by giving back. The Community Service Club hosted a dress down day which raised \$537.35 for the Healing Hearts Project, a local nonprofit run by parents and caregivers dedicated to helping families affected by congenital heart disease.

Congenital heart disease, a heart defect, affects 1 in 100 babies born. Healing Hearts makes it their mission to support families during and after diagnosis with a support system, donated meals, and the Heart Cart. The Heart Cart travels around Nemours Hospital, offering comfort to the patients and families on the cardiac floor. Mandarin students also collected supplies for this cart including snacks, coffee and toiletries.



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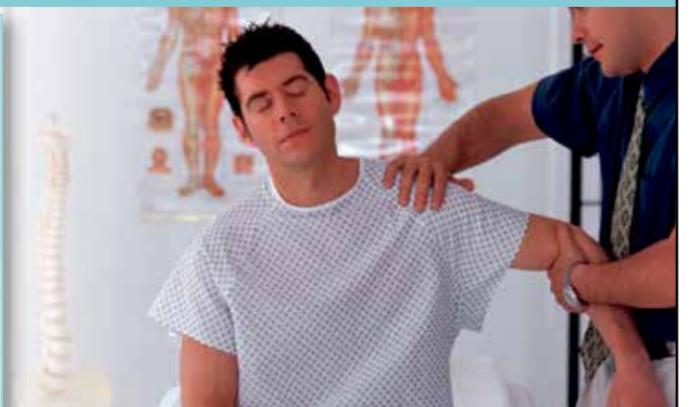
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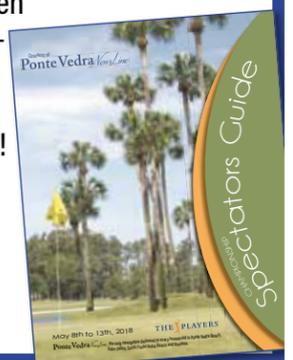
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## Get to Know . . .

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### Grace Skinner



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Grace Skinner

Grace Skinner grew up traveling a lot with her family because her father was in the Air Force. At 18 years old, Skinner made the move from Scotts Air Force Base in Illinois to Daytona Beach. She spent eight years in Daytona Beach before becoming a Jacksonville resident around 1998.

Her career led her to becoming a manager at Carrot Top, a former health food store in the Jacksonville area. It was there that Skinner learned about clean, natural food. She became passionate about researching holistic nutrition and food combining for optimal nutrition and digestion.

Skinner went on to become a licensed massage therapist and a certified personal trainer. She has worked in salons and spas offering deep tissue therapy, facials and other services. For the past 18 years, Skinner has worked for the San Jose Country Club members and also non-member guests. Epping Forest Yacht Club has also been a staple in her massage therapy career for 15 years.

Skinner has one daughter and four grandchildren who all reside in Peachtree City, Ga. Her father also moved to Jacksonville 20 years ago and her sister joined them here four years ago. Happy to have some family nearby and a career she is passionate about, Skinner is proud to call Mandarin home.

**1. What do you enjoy most about living in Mandarin?**

Mandarin is a very vibrant area. It's country in the city. I love the beauty

and it's just a comfortable place to live.

**2. What do you enjoy most about the work you do?**

When I hear from or see people that I've had the pleasure of giving the advice and tools to that helped them become a more healthy version of themselves — that is the best thing. Giving people the tools empowers them to take control over their body. Education is the most important aspect of what I do. Education for myself that I pass it along to those that I work with. I love teaching others to pay attention to their body, their breathing, and also helping older adults with their balance and strength.

**3. If you could give people one piece of advice as a first step in their journey to becoming more healthy, what would it be?**

Start with food. Try to only shop the outer aisles of the grocery store for the meat, veggies and fruits and stay away from the processed foods. When you put good food into your body, you'll feel better and your mind will feel better, then you'll feel like exercising more. It all goes hand in hand.

**4. What are your hobbies outside of work?**

I enjoy organic gardening. I like to grow my own food and my garden is growing constantly. I was first inspired

to have a garden when I was on a trip to Bosnia and Croatia. Everyone there has a beautiful garden with fresh vegetables on the table. I am having a squirrel problem right now, so I need to build something to protect my food plants. I have a carpenter friend that is actually from Bosnia that I am going to have build me a greenhouse or something else to protect the garden. I'm licensed by the Department of Agriculture for a nursery; I have a lot of plants. I also enjoy going to the gym, staying active in church and traveling.

