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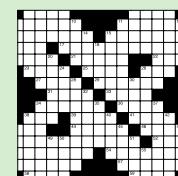
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Mandarin Middle School holds assembly spotlighting Maple Leaf shipwreck

By Angela Higginbotham
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Mandarin Middle School history teacher Khaki Hager recently found interest in the St. Johns River Maple Leaf shipwreck after hearing Dr. Keith Holland speak of his passion and experience as the mastermind be-



Photo courtesy Mandarin Museum & Historical Society
Model of the Maple Leaf at the exhibit at the Mandarin Museum & Historical Society.

hind the Maple Leaf recovery efforts. Hager was astonished to learn details and that such a large portion of artifacts still remain in the St. Johns River. It's been determined that only 1 percent out of 800,000 pounds of cargo have been recovered thus far.

"When I found out that 99.9 percent of the ship's valuable history is still in the river and only 20 feet down, I couldn't believe it," said Hager. "How are we leaving this down in the river? Along with Dr. Holland and the divers, I wanted to help spread more awareness and education about the shipwreck."

Built in Kingston, Ontario in 1851, at 181 feet long by 25 feet wide and weighing 398 tons, the Maple

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Mandarin Community Club celebrates 95th anniversary in style

By Martie Thompson
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It was a different era in many ways when the precursor to the organization now known as the Mandarin Community Club was first formed back in 1917 — it was just prior to the United States entering what is now known as World War I. According to Club President Emily Lisska, a group from Mandarin formed a Liberty League, which assisted with war efforts and other patriotic services and events.

"We are proud of the longevity of our organization," Lisska said. "It's still such a timely story, of the village, or community, of Mandarin supporting certainly the most profound event at the time, known then as the 'Great War.'"



Bernie Gross, Mandarin Community Club board member, in a hat of the era, with Karen Filby.

Lisska recounted that as the Great War ended in 1918, this patriotic group's purpose suddenly was gone. The members enjoyed being together and were also now being asked to help with other community issues. So, although it took nearly five years, the Mandarin Community Club officially formed in July 1923 with the same officers as the prior Liberty League.

The organization is not to be confused with the Mandarin Community Club building located on Mandarin Road, which was actually Mandarin's school at the time. Lisska said that in 1936 the school closed and that is when the building was given to the Mandarin



Photos courtesy Bernie Gross

There was a large turnout for the Mandarin Community Club's 95th anniversary celebration, a silent movie night held at the club building on Mandarin Road.

Community Club organization by Edwin Jones and Carrmina Jones.

"There is a lot of history now to that building," Lisska said. "But it started with a lot of history as it was more than half a century old by the time the building was given to the Mandarin Community Club organization."

This historic building was the site of the club's special anniversary celebration, which was themed a silent film night to reflect the time of the original found-



Mandarin Community Club members Kathy Sisbarro and Linda Tuschinski dressed up for the event.

ing. On July 27, community members came out to view three silent films, called "shorts" due to their length, that featured Buster Keaton. Live music enhanced the films, just like the old days. The event was coordinated by events chair, Ellen Milligan, a Ramsgate resident.

"It really was heartwarming to see such a great turnout for our special event," Lisska said. "It was a really fun evening with families and children. Everyone enjoyed hot dogs and movie candy."

Today, the Mandarin Community Club hosts a variety of events for members and the community over the course of each year, including a tree giveaway, an official U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony, and a tribute to veterans in November. The Mandarin Community Club also hosts the annual Mandarin Art Festival on Easter weekend and cosponsors the Third Thursday Lecture Series with the Mandarin Museum and Historical Society.

For more information, visit their web site, www.mandarincommunityclub.org or call the Club office (268-1622).



Student volunteers at the event, Medina Toussaint and Hallie Littleton of Mandarin High School.

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Active shooter training program offered

The Mandarin Community Club has scheduled a program, designed by law enforcement professionals and presented by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, to train area residents on the best course of action during a shooting event. The program will be held on Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Mandarin Community Club, 12447 Mandarin Road. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for this free, two-hour program featuring Sergeant Mark Crawford, a SWAT leader from JSO. The program, known by the acronym, CRASE (Civilian Response to an Active Shooter Event), is built upon strategies that include to avoid, deny and defend. These strategies include response to shooters at public events, public spaces, schools, churches, the workplace and more. Registration to reserve a seat is suggested; email mandarincommunityclub@gmail.com by Monday, Sept. 17. Call Ellen Milligan, (904) 314-3265 for more information.

Quit smoking class offered

Northeast Florida AHEC will host a local opportunity for smoking cessation. The free Tools to Quit class will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 22 at Memorial Hospital from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Attendees will receive free patches, lozenges, and gum as well as a quit plan, workbook, water bottle,

stress ball and more! Call Northeast Florida AHEC at (904) 482-0189 to register and learn about more classes in the Northeast Florida area.

Mandarin Women's Club gears up for 2017 - 2018

The Mandarin Women's Club resumes activities after the summer at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27 with Bingo and luncheon at the Ramada Inn, 3030 Hartley Road. Bingo cards are 10 for \$5, and 10 games will be played. Reservations for the luncheon are required and the cost is \$17 to be paid no later than Sept. 20. Call Mary at (904) 859-6299 or mcshell@comcast.net to make reservations and obtain payment instructions. The Mandarin Women's Club is a social organization with many activities and membership is open to all ladies. Activities include Bridge, Bunco, Mexican Train, Mah Jongg, Pennies, antiquing trips, recipe exchange, daytime travel trips, lunch and dinner outings, as well as seasonal socials that include spouses. Call Geri at (904) 993-7649 or visit www.mandarinwomensclub.com for information about joining.

Square dancing provides inexpensive family night out

The Mandarin Marauders Square Dance Club meets Monday nights, Sept. 10 and Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. at the

Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road. Square dancing allows you to meet friendly people, take your mind off the daily grind and get a little healthy exercise, all in an inexpensive manner. If you can walk, you can square dance. Contact Rick Doucette at RickandKim@bell-south.net for more information.

Jacksonville Icemen to appear at local farmers market

Members of the Jacksonville's hockey team the Icemen will be at the Second Saturday Arts and Farmers Market at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 11924 San Jose Blvd., on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. They will set up a portable hockey rink. There will also be many vendors with food, jewelry, coffee, plants, local



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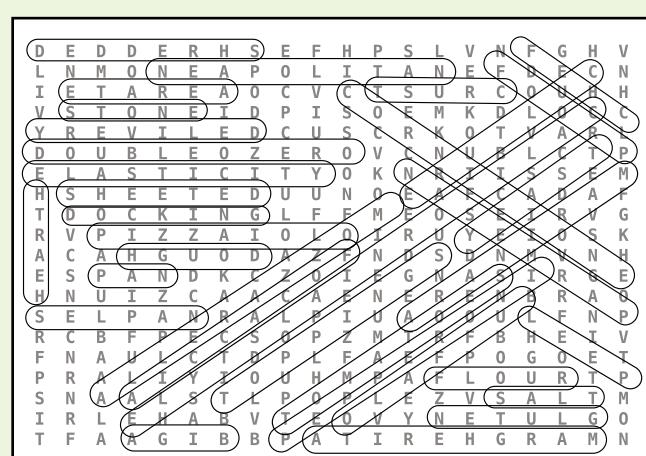
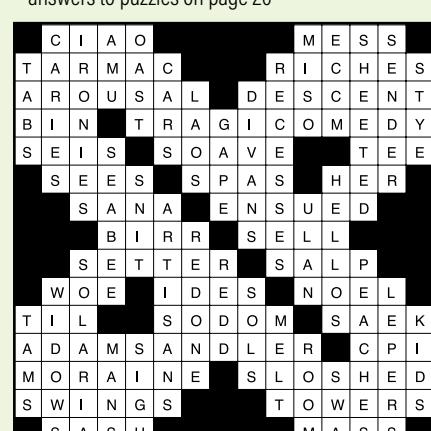
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Answers: A. computer B. digital C. memory D. cloud

Answers to our Puzzles



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September 1**Mandarin Republican Club breakfast meeting**

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

Bingo Night at St. Joseph's

Doors open 6:45 p.m./Games start 7:15 p.m.
Cody Center, 4152 Loretto Road
Open to community; (904) 742-8777

September 2**Under the Oaks music jam**

2 p.m. – 4 p.m., weather permitting
Mandarin Museum, 11964 Mandarin Road
www.mandarinmuseum.net

September 3**Southside Newcomers Club First Monday Coffee**

10 a.m.
Mimi's Cafe in St Johns Town Center
sncmembership84@gmail.com

September 4**Shuffleboard**

9:30 a.m. (repeating event on Tuesdays)
Mandarin Park, next to tennis courts

Just show up unless it rains

Honeybee Quilt Guild

6:30 p.m.
Mandarin Presbyterian Church, 2501 Loretto Road
www.honeybeequilters.org (Repeats first Tuesday of each month)

September 5**Playing HOOKie crochet, loom and knitters group**

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Panera Bread on San Jose Boulevard
paulab2097@gmail.com (repeating event on Wednesdays)

September 8**About Boating Safely class**

7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Florida Tackle and Gun Club, 9010 San Jose Blvd.
www.safeboatingjax.com

Second Saturday Arts and Farmers Market

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd.

St. Johns Chapter Catholic Writers Guild

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
St. Paul's Catholic Church school auditorium,
2609 Park St.
www.dosafli.com/outreach/catholic-writers-guild/ or writerrod@comcast.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)

September 11**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)

September 12**Small Business Advice: "How Do I Determine My Product's Sales Potential?"**

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Mandarin Library, 3330 Kori Road
(904) 262-5201

September 13**Mandarin Council networking luncheon**

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

Book Club/Friends of the South Mandarin Library meeting

1 p.m. / 2 p.m.
South Mandarin Branch Library, 12125 San Jose (904) 288-6385

Magnolia Circle of the Mandarin Garden Club

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

American Legion Post 372 general assembly

6 p.m. meet and greet / 7 p.m. meeting

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11 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Saturday; 12 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Sunday
Italian American Club, 2838 Westberry Road
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October 10 - Count Me In Quarter Auction presented by First Coast - Jacksonville Women's Connection, affiliated with Stonecroft

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Ramada Inn Mandarin, 3131 Hartley Road
RSVP: (904) 662-2263 or mihae.brown@gmail.com

November 3 - Parking Lot Extravaganza – Fundraiser for Pet Peace of Mind Program

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Community Hospice, 4266 Sunbeam Road
(904) 504-5204 to reserve a booth

November 17 - Mandarin Fall Festival and Chili Cook-Off

RiverPlace Shopping Center
Hosted by Mandarin Council of JAX Chamber

November 18 - River Garden Foundation Silver Anniversary Gala

Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa, Ponte Vedra Beach
www.rivergarden.org/river-garden-gala/

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Mandarin/ St. Johns Elks Lodge, 4280 Oldfield Crossing Drive

(904) 297-8344 or www.mandarinpost372.org

September 15**Mandarin Toastmasters meeting**

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
South Mandarin Library, 12125 San Jose Blvd.
Mandarintoastmasters.org

Alzheimer's Support Series for Caregivers: "Where to Turn When You Need Help"

9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Almost Home Daybreak, 3604 Cardinal Point Dr.
RSVP to Jamie, (904) 731-4002

Cruise In hosted by Sunshine State Chevelles

4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
PDQ parking lot, 194 State Road 13
Repeating event on third Saturday of each month

Meet the Maple Leaf Divers

12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Mandarin Museum, 11964 Mandarin Road
www.mandarinmuseum.net

September 17**All Star Quilt Guild**

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

September 18**Dogwood Circle of the Mandarin Garden Club**

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

September 19**River City Women's Club lunch and Bingo**

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

September 19 and 20**AARP Safe Driving Class**

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

South Mandarin Branch Library, 12125 San Jose Register at (904) 414-0007. \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members.

September 20**Community Meeting with School Board Representative Lori Hershey**

6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Mandarin Oaks Elementary
Open to everyone in District 7

Active shooter training program

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Mandarin Community Club, 12447 Mandarin Road
Free program; RSVP to mandarincommunityclub@gmail.com

Cherokee Rose Circle of the Mandarin Garden Club

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

September 21**Food Trucks and Bluegrass on the River**

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Episcopal Church of our Saviour, 12236 Mandarin Road
www.oursaviourjax.org

September 27**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.mandarinccouncil.org

Mandarin Women's Club BINGO

Doors open 10:30 a.m.
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with Jacksonville City Council Member Matt Schellenberg (District 6)

Q: A few months ago, you floated the idea in this column about the formation of a City of Mandarin, separate from Duval County, much like Baldwin or Jacksonville Beach. Has that idea had any traction?

A: People don't seem to have much interest in discussing this. I think people are satisfied with where Mandarin is today.

Q: Why do you think it might be advantageous?

A: Right now, to get any improvements to Mandarin like sidewalks or road repair, we need the mayor and a majority of the City Council to agree. With a separate city, the community would have local tax money to fix items now. Yes, the millage rate would probably be increased another mill, but we would have immediate response to get what we need now. We could repave Old St. Augustine Road and have more sidewalks. We are doing these things now, but not fast enough. In Jacksonville, we have a huge backlog of roads needing repairs because there was a 10-year period during the recession that we weren't able to do enough maintenance.

Q: Is there an update on the dock at County Dock?

A: I'm on this every month. My understanding is that we will raise the dock to make it higher when it is rebuilt. We are in the process of redesign and permitting then will send out an RFP (Request for Proposal), hopefully by year end. The city promises me that the project will be completed by June 2019. I'm hoping they are under-promising and over-delivering.

Q: What is the latest on Losco Park's playground and also the proposed dog park behind the South Mandarin Library?

A: The Losco Park playground has been a phenomenal success. We are bringing

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District 7: Lori Hershey, hershey@duvalschools.org, (904) 390-2375

in some new equipment for younger children. It is on order and we hope to have it installed by the end of October. The playground will be set up for the enjoyment of all ages.

The Dog Park will begin construction, to include fencing to contain areas for small dogs and large dogs, in the fall and is to be completed by early 2019.

Q: Do you have any other Mandarin updates?

A: We are still dealing with issues with flooding in some neighborhoods. The Public Works department has heard the concerns and is working on solutions. A lot of the issues are in neighborhoods that are older than 1984, when new drainage requirements took effect. Some of the issues are the City of Jacksonville's responsibility, some are the homeowners association's and some are the individual homeowner's responsibility. For instance, if a home is on a retention pond with no homeowners association, it is the individual homeowner's responsibility to maintain the retention pond. Flooding is another cumulative problem due to being put off during the recession that is now coming to fruition due to the immense amounts of rain we have had this year.

I would like to say that I understand the homeowners' frustration, but this problem has been around for a long time. We are trying to solve the immediate problem and the long term problem as quickly as we can. We need to identify each problem, design a solution, and get the money to fix it — and that all takes time.

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.



with Duval School Board Member, District 7, Lori Hershey

Q: How did the first day of school go on Monday, Aug. 13?

A: The first day went off pretty much without a hitch, although things did look a little different this year. Some schools already had assigned safety assistants (basically the middle schools and the high schools) and those that didn't now have JSO officers on a temporary basis. Duval County Public Schools needs to recruit, hire and train 103 safety assistants for our elementary schools who will be employees of the school district. This will take some time and so the JSO will provide coverage until all the safety assistant positions are filled.

Q: What other new steps have been taken to make the schools safer?

A: Many schools have added extensive fencing for security measures. Additionally, Mandarin Middle School had a buzzer entry installed, so now all schools have a single point of entry with a buzzer. Parents/guardians are reminded to bring identification and sign in at the front office of their child's school. All schools have locked doors which require visitors to be buzzed in.

Q: Were you able to visit any of the District 7 schools on the first day?

A: I was at Loretto Elementary on the first day, and the parents I interacted with were pleased with the additional fencing and new parent pick-up signs for their cars that hang on the rear view mirror. Additionally, I visited all schools and principals prior to the first day of school and took a lucky bamboo plant for each principal's desk.

Q: What would you like to say about the school and district grades released by the state over the summer?

A: The Duval County Public School district is only one percentage point from becoming an A district. That means we are 11 points away. All schools in District 7 are A and B schools, which outperform schools in St. Johns County. I think our community should be proud of the schools in District 7.

Q: Do you have any other items to share with our readers in District 7?

A: I would like to advise parents to take the time to review the Constitutional Amendments that will be on the November ballot. Amendment 8 does impact home rule for our schools. Anyone interested in staying abreast of legislation impacting education who would like to be on our mailing list should email me at HersheyL@duvalschools.org.

Also, I realize the school year just started, but it is never too early to investigate Duval County options for school choice for middle school and high school. There is a lot of information available on our website, www.duvalschools.org, or readers can contact me to learn more.

Q: How can our readers contact you?

A: I invite everyone in District 7 to join me for a Community Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 20 from 6 p.m. – at Mandarin Oaks Elementary. Also, you can email me at HersheyL@duvalschools.org or call me at (904) 316-3609.

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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@florianewsline.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 the answer to the question we received this month:

Q: Why haven't they finished the noise wall on I-295 behind Mandarin High School? The road noise is very loud during the day and I don't understand why all these other areas have the wall built, but not the wall behind my house.

A: We reached out to Hampton Ray, Public Information Officer for the Florida Department of Transportation. Here is his response:

"The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) follows Florida Statute 335.17 and Code of Federal Regulations 23 CFR 772 concerning the construction of noise walls. During the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study, conducted in 2013, FDOT evaluated the feasibility and potential environmental impacts for the proposed I-295 project. A traffic noise study was conducted as part of this effort to identify potential noise impacts and recommend abatement measures if warranted. As part of this effort, three public meetings were held to discuss the project and obtain input from stakeholders on the proposed project including the noise abatement recommendations.

"Using data collected from the surrounding areas on the corridor and computer modeling during the PD&E study it was determined that a barrier at this location could not be considered reasonable. Due to the findings in this study, there are no plans to extend the barrier in front of Mandarin High School."

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on this matter, but it is being resolved. There were a series of delayed pickups due to Waste Pro trucks breaking down and a temporary staff shortage. But everything is caught up and back on schedule. In the future, I would encourage residents who have issues like this to call 630-CITY immediately so that an actionable "ticket" is created. This is then easily trackable by the public works and solid waste departments as well as the hauling company, which should lead to a quicker resolution of issues.

Q: October 1 marks the 50th anniversary of the consolidation of the City of Jacksonville. What is planned to mark this occasion?