**5. If you could only have one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?**

Fruit. I love all fruit. Pineapple, kiwi, oranges, mangos, melons, I can't choose just one. It's all natural sugar, so the body knows what to do with it.

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**Naval Academy** cont. from pg. 1

second lieutenants in the Marine Corps and serve for at least five years. Tillo enjoys math and plans to major in Operations Research.

Born and raised in Jacksonville, Tillo is excited about the journey he will soon embark on.

"I'm looking forward to facing the challenge. The school has pretty high expectations, academically and physically," Tillo said.

Tillo enjoys playing golf, tennis and working out in his free time. His parents, Tim and Janice Tillo, and his three older sisters are supportive and proud of his accomplishments.

"I made my decision based on the support of my family and knowing all the details going in. I'm anxious to get started," Tillo said.

He will begin studies at the Naval Academy on June 28, 2018, just a short time after graduating from Mandarin High School.

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# Timucuan Longhouse of Jacksonville attends Icemen hockey game

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On a recent crisp day, members of the Timucuan Longhouse of Jacksonville strapped on their ice skates and joined the Jacksonville Icemen for an afternoon of professional hockey. Event organizer Scott "Iron Wolf" Klueppel gathered almost 150 members of the organization who participated in the first Longhouse event of the new year.



Photos courtesy Brian Quirk  
The Crockwater family

zation were adorned with their tribal shirts and colorful vests.

During one of the intermissions, the extremely popular "Chuck A Puck" occurred. Hundreds of foam pucks showered down upon the ice as each participant was anxious to see if they could win the prizes. The Longhouse's own Iron Wolf was able to get his puck in the bowl and take home the prizes.

All in all it was a great afternoon of family entertainment. The Timucuan Longhouse of Jacksonville is part of a national organization called Native Sons and Daughters, which is a father/child program geared towards children five to 12 years old and revolves around a structured North American Indian theme. The focus is forming a lifelong bond between the parent and child. There are events where whole families are invited and others (Longhouses) where a parent and child attend. Native Sons and Daughters is not a drop-off program; parental involvement is required.

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Once inside the arena, a nip in the air was felt by all in attendance. Ice hockey is a growing sport down in the deep south and the Icemen are in their first year of playing in the East Coast Hockey League. One by one the braves and princesses saw their faces on the Jumbotron as the Timucuan Longhouse was the featured organization for the game. Shooting Snake (son) and



Flaming Arrow, Iron Wolf and Flash of Lighting

Singing Bird (daughter) of the Holger Schmidt family danced and shouted to the music. Also in attendance was Nation Chief Charlie Rocheleau "Crockwater" and his family. His brave, Fast Red Bird and his princess, Dancing Bear were nothing but smiles the entire game. Many members of the organi-

# The Pantry Raiders

## Potato bread for Patty's Day

By NewsLine Staff  
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St. Patrick's Day might be more widely associated with pints of Guinness than Irish cuisine, but that does not mean revelers cannot indulge in some tasty food this March 17. Those with a day of celebration ahead may want to start their day off with this recipe for Irish Potato Bread from Linda Collister's "Quick Breads" (Ryland, Peters & Small). The bread can be served alongside a pile of bacon and just-cooked eggs to make for a delicious, hearty breakfast.

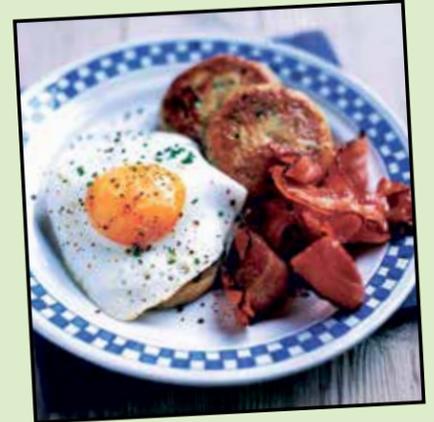


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Irish Potato Bread

### Irish Potato Bread

(Makes 8/Serves 4)

- 1 ¾ cups smooth mashed potatoes (1 very large cooked potato or 2 medium)
- ¾ cup self-rising flour
- ¼ teaspoon powdered mustard
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- Several grinds of black pepper
- 1 tbsp. snipped chives or 2 tsp. chopped parsley
- 1 extra-large egg, beaten
- Butter for frying

Mix the mashed potatoes with the flour, mustard, salt, pepper, and herbs. Do this with a wooden spoon, not a food processor (otherwise, you'll get a gluey mess). Work in the beaten egg to make a firm dough. If it is very soft and sticky, work in a little more flour.

Turn out the dough onto a floured work surface, flour your hands, then knead the dough once or twice to make a smooth ball. Divide the dough into eight equal portions and shape each one into a small cake, about 2 ½ inches across.

When ready to cook, heat a little butter in a large heavy skillet, preferably nonstick, and cook the breads over medium heat for about 7 minutes on each side, until they turn good golden brown and are slightly puffed. Serve immediately.



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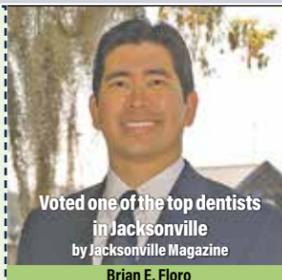
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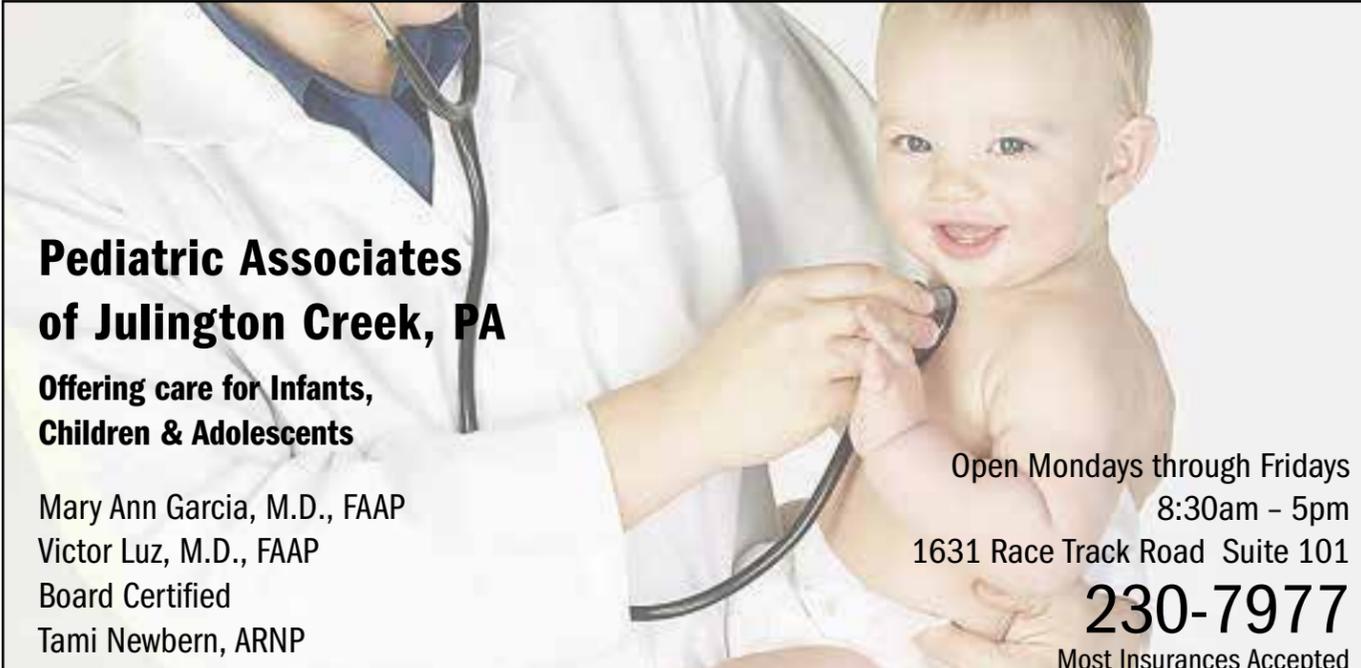
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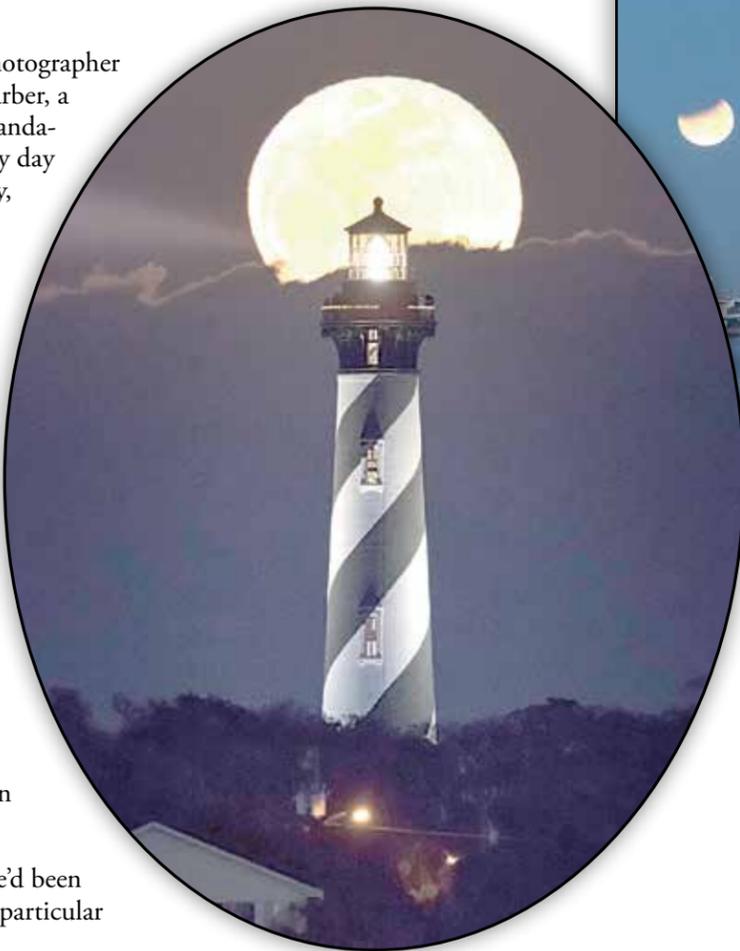
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## Local photographer makes a day of photographing the moon