A: Matt Carlucci and Earl Johnson, Jr. are spearheading this effort, which will include a series of activities taking place over the next month. Among other things, there will be a special video production on the history of Consolidation and exhibits and displays in the rotunda at City Hall. The anniversary will conclude with an evening event at the Jesse Ball DuPont building downtown and will include speakers Earl Johnson, Rick Mullaney and a keynote to the future by Mayor Curry.

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.

Q: It seems that some Mandarin residents have had an issue with trash pickup lately?

A: Yes, we have had a number of calls

Knit-wits seek new members

The Knit-wits would like to welcome new members to have fun knitting, loom knitting and crocheting. The group meets Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road. Email toby.richmond@gmail.com or call the senior center at (904) 262-7033 for more information.



Photo courtesy Toby Richmond

"Museum Day" to be held at Walter Jones Historical Park

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Mandarin Museum & Historical Society is participating in the 2018 Smithsonian Magazine event on Sept. 22 — a day designed for museums across the country to encourage people to discover the museums in their own communities by offering free admission. At Mandarin Museum, admission is always free, so on Sept. 22, visitors will also receive the member discount on many museum store purchases. And, all historic buildings in the Walter Jones Historical Park will be open for viewing.

In the Mandarin Museum you can view exhibits that include a special exhibit of artifacts from the Civil War recovered from the Union steamships Maple Leaf and Columbine; items related to Harriet Beecher Stowe who wintered in Mandarin from 1867 – 1884; pottery of Mandarin artist Charlie Brown; and a special World War I exhibit honoring Mandarin resident Pvt. Marion Losco, who was killed in France in 1918. On this day Dr. Keith Holland and several Maple Leaf divers will also be present to answer your questions about the ship and the artifact recovery from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. A gift shop of books, art and items related to local history is available in the museum and it is the only place where you can purchase the Mandarin Frogs.

The historic 1898 St. Joseph's Mission Schoolhouse for African-American Children presents the story of the Sisters of St. Joseph, who started a mission of education at Loretto Road in 1868 for African-American children in the Mandarin area. The interpretive exhibits also honor the many families who were hungry for education and took advantage of the opportunity at this school and others like it in the south side of Duval County. Experience what a one-room schoolhouse would have been like at the turn of the 20th century and learn about the challenges that existed for the students and the teachers.



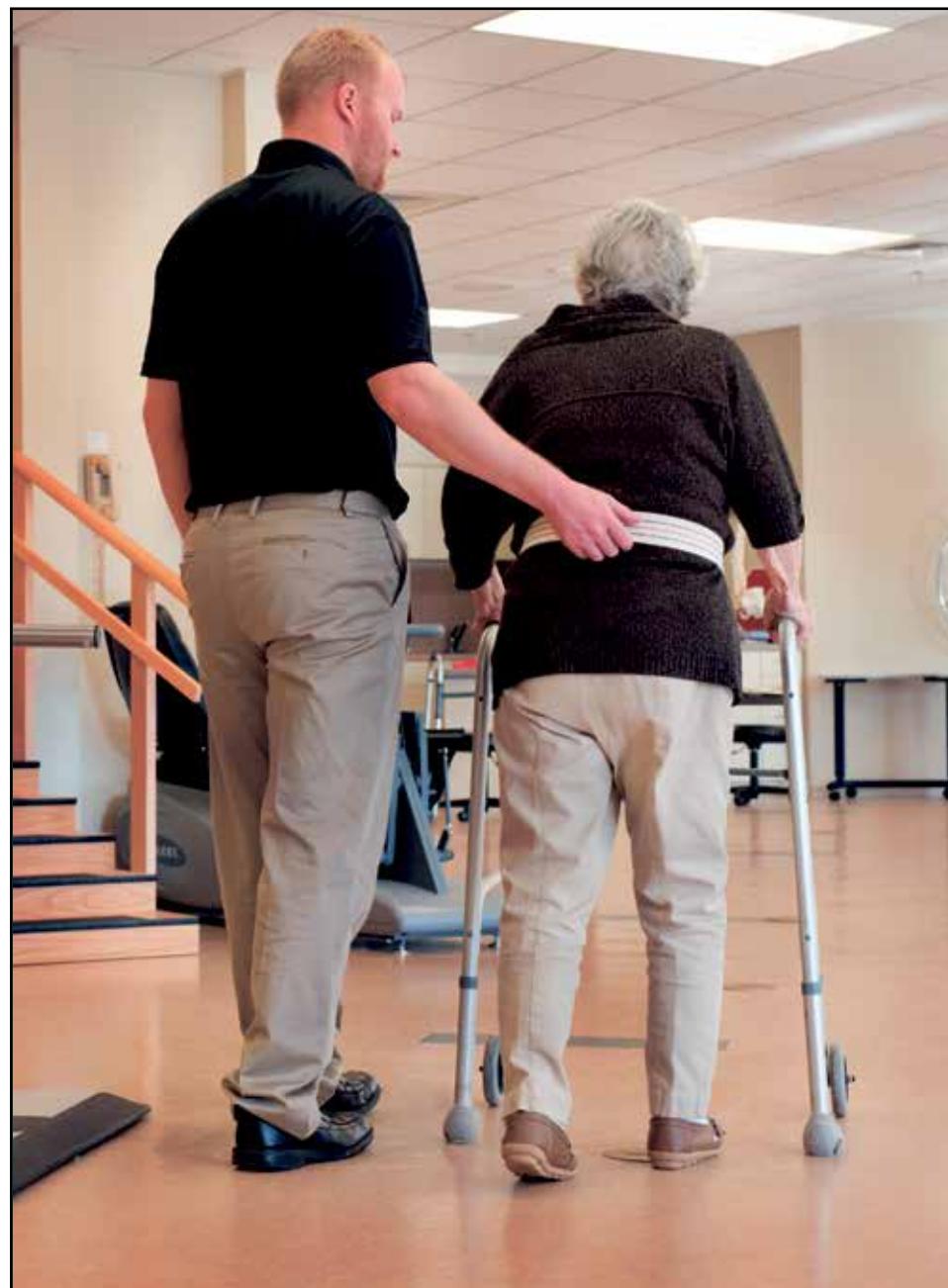
Photo courtesy Mandarin Museum & Historical Society
Sign depicting Walter and Edith Jones welcomes guests to the Walter Jones Historical Park.

The historic 1875 Webb farmhouse will be open for tours, as well the Losco Winery and the 1876 Barn — all located within the farmstead area of the park. You may view the Wheeler Sawmill, the sugar cane grinder, the agricultural equipment in the barn and the wine making equipment in the winery.

The farmhouse, furnished with items from the Walter Jones family and period pieces from the early part of the 20th century, allows visitors to visualize what life was like in our then sleepy little village called Mandarin. Life before electricity, before automobiles and paved roads, and before indoor plumbing! Life when it was peaceful and quiet and you knew all of your neighbors.

Let your imagination take you on a journey back in time as you stroll through the beautiful park. Picture the steamboats coming up the St. Johns and arriving at the wharf with your mail and dry goods, and imagine the screaming whistle of the Maple Leaf as it hit a Confederate mine and went to the bottom of the river.

Mandarin Museum & Historical Society is located at 11964 Mandarin Road in the Walter Jones Historical Park. All buildings will be open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Visit www.mandarinmuseum.net or call (904) 268-0784 for more information.



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Back in Time with Brett

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Flynn Houses, Part 1

Sandy roads and a small, close-knit community was how one would describe Mandarin back in the day. What we now know as San Jose Boulevard was just a two lane road then. Today, the thought of taking a school wagon is crazy to imagine, but that was how Mandarinites rolled during the early 20th Century.

A structure tucked away at the intersection of Flynn and Loretto roads gives us a peek back in time and from 1909 to 1958 it was known as Flynn's General Store.

James J. Flynn, a descendant of one of Mandarin's pioneer families, and his wife Clara (Hartley), opened up a typical country general store there. Their house, built in 1906, is still standing two doors east. James's son, Theodore "T.J." Flynn, assisted his father with running the store. The store sold items from feed and fertilizer to produce and meat.

Before the creation of a bridge, our neighbors in St. Johns County used to row across the river, then walk two miles to get to Flynn's business. Theodore would commonly give these customers a ride back on the family's horse and wagon.

Theodore would also ride the wagon to retrieve store supplies from the steamboat "May Garner." Flynn's

father would order gasoline in 55-gallon drums. Not only was Flynn's store the first feed and hardware store in the area, it was also the first to sell gas. Back then, 55 gallons would last the store 30 days, easily.

In fact, James owned the first Model T-Ford in Mandarin. Trimmed in brass, this vehicle was Mandarin's taxi — regularly taking folks who wished to travel by land to St. Augustine or Jacksonville. Theodore would ride with his father to South Jacksonville to buy a huge ice block, and with a nickel, the young Flynn would buy himself some ice cream.

In 1929, the original store burned to the ground. It was rebuilt and run by Clara and Theodore after the death of James in 1939. In 1946 Theodore bought it and ran it at this location until 1958, which is when he built a new store and home on San Jose Boulevard.

Look for Part 2 in the October issue of Mandarin NewsLine, featuring the Flynn store as most remember it in the mid-20th century.

(Author's Note: Most of the information was taken from previous news articles and quotes of Theodore Flynn.)

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



Photo courtesy Mandarin Museum & Historical Society
James Jefferson Flynn house, built in 1906.