Master photographer **M**olis Garber, a resident of Mandarin, had a busy day on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018 when he traveled to two different Northeast Florida locations to capture the partial lunar eclipse moonset and sunrise in the morning over Jacksonville and then the moonrise that evening in St. Augustine.

Garber said he'd been planning this particular



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Partial lunar eclipse moonset Wednesday morning, Jan. 31 over Jacksonville.

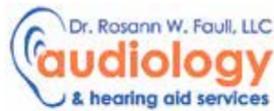
event for six months, which included researching full moon shooting locations and gaining permission to be onsite at Episcopal School at 4 a.m. for the Jacksonville photo (taken at about 7:15 a.m.) and then permission to be at River House after hours for the St. Augustine photo about 12 hours later. Additionally, he had to spend days testing lenses and cameras (a 70 – 200mm

lens with a setting of about 165mm on his Nikon D850 for the moonset/sunrise photo and a 600mm lens on the same camera for the moonrise photo).

"I was lucky with clear winter skies," Garber said. "I had a big vision, I paid attention to details, had a shooting buddy for motivation and safety, and a thermos of hot coffee."



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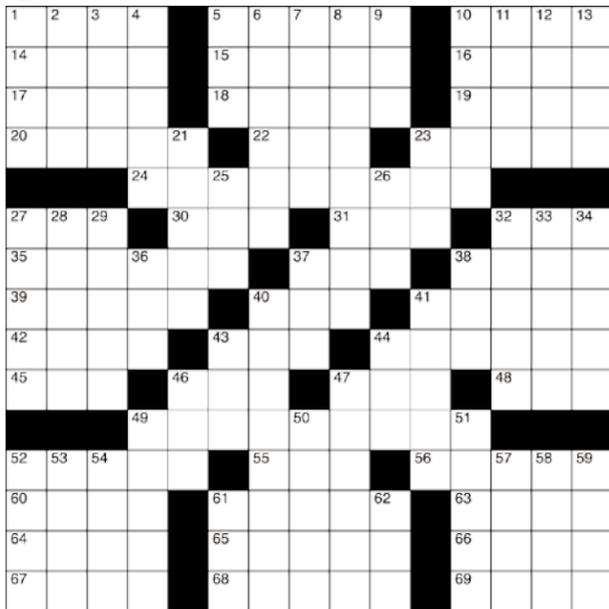
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1. "ER" actress Leslie
  5. Hebrew name for Babylon
  10. Newts
  14. Leaf angle
  15. Dravidian language
  16. Ridge on nematodes
  17. Monetary unit
  18. Determined the tare
  19. Unfreeze
  20. Merits
  22. World's oldest broadcasting organization
  23. Vacation spot
  24. December 25
  27. Ottoman military command
  30. Resin-like substance secreted by insects
  31. A.C. Comics female supervillain
  32. Insect linked to honey
  35. Opinion
  37. In the middle of
  38. Basketballer Yao
  39. Remove lid

40. Pressure wound therapy
41. Fabric
42. Witnessed
43. Defunct European economic organization
44. "Hotel California" rockers
45. When you expect to arrive
46. "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan
47. Danish airline
48. Insecticide
49. Scientific instrument
52. Type of seal
55. Israeli city \_\_\_ Aviv
56. Cavalry sword
60. Ottoman title
61. Gurus
63. Cold wind
64. Predatory reptile (abbr.)
65. New Jersey is one
66. Divulge a secret
67. Finely chopped mixture
68. Actress Zellweger
69. Romanian city

- CLUES DOWN**
1. "Dark Knight" actor
  2. S. African plants
  3. Castle in County Offaly, Ireland
  4. White (French)
  5. Morsel
  6. Semitic language
  7. Areas outside cities
  8. Crackling
  9. Cub
  10. Landmark house in Los Angeles
  11. Red Hot Chili Peppers bassist
  12. Mineral
  13. Late night host Myers
  21. Pull along
  23. Not good
  25. British Air Aces
  26. Upset
  27. Maltreatment
  28. Nocturnal, cat-like animal
  29. Hollyhocks
  32. Shelter
  33. Finished
  34. Discharge
  36. "X-Men" actor McKellen
  37. Beloved dish \_\_\_ and cheese
  38. Holds coffee
  40. Languish
  41. Quenches
  43. Electric fish
  44. Consume
  46. Type of school
  47. Erase
  49. Educate
  50. "Transformers" actress Fox
  51. Spiritual leader
  52. Every one
  53. Site of the Taj Mahal
  54. Welsh village
  57. Weapon
  58. Geological times
  59. S. Asian crops
  61. Soviet Socialist Republic
  62. Witness

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Clue: Ice crystals

**C. 25 26 11 7**  
Clue: Frigid

**D. 16 11 10 9 26 3**  
Clue: Taste

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# U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary update

By Brian Quirk, Flaming Arrow  
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According to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission statistics, Duval County was #11 in boating accidents in 2016 for the State of Florida. Florida leads the nation with 931,450 registered boats in 2016. Of these registered vessels, 741 reportable accidents occurred with 421 resulting in injury. These accidents cost \$10,052,495 in damages and 67 lives. Duval County, while having no fatalities, had 18 reportable accidents and nine injuries. The total damage in Duval County was \$106,700. The statistics also show that the most fatalities were men aged 51 or older, more than half had more than 100 hours of experience operating a boat, 72 percent could swim, 93 percent were residents of Florida, 82 percent had no flotation device, and 70 percent had no boating education.

Flotilla 14-8 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is here to provide the members of the boating public free vessel safety checks and provide safe boating courses. If you are in a power boat, sailboat, personal watercraft, kayak or canoe, or

even a stand up paddleboard, we can help you be safe while enjoying Florida's waters. No matter what your level of activity or experience with boating is, you will learn something new. Below is a schedule of our boating safety courses held one Saturday per month:

- March 24
- April 14
- May 12
- June 9
- July 14
- August 11
- September 8
- October 13
- November 10

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*Paul Tynda is the Flotilla 14-08 Commander.*

# Fishing

## Capt. David's Fishing Report

By Captain David Lifka  
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We are finally into March and the fear of any more winter weather is beginning to fade. In recent years we have been a little spoiled with mild winters with little rain. These patterns have helped contribute to the longer and more bountiful fishing seasons that we have recently experienced; however, due to this year's colder and wetter winter weather, we can probably expect a more traditional fishing season similar to seasons past.