Mandarin Art Festival voted into 200 Best

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The 50th annual Mandarin Art Festival has been voted as one of 200 Best Festivals in the United States by Sunshine Artist. As a premier art and craft show magazine, Sunshine Artist is a leading national publication for art and craft show exhibitors, promoters and patrons. The publication polls artists annually to determine which shows were the most popular with exhibitors and patrons.

The Mandarin Art Festival, founded and hosted by the Mandarin Community Club, is the oldest continually running show in Northeast Florida and maintains a solid commitment to organizing and presenting a top quality fine art and fine craft show each year. Over the years tens of thousands of guests have strolled under the oaks of the historic

Community Club grounds to view the artwork of dozens of local and nationally known artists and enjoy the weekend festivities.

Photo courtesy Maya Adkins
Festival-goers under the oaks at the 2018 Mandarin Art Festival.

Coordinated and manned by a team of dedicated volunteers for 50 years, the event has been an Easter weekend tradition for many generations of Mandarin residents. Dozens of community minded volunteers work diligently to help make the show possible year after year

— and new volunteers are welcomed and encouraged to become a part of the single largest annual community event in Mandarin.

The unique location for an outdoor festival, under the majestic oaks of Mandarin Road, combined with the level of hospitality and quality of the show, continues to be a draw for an array of exhibitors. This 200 Best honor will no doubt bring new artist exhibitors, local and nationally known, to the show as they vie for acceptance into the juried show.

In addition to providing the resources needed to produce and promote this long-running tradition, proceeds from the festival are directed toward community programs provided by the Mandarin Community Club throughout the

year and for the upkeep of its historically significant buildings. The historic club on Mandarin Road is a non profit identified as the oldest civic organization in Jacksonville. Plan now to be a part of this tradition as a volunteer or a sponsor/business partner. Visit mandarinartfestival.org or mandarincommunityclub.org to learn more.

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Caring is contagious at River Garden

The desire to make the world a better place lives in the hearts of River Garden leadership, staff and volunteers — whose values develop from their faith foundation, and they guide daily care and work practices. River Garden residents, too, embrace and demonstrate this spirit to others.

On Aug. 23, the River Garden Resident Council, led by Betty Infeld, presented a \$500 check to Pine Castle, a Jacksonville-based organization serving adults with intellectual and other differences. Pine Castle will also receive a matching donation from the Delores Barr Weaver Fund. The funds will be used to make improvements to the Pine Castle campus.

"We are fortunate to have wonderful support and spaces at River Garden to enjoy our days and we want to share with others who may be in need," said Infeld. "It's about community and having an impact. That's important to us. Pine Castle is working to create jobs, promote independence and develop a sense of worth for many, and they need help. This gives us the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others."

This is the largest donation ever given by the Resident Council, which raises its funds through bake sales, ceramics sales and other small fundraisers. The matching-fund program will help do more than the council could do alone.

All programs at Pine Castle support a single goal: empowering adults to learn, work and connect. Visit pinecastle.org/donate/weaverchallenge for more information about the matching funds program launched in April 2018. For more information about River Garden services or volunteer programs, visit rivergarden.org or contact Kari Bell at (904) 260-1818.

Jacksonville symphony opens 2018-2019 season with Branford Marsalis

The Jacksonville Symphony will begin its 2018 – 2019 season with the second annual Fanfare! Opening Night featuring Grammy-winning saxophonist Branford Marsalis on Saturday, Sept. 15 at 8 p.m.

Branford Marsalis grew up in the rich environment of New Orleans as the oldest son of pianist and educator Ellis Marsalis. Marsalis was drawn to music along with siblings Wynton, Delfeayo and Jason. His first instrument, the clarinet, gave way to the alto and then the tenor and soprano saxophones when the teenage Marsalis began working in local bands.

Marsalis formed his own quartet in 1986 and, with a few minor interruptions in the early years, has sustained the unit as his primary means of expression. The Branford Marsalis Quartet has long been recognized as the standard to which other ensembles of its kind must be measured.

Marsalis has not confined his music to the quartet context however. Classical music inhabits a growing portion of Marsalis' musical universe. Making his first appearance with the New York Philharmonic in the summer of 2010, Marsalis was again invited to join them as soloist in their 2010 – 2011 concert series.

In 2015, Marsalis raised the bar once again when he took on the challenging Saxophone Concerto by composer John Adams, performing the piece with the Tokyo Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Maestro Edwin Outwater. The fall of 2016 saw Branford returning to Louisiana where he was invited to be a guest soloist with the Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra, presenting works by John Williams and Heitor Villa Lobos, both of which will be included in the evening's performance.

Tickets can be purchased at www.jaxsymphony.org/ or by contacting the Ticket Office at (904) 354-5547.

Hospital certified as Level II Trauma Center

Memorial Hospital has received final approval from the Florida Department of Health affirming the hospital has earned its spot as a certified Level II Trauma Center. The news comes after the Florida Department of Health adopted recommendations by an administrative law judge who ruled Memorial Hospital's trauma center application met the applicable standards.

"We are delighted that the state has recognized the hard work, specialized

training and life-saving care that we've been able to provide to our patients who have come to us when they need us most," said Dr. Michael Samotowka, Trauma Medical Director at Memorial Hospital. "As caregivers, we know every minute matters in the golden hour following a trauma and this ruling allows us to continue to provide life-saving care to people in our community."

Following a state survey in February, the Department of Health gave what is known as "provisional" approval for Memorial to open a trauma center. Since that time Memorial has treated nearly 2,000 trauma patients.

As a Level II trauma center, Memorial Hospital provides 24-hour immediate access to a dedicated operating room for trauma patients and specially-trained surgeons, specialists and staff to treat critically-injured patients. Treating trauma patients effectively means having the right level of expertise with a team specifically-trained to handle major medical emergencies. It also means having the support of elected officials and EMS partners.

Earlier this year Governor Rick Scott signed a bill changing a longstanding state law capping the number of trauma centers allowed in the state. The bill changes the number of trauma service areas from 19 to 18 and allows up to five centers in each area. Lawmakers passed a measure this year aimed at resolving most of the disputes, but the Memorial case continued until late July when the state issued a Certificate of Approval to Memorial Hospital

granting approval as a Level II Trauma Center.

Social group seeks members

The Southside Newcomers Club offers a wide variety of fun activities to women who are long time residents of Jacksonville, have had a lifestyle change



Photo courtesy Kathy Dolge

The Book Study group of the Southside Newcomers: Susan Cornehl, Vicki Leech, Atwood Brewton, Dot Permenter, Diana Read, Diane Racano, Gerry Morgan, Jeanne Harlan, Pat Harth, Debbie Cervelli, Sue Moylan, Marilyn Weiner and Judy Olevnik.

or just want to make new friends. Groups and activities include Bridge, Bunco, Canasta, day trips, dining out, book groups, beading, movies, Mah Jongg, lunching at various locations, and more.

Coffee or breakfast is held at Mimi's Cafe in St. Johns Town Center on the first Monday of every month to learn more about the club and monthly luncheons are held at various country clubs with different programs each month.

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Calculate home energy use, tour tiny house at library

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Home Energy Kit: Refurbished and ready to go, JEA Home Energy Evaluation Kits can now be checked out at your Mandarin and South Mandarin branch libraries. The handy backpack contains special thermometers, a Kill A Watt meter, calculator, shower timer and other tools, along with instructions and information to find out where your home is consuming the most energy, how you can reduce consumption and lower costs. Put a backpack on hold by searching "JEA Kit" in the catalog at jaxpubliclibrary.org and swing by the library to pick it up.

Tiny House Tour: Tiny houses are a big deal! But a tiny house with a real piano bed is almost unheard of. Don't miss your chance to see it when you get up close to a real tiny house during the Tiny House Talk and Tour at Mandarin library Sept. 15 at 11 a.m. Local resident and historian Shorty Robbins will present the story of her involvement with and love for tiny houses as she gives a tour of her authentic Civil War-inspired Victorian tiny home that she designed, furnished, and lives in today.

Science Fair Help: It's back to school, and not too soon to start planning for the annual science fair. Enlist the library as your student's best resource this year. Ages five – 12 will find inspiration and an understanding of the process as they are led through an entire project, including an experiment, at Mandarin Science Fair Help Sept. 8 at 3 p.m. The South Mandarin library will host Sci-



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A library customer aims an infrared thermometer at an air conditioning vent to gauge the temperature. The thermometer is part of the JEA Home Energy Evaluation Kit, which has all the tools you need to test your home's energy efficiency, and can be checked out at the library.

ARTrageous: To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, South Mandarin will host ARTrageous: Lively Latin Beat Sept. 26 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. School age kids can explore their creative side through arts and culture as they learn about musician Tito Puente and the magic of mambo, and singer Celia Cruz, known as the Queen of Salsa.

All libraries will be closed Sept. 2 and 3 for Labor Day. All programs are free and open to the public. Find information about additional events at Mandarin and South Mandarin branch libraries at jaxpubliclibrary.org/events or call the Mandarin Branch Library at (904) 262-5201 and South Mandarin Branch Library at (904) 288-6385.

ence Fair Help Sept. 13 at 4:30 p.m. for young scientists and Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. for teens.

Teen Advisory Board: The library has a novel idea for students who need to complete their school's requirement for volunteer credit hours. Teen Advisory Board is a great opportunity for middle and high school students to participate and share ideas for future programs at the library — and accrue volunteer hours. Teens aged 12 – 18 are welcome at the Teen Advisory Board meetings at South Mandarin Branch Library Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. or Mandarin Branch Library Sept. 26 at 6 p.m.

Beachwalk's centerpiece Crystal Lagoons® amenity completed

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Beachwalk celebrated a major milestone in July when developer John Kinsey emptied the last gallon of water into the new community's 14-acre crystal-clear lagoon. The lagoon, a Crystal Lagoons® amenity, contains 37 million gallons of water and serves as the anchor for Beachwalk, bringing a little bit of the Caribbean to Northeast Florida.



Photo courtesy James Brown, Jr.

Beachwalk developer John Kinsey adds final gallon to Beachwalk lagoon.

"Some said it wouldn't happen," said Kinsey of the largest man-made lagoon in the country. "I think today, with the filling of the lagoon, we have silenced the doubters. There's nothing else like it in Northeast Florida."

Set against a white lining, the lagoon has taken on the natural turquoise hue that will deepen to a "Caribbean" blue. The sparkling waters are surrounded by a 100-foot white-sand beach with wavy palms and winding footpaths.

Beachwalk is part of the New Twin Creeks Planned Unit Development, a designated 3,000-acre Development of Regional Impact on both sides of County Road 210 across U.S. 1 from the western border of Nocatee. Kinsey's group has owned the site for 13 years.

The community features a Caribbean, Key West and West Indies style — metal-roof homes, Bermuda grass, and every type of palm tree that will grow well in North Florida. In addition to the lagoon, Beachwalk will feature water slides, a miniature golf course and a 2,500 square-foot splash park for

dogs. A planned clubhouse has been styled after one seen at a multi-billion-dollar Caribbean beach and golf resort. Residents will be able to swim, paddle kayaks, or stroll along a boardwalk.

"The whole community really is walkable," Kinsey said. "You really can walk to the beach."

Beachwalk will have nearly 800 homes at build-out. Construction at Beachwalk includes single-family homes and twin villas on the lagoon by homebuilders Americrest Luxury Homes, Lennar and Vintage Estate Homes.

The developer is investing \$35 million to widen County Road 210 from two to six lanes and provided two school sites to the St. Johns County School District. Of Beachwalk's 1,200 acres, 500 are set aside for preserve.

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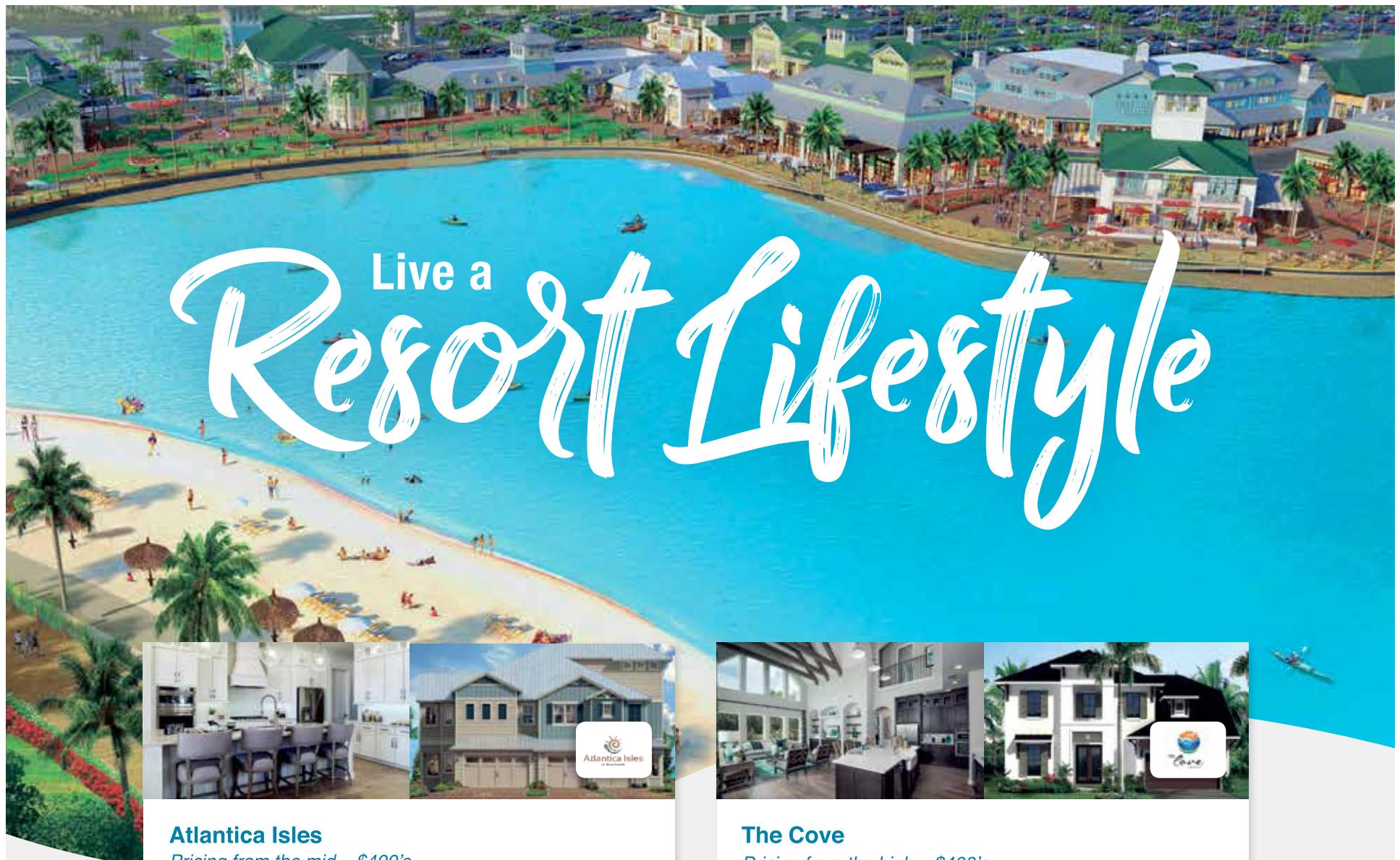
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Promote healthy weight starting with school lunch

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Although there are a variety of theories behind the growing obesity problem plaguing North American adults and children, the most consistent findings point to caloric intake as the culprit. Here's a simple equation to get to the root of the problem:

Calories eaten > calories spent = weight gain.

According to National Health Examination Surveys, adult obesity trends in the United States between 1976 and 2014 indicate the percentage of the adult population classified as obese has roughly doubled to more than 38 percent in the last three decades. Children may be learning eating habits from their parents, potentially contributing to rising obesity rates in children as well. Recent findings from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicate one in five school-aged children and young people in the United States is obese. In Canada, the Public Health Agency says roughly one in seven children is obese.

Teaching children healthy eating habits starts at home and can extend to

what students are given to eat while at school. The Center for Science in the Public Interest says schools across the country are working hard to improve school nutrition. Here's how parents and school districts can help make school lunches more nutritious and delicious and lower in calories.

- Control snack intake. The U.S. Department of Agriculture says that more than one-fourth of kids' daily caloric intake comes from snacking. Choosing smarter snacks may help reduce overeating. Good snacks can include grain products that contain 50 percent or more whole grains by

weight; snacks in which the primary ingredient is a fruit, a vegetable, dairy product, or lean protein; snacks that are a combination food that contain at least a 1/4 cup of fruits or vegetables; and foods that contain no more than 200 calories.



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Teaching children healthy eating habits starts at home and can extend to what students are given to eat while at school.

- Read nutritional information. When selecting foods for school lunches, parents should read the nutritional information to make sure they know exactly what they are feeding their children. Select foods that are low in saturated fats and cholesterol

and high in fiber and nutrient-rich fruits, vegetables, grains, and legumes.

- Go with water. Rethinking beverage choices can help control kids' caloric intake. Many people don't realize just how many calories beverages add to

their daily intake. Even a six-ounce, 100-percent apple juice can include as many as 96 calories. Sodas and other soft drinks pack a hefty caloric punch. Water, seltzer and unsweetened iced tea are healthy beverage options. If milk is the go-to beverage, choose a reduced-fat version.

- Introduce new foods. Children can be notoriously picky eaters, but with patience and perseverance, parents can introduce new, healthy foods at lunchtime. Yogurt, hummus and salsa are healthy and can add flavor to vegetables and fruit. When making sandwiches, exchange refined breads for whole-grain varieties. Choose lean protein sources, and go heavy on vegetables and fruits for natural fiber, which will create feelings of satiety.

- Read the school menu. Let children indulge in ordering from the school menu when healthy options are featured. Urge them to try something unexpected, rather than sticking to chicken nuggets or pizza days.



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Strategies parents can use to motivate students

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Students may need some time to adjust at the beginning of a new school year. Summer vacations typically lack the structure of the school year, and it might be unfair to expect kids to seamlessly slip back into their more regimented lives as students.

While some early school year sluggishness might be normal, that should wear off pretty quickly. If not, and students appear to be struggling to get motivated for their schoolwork, parents can try various strategies that should help reignite youngsters' passions for learning.

- Make your home more school-friendly. Summer is a relaxing time of year when parents have a tendency to relax rules around the house. But come the school year, parents must make sure their homes are as conducive to studying as possible. Resist the urge to turn the television on each night so students are not distracted from their studies. Keep the home quiet so students are motivated to focus on their studies.