If you fish freshwater, then you know that March is traditionally the month you can count on most for largemouth bass fishing in our area of the state. Give or take a couple weeks on either side of March, bass fishing is at its best. During this time, bass are in a feeding frenzy coming out of their winter doldrums and entering into pre-spawn, spawn and post spawn activities. This is usually the easiest time of year for anyone to catch the sometimes tricky largemouth with artificial and live baits.

Following a colder winter, March is the month you can expect warmer temperatures to become more consistent. In saltwater, especially at the beach, some of the best surf fishing of the year is brought on by warmer ocean temperatures as a variety of fish begin their spring migrations. Bluefish and whiting are the most prominent of species early on, followed by pompano and others as

the water continues to warm. As always, shrimp, sand fleas, and cut bait should be your baits of choice in the surf.

If you ever wanted to catch the really big black drum, then once again, March is the month to count on when following a traditional fishing season. Fishing the deeper holes in the Intra-coastal or the northern end of the St. Johns River, drum exceeding 30 or 40 pounds are not uncommon. Blue crabs, clams, and cut fish make the best baits.

In our local area of the river, March is the month we can usually expect the return of many saltwater fish that had left for the winter. Smaller, but tastier croaker should appear first, with reds and speckled trout following shortly behind. Following a colder winter, these and other fish may be easier to locate early on by fishing waters north of the Buckman and closer to town. Cut fish and dead shrimp for bait will usually let you know what's biting pretty quick.

Fishing Report: Largemouth bass is easily the best bet for freshwater at this time year. Whiting bite should be strong at the beach and easily worth a try while working on the early stages for that new sun tan for 2018.

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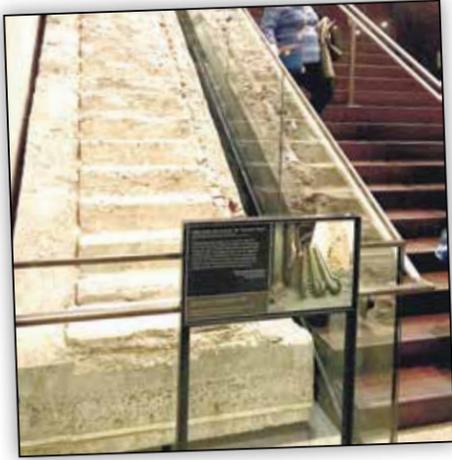
# Travel

## A visit to the 9/11 Memorials and Museum

By Debi Lander  
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Visiting the September 11 Museum in New York City is worth the mental and emotional preparation required to relive the horrific events of that day. The visit offers compelling stories of the nearly 3,000 who died and those whose heroism saved others.

The National September 11 Memorials and Museum honors victims of terror attacks at the World Trade Center and Pentagon, the plane crash near Shanksville, Pa., and the February 1993 World Trade Center bombing that killed six.



Photos courtesy Debi Lander  
Survivors Staircase

A memorial area commemorates the lives of the perished. The floor-to-ceiling photos, one for each victim, lining a large room make the experience deeply personal. The faces alone compel, typing in a name at a console brings heart-wrenching information from the victim's family. The center of this space

holds a smaller room lined with benches. A transparent glass floor shows the original ground beneath. This haunting room remains dark, adding to the impact of hearing each victim's name read aloud and projected onto the wall.

The approach brings you past twin reflecting pools called "Reflecting Absence." Spanning nearly an acre each, they feature North America's largest manmade waterfalls. The borders of the pools mark the Towers' footprints, and each victim's name is engraved on the border. Cascading water drops from street level, vanishing down holes in the center — no bottom visible. The effect overwhelms. Is it the absence of the towers or the waterfalls recalling the whole country's tears?

Visitors enter the museum through a ground-level glass building with security screening. An original steel beam from the once-sky-scraping Towers dominates the descent to today's underground architectural wonder. Robert De Niro narrates an informative audio tour, with guided group tours and an app also available.

The museum's three exhibition sections tell stories of the days before, of, and after 9/11.