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- Encourage participation in extracurricular activities. Various studies have examined the relationship between

extracurricular activities and academic performance. A 2002 study published in the journal Sociology of Education found that participation in extracurricular activities is associated with improved grade point average, increased college attendance and reduced absenteeism. The link between participation

in extracurricular activities and improved academic performance is still in need of study, but such participation may help children acclimate to the structure of the school year more quickly than they might if they do not participate in such activities.

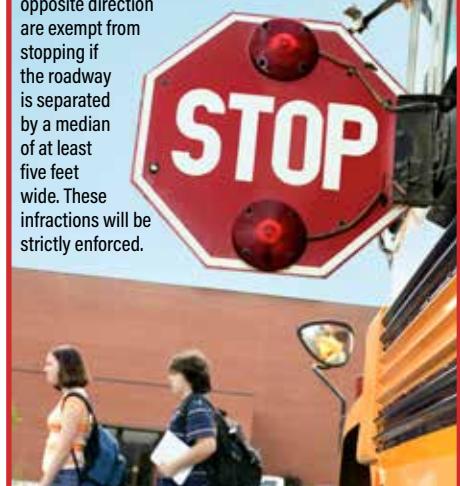
- Encourage curious youngsters. Kids are curious, and fostering that curiosity can be a great way for parents to get their kids excited about learning. Whether it's during the school year and part of their curriculum or on summer break, encourage kids to engage in subjects that interest them. As kids learn more about the topics and subjects that interest them, they may develop a passion for learning that they can then take with them to the classroom.

- Express an interest in the subjects children are studying. Another way to motivate students at the dawn of a new school year is to express an interest in the subjects they're studying. Ask questions about their studies and encourage them to share their thoughts and

opinions. Engaging students about the subjects they're studying can motivate them to explore those subjects more deeply than they otherwise might.

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Susie Marshall

Susie Marshall is a Jacksonville native who has enjoyed living in the Mandarin area since 1973. She graduated from Lee High School and then Florida State University with a degree in elementary education. Marshall served in the Duval County school system for well over 40 years. She passionately worked inside the classroom and later in her career, she worked with community education and as supervisor over all extended day programs. Marshall is currently serving her second term as president of the Mandarin Women's Club, an honor in which she takes great pride and joy. She also gives her time volunteering with hospice care. With her daughter, son-in-law and grandson living nearby, Marshall loves spending time with her family.

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

The choices available for everything. I really enjoy everything about Mandarin.

2. What aspect of the Mandarin Women's Club mostly keeps you motivated to stay involved and serve as president?

I really enjoy the club. I like the efficient women and I appreciate all the different things they do to run the organization. The friends I've made mean a lot to me and I really enjoy all of the activities we do together. We have 183 members and I suspect

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Susie Marshall

we will keep adding. We have Bingo, silent auctions, we travel around the city as well as out of town and we have so many activities for women who may not have family around and just want to meet people.

3. What do you enjoy doing outside of your volunteer work?

I stay involved in Mandarin United Methodist Church. I've traveled a lot and I like being outside. I play Mexican Train and other games with the ladies at the Women's Club and I love spending time with my 11-year-old grandson. I also read a lot. John Grisham, Fannie Flagg and David Baldacci are a few of my favorite authors. I'm blessed to still meet up with my high school friends often for fun.

4. What would you consider your greatest accomplishment thus far?

This may sound corny, but raising a good, dependable, great daughter would be my greatest accomplishment. It's nice seeing your child grow up normal and happy with a productive life.

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

Well, just a few years ago, I got a tattoo on my shoulder. It's a trinity symbol because I feel strongly in my Christian beliefs. I'm a good ol' Southern girl and it's not something I ever planned on doing, but it means a lot to me now.

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Maple Leaf shipwreck cont. from pg. 1

Leaf was sunk by a Confederate mine on April 1, 1864. Approximately 42 people were on board and four of them were killed. The steamboat was under contract to the U.S. Army, and had belongings of the 112th and 169th Regiment of New York Volunteers and the 13th Indiana Regiment en route from Folly Island, S.C., to Jacksonville. In 1984, Holland's brother-in-law, an avid diver, went down into the murky water to find that the main deck of the Maple Leaf was buried under six to eight feet of mud. Although the mud would bring additional challenges to the efforts of the divers, Holland was well aware that what was buried deeper would also be better preserved. After receiving a four year grant in 1994, the Maple Leaf wreckage became a historical landmark and the divers went on to recover a tremendous amount of cargo from the ship, yet so much still remains left to be revealed.

Hager and Dr. Holland have spent time together in Washington in an effort to



Photo courtesy of Khaki Hager
Dr. Holland speaking to the students at the Mandarin Middle School assembly.

draw more attention to the history of the Maple Leaf and the need to research the site more.

"I figured what better place to start spreading the word about the Maple Leaf than at Mandarin Middle School. I started surveying students and the Maple Leaf was not the known historic topic that it should be to Mandarin residents. We want to make Maple Leaf a household name," Hager said.

Along with the extensive help of Dr. Holland, Hager organized a school

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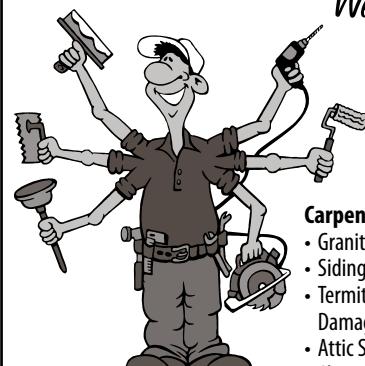
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Brush up your Shakespeare at Alhambra's "Kiss Me Kate"

By Martie Thompson
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"Kiss Me Kate" is basically Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew," adapted for the stage by Jeremy Sams and featuring music and lyrics by Cole Porter ... and audiences at Alhambra Theatre and Dining are in for a double treat with this rollicking battle of the sexes. The music and lyrics are integrated into the script (Porter's response to Rodgers & Hammerstein's shows) and the play became Porter's biggest hit with more than 1,000 performances on Broadway. It won the first-ever Tony Award presented for Best Musical in 1949.

The story is actually a play-within-a-play about actors touring with the stage version of "The Taming of the Shrew." The characters switch back and forth between their names and their Shakespearean counterparts. The lead roles are portrayed impressively by Christopher Sanders and Traci Bair, as divorced couple Fred Graham and Lilli Vanessi who star as "Petruchio" and "Katherine." Despite their failed personal relationship, they find themselves drawn to each other. Add in Fred's dalliance with ingenue Lois Lane/"Bianca," portrayed by Lauren Robinson, and her gambler boyfriend, Bill Calhoun/"Lucentio,"

played by Matthew Alexander, as well as two mafia hit men who come to collect Bill's gambling debt from an unsuspecting Fred (Bill signed Fred's name on an IOU) and what ensues is a comedic case of misunderstandings. Backstage antics of the cast spill over into the on-stage performance of "The Taming of the Shrew," with hilarious asides by the actors during their ad libbing.



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The cast of "Kiss Me Kate."

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Porter's music provides a showcase for powerhouse vocals by Sanders, Bair and Robinson. Probably one of the most well known numbers, "Wunderbar," is beautifully performed by Sanders and Bair as their Fred and Lilli personas. Bair as Lilli shows her vocal range and comedic delivery with "I Hate Men" and Sanders as Petruchio brings the house down with "Where is the Life that Late I Led?" Robinson as Bianca leads a suggestive rendition of "Tom, Dick or Harry" with suitors Gremio, Hortensio and Lucentio that will have adult audience members chuckling.

The clever lyrics in "Brush Up Your Shakespeare," performed by the two gangsters (Joshua McKinney and Joey Swift) are sure to bring laughs and finally a sigh of disappointment when the two are finally, literally, dragged off the stage.

The ensemble numbers are also highlights. "Another Op'nin, Another Show" at the start of the first act and "Too Darn Hot" at the beginning of the second act allow the company to strut their stuff to James Kinney's pulsating choreography.

Executive Chef DeJuan Roy has imagined another themed menu to accompany this show. Diners have their choice of chilled cucumber bisque or Caprese salad to start, followed by entree choices of southern style pepper steak, BBQ chicken, scallops carbonara or vegetable kabob with tofu. Save room for refreshing raspberry sorbet with a Meyer lemon cookie or Key Lime pie for dessert.

"Kiss Me Kate" will be on stage at Alhambra Theatre and Dining through Sept. 9. Visit www.alhambrajax.com to buy tickets.



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Jacksonville Mammoglam flock Florence, Italy

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The Mammoglam of Jacksonville joined other Florida breast cancer dragon boat teams in Florence, Italy, July 6 – 8 as participants in the 2018 International Breast Cancer Participatory Dragon Boat Festival. The team Survivors in Sync from Sarasota came in 4th in the international event.

Dragon boats are 40 feet long and are powered by 20 paddlers, a drummer and a steer. Paddlers must concentrate to stay in sync in order to achieve maximum speed.

Research on the sport of dragon boating for breast cancer survivors indicates there are both physical and psychosocial positive effects on paddlers. Dragon boating has prompted more studies to be conducted on the psychosocial effects for emotional support and camaraderie. It is a common way for exercising, participating in a sport, and supporting one another.

The Florence event began with a parade of athletes winding through the neighborhoods and across the famous Ponte Vecchio Bridge. The Mammoglam were a crowd favorite, walking with various sizes of flamingos, flocking Florence.