A theater offers a multi-screen film experience, aptly titled "Rebirth at Ground Zero." Time-lapse footage follows the transformation and renewal of the World Trade Center site. The painful beginning pictures flag-draped coffins being removed from Ground Zero rubble as workers stand by with quiet reverence. The following transition, showing steadily advancing work on the new structures, evoke the indomitable will of a great city, and the ultimate triumph of a whole nation's spirit over the catastrophe.

Leaving this area brings one past "Survivor's Staircase," placed in the museum at their request. This concrete stairway once sat outside, offering a lifesaver for thousands exiting before the collapse.

Another room offers an extended 9/11 timeline. A well-placed warning outside tells visitors of the poignant, graphic videos and rescued mementos inside. Disturbing but profoundly connecting, live footage and answering-machine

messages speak the pain of friends and family on and after from that terrible day. The many barely recognizable dust-covered fragments of office items, artwork, and personal possessions offer a shroud over what ended for so many that day.

An area not open to visitors holds the unidentifiable remains of 9/11 dead — making it the only graveyard many have for lost loved-ones.

The museum shop, a must at historic sites, seemed out of place here. Books about the event appealed, but sweat-shirts?

The 9/11 Museum generates controversy, but large numbers of visitors show how strong the need for those who watched shocked and mesmerized as those towers fell on national TV is to connect with the place and in some way, the victims, and the heroes.

If you go: The cost for adults is \$24, but a CityPASS package saves money when touring other sites in NYC. The audio guide was an additional \$7.

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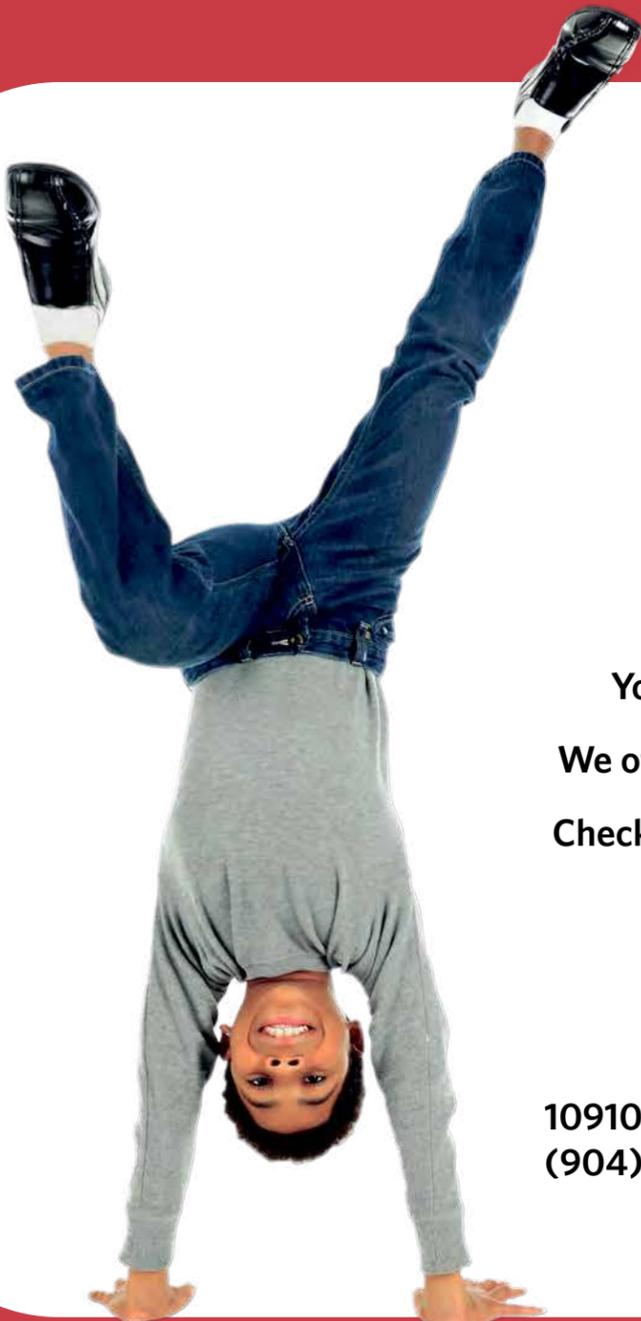
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