The races were held on the Arno River over two days with each team

racing twice a day for 500 meters. The team with 20 paddlers, a drummer, and a steersperson must be survivors.

Each team represented exchanged pins, bracelets, or team shirts as thousands of survivors from around the world



Mammoglam in Lane 4 came in second in their heat.

participated in the event exchanging personal stories and challenges from breast cancer.

The culminating event is known as the flower ceremony. The five finalist boats paddle together with the remaining boats which were composed of one selected member from each team. The boats pull in together as one, drummers roll the ending, and flowers are tossed into the river to signify those missing or lost to breast cancer. The banks are lined in pink, with each member wearing the same shirt provided as part of registration.

The participatory race is held every four years. Within the next couple of years, a location will be announced for the 2022 event somewhere in the

world. The Mammoglam will begin active recruitment for new team members to fill the next boat and fundraising.

On Sept. 22, 2018 the Jacksonville Dragon

Boat Festival will be held at Metropolitan Park. The annual event supports In the Pink which helps to provide and meet the needs of our city's breast cancer patients. The Mammoglam will be part of the breast cancer races and they invite you to visit their pink tent and cheer for them.



Mammoglam flock Florence.

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Jacksonville Herb Society moves to Mandarin Garden Club

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The Jacksonville Herb Society recently moved to the Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 6 p.m.

The Jacksonville Herb Society offers a variety of programs for the beginner to the enthusiast. After members or guest speakers present informative discussions on a variety of herb-related subjects, there is a raffle and covered-dish lunch. Some subjects presented have included: propagation of herbs, how to harvest, preserve and cook with herbs, herbs as natural remedies, herbs as natural insect control, herbs in arts and crafts, making vinegars with herbs, butterfly plants and gardens, hydroponic herb gardening, and sleep and herbs. The society also produces a monthly newsletter that provides informative local information about herbs.

The club is dedicated to promoting the understanding and use of herbs in the following ways:

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assembly based entirely on the history of the Maple Leaf. A crowd of 500 students, teachers and press were in attendance.

Hager passionately encourages the community to visit the Mandarin Museum to learn more and has invited her students to do the same. The next step in

- By exploring old and new uses of herbs for food, health and beauty
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- By providing encouragement, support and information on conditions and techniques of growing herbs in Northeast Florida
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- By providing information on supply resources for herb plants and materials.

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educating more students is to hopefully join efforts with Mandarin High School and continue to spread word throughout the community with hopes that one day, the Maple Leaf divers will be able to return to the site and discover more that lies within the Maple Leaf shipwreck.

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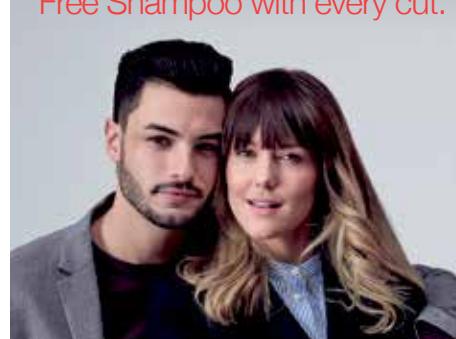
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The Pantry Raiders

Impress guests with homemade salsa at your next soirée

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Gatherings of family and friends are better with food, and few foods are more universally beloved than salsa. Whether they're hosting a gathering for the big game or a celebration of Hispanic culture and cuisine, hosts who want to go the extra mile can forgo store-bought salsa for the following homemade recipe for "Warm Black Bean Salsa" courtesy of Judith Finlayson's "The Health Slow Cooker: 135 Gluten-Free Recipes for Health and Wellness" (Robert Rose).

Warm Black Bean Salsa

(Makes about 3 cups)

14- to 19-ounce can of no-salt-added black beans, drained
1 cup drained no-salt-added diced canned tomatoes
4 green onions, finely chopped
2 roasted peppers (poblano or sweet), peeled and diced
1 roasted jalapeño, seeded and diced, or 1 chipotle pepper in adobo sauce
1 tsp. puréed garlic
1 tsp. finely grated lime zest
2 tbsp. freshly squeezed lime juice
2 cups shredded cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese
2 tbsp. finely chopped cilantro leaves
Finely chopped green onions

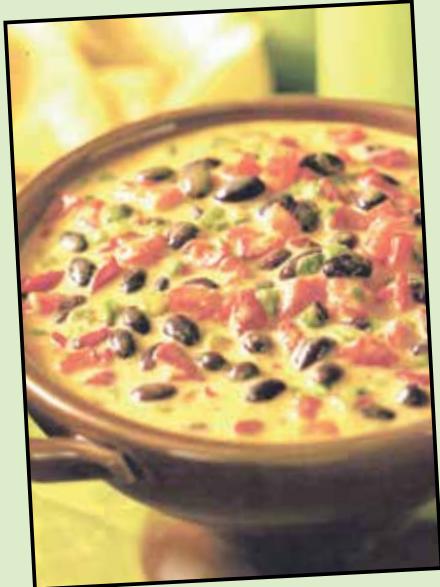


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Warm Black Bean Salsa

In slow cooker stoneware, combine beans, tomatoes, green onions, poblano, jalapeño peppers, garlic, lime zest and juice, and cheese. Stir well. Cover and cook on high for 1½ hours, until mixture is hot and bubbly. Stir in cilantro, sprinkle with green onions, if using, and serve.

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Fishing

Capt. David's Fishing Report

By Captain David Lifka
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fishing grounds. With the brackish lines being pushed back as far north as downtown Jacksonville, we have pretty much been left with a freshwater river for most of our area fishing.

In years past it is usually some sort of a tropical system that brings on a heavy flush of the river. It disrupts fishing for a while, but then conditions return to normal. This year, because of the continuous onslaught of above



Photo courtesy Mark Miller
This month's Catch of the Month photo is of six year old Collins, who caught this shellcracker on a warm July afternoon in Julington Creek Plantation near the golf course.

Every spring, summer, and fall, the majority of our area fishing depends greatly on the weather. Neighborhood lakes and ponds require a certain amount of rainfall to help maintain healthy water levels. Area creeks and tributaries also need a certain amount of yearly rainfall to help ward off saltwater intrusion that helps them remain as the freshwater fishery that they are. And then there is the St. Johns

River. For us, it's our favorite area fishing grounds, but in reality, it serves as a 310-mile long drain for much of the central and upper eastern half of the state of Florida.

The 2,000 square mile St. Johns River Basin is similar to that of the Florida Everglades, being made up of low marshy wetlands that extend as far south as Indian River and Okeechobee counties. With an approximate drop in elevation of just 30 feet from its beginning to where it empties into the Atlantic at Mayport, the slow moving river drains at speeds of less than a half mile per hour. Any rainfall within miles of its banks or basin is all destined to flow through our area fishery on its way to the ocean. Unfortunately for us, this excessive flow of freshwater has a direct effect on the salinity of the river water, which usually provides us the brackish water needed.

This year's overabundance of above normal rainfall throughout much of the state has helped maintain a steady drain of freshwater into the river, pushing back our normally brackish water

normal rainfall, any type of recovery that we may have expected has been nonexistent. Of course this year is not over yet, as we easily have well into September for conditions to change and a turnaround to take place. Who knows? Maybe after all this rain we can still be in for a fabulous autumn of fishing. It would certainly be nice.

Fishing Report: Very good freshwater bream and catfish bite. Worms for the bream, try chicken livers for the cats. Sporadic shrimping. Yellowmouth trout closer to downtown and beyond.

Whether you catch one, some, or none, the family time spent fishing will last a lifetime.

We now include a *Catch of the Month* photo with Capt. David's Fishing Report each month. Please email a photo of yourself or your child with the fish caught to catchofthemonthpictures@gmail.com. Be sure to include the name of the person(s) in the photo, the name of the person who took the photo, the type of fish and date and location of the catch. We will select a photo each month for publication.

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Gardening

What is soil?

By Master Gardener Lesley Arrandale
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This seems like a simple question, but it's an important one, because soil — rather than "dirt" — can be considered the basis of all life. Whether it is the sands of the sea shore and deserts, or the thick alluvial muds of grand rivers like the Mississippi, soils harbor and support millions of tiny organisms or microbes — animal, vegetable, and fungal. They form a community of creatures that we are oblivious to, but which are vital to soil fertility and its ability to support the plant life on which we depend.

We have come a long way since the advent of industrial farming, but it's a relatively recent development. Once considered to be the scientific answer to feeding increasing numbers of people, which it certainly does, some growers are opting to use organic farming methods, aiming specifically at protecting and building up soil fertility without the use of synthetic fertilizers derived from petroleum: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/AG/AG24600.pdf>. It is worth looking at our own practices to see if we can be kinder to our soil and nourish those unseen microbes.

As summer progresses, grass seems to grow ever quicker and taller, and needs mowing at least once a week. By cutting off no more than one-third of its height, we can leave the grass trimmings on the lawn and in the heat and rain they will quickly decompose, returning nitrogen and other elements to the soil. Leaves drop throughout the year, but not so much in summer and, with the exception of southern magnolia leaves, they can be shredded while mowing with no need for raking.

For flower beds and vegetable gardens, return as much weedy debris to the soil as is practical by tucking it under the mulch and it will compost in place. If you have of a lot of yard trimmings, a well-constructed compost pile will rot

down in summer in just a few months. Dispose of weed seeds and any weeds that will regrow from small pieces of stem or root, like dollar weed and Florida betony.

Practitioners of "no till" farming are well aware of the benefits of undisturbed soils: they leave crop roots and debris in place after harvest and use a modified planting system for subsequent crops (<https://tinyurl.com/ydfy3mlx>). The soil structure remains relatively intact and nutrients are recycled directly back into the field. In our gardens we can cut off and compost the top growth of annuals and leave the roots in the ground, adding mulch to keep beds tidy. With minimal soil disturbance the beneficial web of fungal mycelium — the underground part of fungi — is left undisturbed to continue doing its job, which includes processing nutrients and making them available to growing plants. Beans and other legumes are among the plants that have symbiotic relationships with particular species of mycelia, and adding a commercially available bean inoculant to the soil at planting time is an effective way to boost productivity.

In the home garden, another way to boost organic matter is to grow a cover crop, like clover or field peas, which is turned back into the soil when still immature before sowing the next food crop (<https://tinyurl.com/y8v73rxv>).

Ultimately our gardens will benefit if we take care of our soil. Incorporating organic matter will keep up fertility, encourage an airy soil structure that will absorb irrigation, slow the leaching of nutrients from sandy soils, and enable plant roots to grow wide and deep. In addition, minimize soil disturbance and the natural fungal processes and microbes at work in the soil will thrive and our gardens will benefit. Your fall garden could be spectacular!

Mandarin Garden Club hosts garden tour for Episcopal Church of Our Saviour

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Members of Episcopal Church of Our Saviour were welcomed to Mandarin Garden club on May 28 for a garden tour. Bees and butterflies were darting back and forth as Mary Forester, second vice president and Master Gardener coordinator, told the senior group about the history of the gardens. She explained how important the partnership between Duval County Extension Office and the Master Gardeners is to the club.



Photo courtesy Wanda Bosworth
Garden Tour led by Mary Forester.

club. Forester told the seniors about projects and charities the garden club is involved in.

Episcopal Church of Our Saviour was organized in 1880 and Professor Calvin E. Stowe and his wife Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," held Bible readings for 12 years at this church.

Groups interested in a tour of the grounds should contact Donna Crosby, Education and Community Chair, at info@mandarin-gardenclub.org.

A special event will be held at the garden club in October. "Autumn in the Gardens" will be held on Oct. 13 from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. and anyone interested in gardening, or taking a tour of the gardens, is invited to attend. See the October issue of Mandarin NewsLine for more information.

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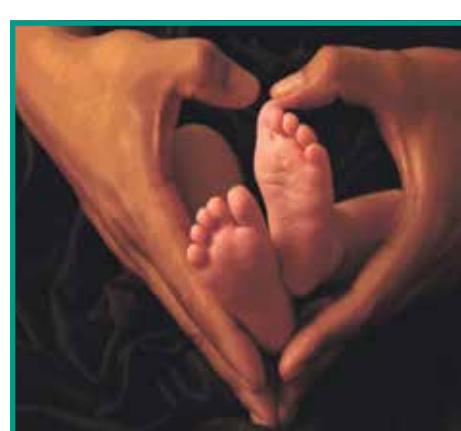
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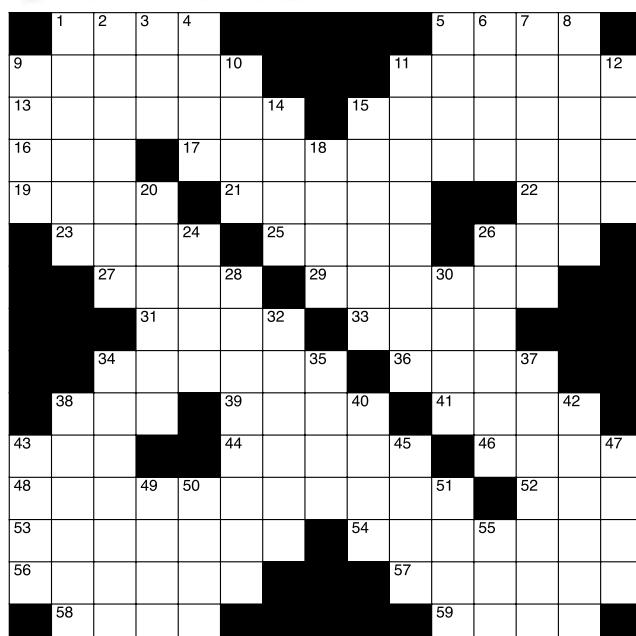
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Puzzles

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 1. A greeting
 5. A type of hall
 9. Planes need one
 11. Wealth
 13. The act of exciting
 15. A movement downward
 16. Type of storage
 17. A funny and sad play
 19. After cinco
 21. Dry white Italian wine
 22. Where golfers begin
 23. Witnesses
 25. Relaxing places
 26. Of she
 27. Discontinued compact car
 29. Resulted
 31. Large Irish castle
 34.
 38.
 43.
 48.
 53.
 56.
 58.

- CLUES DOWN
 33. Offer for a price
 34. One type is Irish
 36. Free-swimming invertebrate
 38. A type of tale
 39. The middle of the month
 41. Christmas
 43. ___ death do us part
 44. Goes with Gomorrah
 46. Ethnic group of Thailand
 48. "Grown Ups" funnyman
 52. A type of index
 53. A mass of rocks
 54. Splashed
 56. Kids' playground necessities
 57. Sears and London are two
 58. Strip of cloth
 59. Church

- CLUES DOWN
 1. Progressive decay of a bone or tooth
 2. Deliberately contrary events
 3. Unit of mass
 4. Kiln
 5. Soybean paste
 6. Electronic counter-countermeasures
 7. Made the bed
 8. One who mails
 9. Bar bills
 10. Automotive vehicles
 11. Breaks
 12. Swelling of the eyelid
 14. Asian country
 15. Couches
 18. Stare with mouth wide open
 20. Member of U.S. Navy
 24. A sulk
26. Greetings
 28. Craftsmen
 30. Mongolian city ___ Bator
 32. Did again
 34. Sunrooms
 35. Start over
 37. Georgians love them
 38. Women
 40. "Snake Tales" cartoonist
 42. Pariahs
 43. Caps
 45. Gradually become less solid
 47. Goats
 49. French city Le ___
 50. Exhale
 51. Homes have at least one
 55. Type of power cable

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to computing.
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(Hint: 2 = m)

- A. 7 9 2 18 8 4 22 16
Clue: Electronic device
- B. 12 21 25 21 4 13 17
Clue: Opposite of analog
- C. 2 22 2 9 16 24
Clue: Storage
- D. 7 17 9 8 12
Clue: External server

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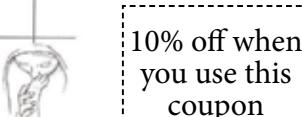
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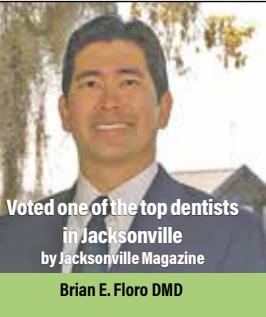
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Touring Louisiana plantations

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relationships between owners, women, children, and slaves. The grounds include 12 buildings, among them the 1805 mansion, the 1840s slave cabins, and formal and kitchen gardens. You'll leave with something to ponder.



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Houmas House

New Orleans became one of America's wealthiest cities due to its strategic harbor. Today, many grand plantations still dot the Mississippi River Road. Exploring these historic sites provides a fascinating history lesson. Visitors no longer tour just the mansion house, they also see and hear about the outbuildings and slave quarters.

The following five plantations are within an easy drive from New Orleans, but visiting more than two a day proves difficult.

Destrehan Plantation, initially built in 1787, began producing indigo, then switched to more profitable sugar. The owner, Jean Noel Destrehan, and his brother-in-law pioneered the granulation of sugar, making Destrehan one of the largest sugar-producing plantations. Jean Noel went on to become a driving force for Louisiana statehood. Today, costumed interpreters lead tours through the "Big House" and grounds. You'll also find crafts and tradesmen demonstrating their skills.

Oak Alley is renowned for the 28 live oaks lining the quarter-mile entryway to the Greek Revival mansion. The 300-year-old graceful trees, draped in Spanish moss, have become synonymous with the Old South. To walk under the dreamy canopy is to feel the presence of the past. In addition to touring the manor house, stop at the reconstructed slave dwellings and exhibits, and Sugarcane Theatre which shows a film about the crop's economic importance. Overnight stays are available in newly built cottages.

Houmas House and Gardens in Darrow, a 38-acre estate, ranks as a must-see for gardeners. The stunning grounds include the Burnside Oak, Japanese gardens, bridges, fountains, pools and statuary — some of it whimsical. Even children like to explore these green acres. Though a bit pricey, an overnight stay in a cottage offers the sheer delight of evening strolls or early morning walks among the splendor. Guided tours of the manor house, once called the "Sugar Palace," explain how it survived wars, floods, abandonment, and fortunately the ravages of time. Visitors find a variety of restaurants and the Louisiana River Road Interpretive Center now under construction, scheduled to open in fall 2019.

Laura Plantation presents a Creole style house in a riot of color. The guides do an exceptional job telling stories of the four generations of characters who lived and worked there. They don't sugarcoat the complex



Statues at Whitney Plantation



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