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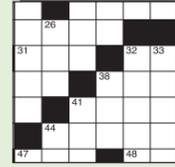
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News from Mandarin Senior Center

By Laura Wooten
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As we get ready to enter a busy time of the year here are some dates and fun facts to remember:

- Did you know that a hot, nutritionally balanced midday meal is provided every Monday – Friday at 12 p.m. for seniors 60 years old and older? Visit www.coj.net for more information.



Photo by Martie Thompson

The Mandarin Senior Center, 3848 Hartley Road.

- The Mandarin Senior Center has a new Bingo board provided by the City of Jacksonville. Bingo games are every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.
- There are many other types of activities also available at the center if Bingo isn't your thing. From beginners' line dancing to chair volleyball there is room for all. There's Canasta, Billiards, Ceramics and a popular knitting group just to name a few.
- Don't forget the Thanksgiving Celebration at 10 a.m. on Nov. 14.

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Known for outstanding Nutcracker performances in Jacksonville, The Florida Ballet is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Founded in 1978, the original purpose of The Florida Ballet was to bring dance and performances to the greater Jacksonville area strictly as a performance company. Due to the recession and not enough funding, other ideas were introduced to help the ballet thrive. Teaching was soon implemented and The Florida Ballet became a perfect place for ballet instruction.

With the focus of training professional dancers, The Florida Ballet moved to its current home located at 300 E. State St. in 2004 and they now have a satellite location in Mandarin.

In 2007, The Florida Ballet was awarded a grant from the Weaver Family Foundation for the purpose of meeting urgent financial needs. The grant was directed toward different areas within



the ballet. Scholarships in the professional training program for talented students with financial needs benefited

The Florida Ballet celebrates 40th anniversary



Photos courtesy Debra Heuskin

from the grand and the additional part was directed toward strengthening the administrative support staff to create a strong future for The Florida Ballet.

"We have a training center mostly made up of kids that come after school for classes," said Executive Director Martha Lemire. "We also have a conservatory program for students hoping



for a career in dance. It's an intense, five days a week training schedule. Those students take online classes for school. Our graduate program is for students that have completed high school.

The Florida Ballet currently enrolls approximately 300 students, has four full

time staff members and seven teachers.

"Being a small organization, everyone wears multiple hats. We've been here 40 years and many people have never heard of it, but it's a really special place," Lemire said.

The ballet is constantly growing in community outreach, being of service to those with disabilities, expanding the after school enrichment program and working with the symphony. Currently, special efforts are being made to involve men in dance. Schools are becoming more involved to expose arts into inner city areas. There are currently six schools in Jacksonville breaking the barrier for boys in dance.



The Florida Ballet is celebrating its 40th year with special performances. In addition to the annual "Nutcracker" performances, "La Boutique Fantasque and Other Works" was performed for several audiences in October and "Alice In Wonderland" will be performed in the spring.

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Bartram Park Car Show and Fall Festival returns

The fourth annual Bartram Park Car Show and Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the parking lot of its host, Railing Chiropractic & Acupuncture, 13241 Bartram Park Blvd. The event will include family fun, face painting, music food trucks, vendors, raffles, prizes and the main event, the Car Show. The event is free and open to the community. Attendees are requested to bring either a new toy to benefit Toys for Tots or a cash donation for the Dreams Come True Foundation. Call (904) 551-9283 for more information.

Birding seminar offered

Plants for Birds, a free seminar, will be held Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m. and hosted by Wild Birds Unlimited, 450 State Road 13 N. Gary Whiting, Wild Birds Unlimited staff member, wildlife photographer and certified UF/IFAS Florida Master Naturalist will provide a stunning look at dozens of North Florida's most common (and uncommon) birds through the eyes of a photographer and naturalist, and provide insights on the native plants that provide habitat and a food source. Whiting will address the many advantages of using native plants to attract more birds to home landscapes. Topics covered will include how to select the trees, shrubs, and grasses that are indigenous to this

area as well as their ideal placement to provide shelter and food for visiting wildlife. He will also share practical tips on bird identification and demonstrate actual examples from his own yard to help attendees regardless of skill level. Diversity of habitat brings diversity in birds. Including native primary (edible) and secondary (insect larval host) plants in your garden will result in more birds and more enjoyment. Space is limited; call (904) 230-3242 or visit the nature shop to register.

Mandarin Community Club to hold annual Veterans Day Wreath Laying Ceremony

The Mandarin Community Club will hold its annual Wreath Laying Ceremony in honor of Veterans Day on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 1 p.m. at Billard Commemorative Park, 11641 Brady Road, adjacent to the Mandarin Community Club Building. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. There is ample free parking. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved indoors. This is the 11th year the Mandarin Community Club will honor veterans with a specific, dedicated program. The Billard Park is home to the only Veterans Memorial in all of Mandarin. For additional information on the Mandarin Community Club, programs and events, visit mandarincommunityclub.org or contact the club office at (904) 268-1622.

Fall Festival and Chili Cook-Off is this month

The 22nd annual Mandarin Fall Festival and Chili Cook-Off, hosted each year by the Mandarin Council of the JAX Chamber, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at RiverPlace Shopping Center. The event will include entertainment for young and old with live music, a bounce house, arts and craft vendors, and the main event, the Chili Cook-Off. This event is the main fundraiser each year for the Mandarin Council and proceeds benefit the The Youth Achievers Program, Safe Kids Swimming Program, Mandarin Food Bank, and the Janice Meisel Scholarship Fund. Visit mandarinCouncil.org/fall-festival-chili-cook-off-2018/ for more information.



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Host families needed for exchange student program

Education First's Educational Homestay Program is seeking community volunteers to host international high

school student this summer. There is an application and home visit followed by reference calls and a background check. Host provide a home away from home. Students are with EF staff during the work day and spend evenings and weekends with their host. There are EF school bus stops in many areas of St. Johns and Duval County. Families, empty-nesters and single adults (singles must host two students) are welcome. Contact Ginger Manning at efgingwa19@gmail.com for more information or to begin your host application.



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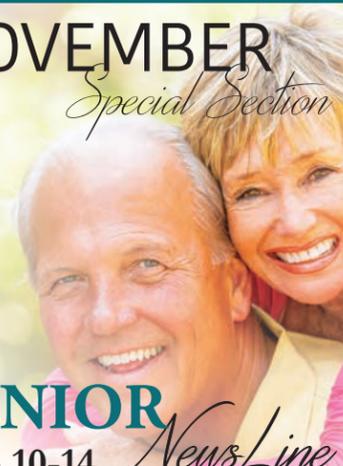
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around town

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Nov. 30 - Dec. 2 - 42nd annual Art and Antiques Show "A Place in the Sun"

Hosted by the Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital
Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center
www.artandantiquesshow.com

Dec. 1 - 19th annual Mandarin Winter Celebration

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Walter Jones Historical Park, 11964 Mandarin Road
www.mandarinmuseum.net

Dec. 1 - Julington Creek Holiday Light Parade

7 p.m.
Julington Creek Bridge area

Dec. 6 - 9 - Holiday Pops

Jacksonville Symphony and Chorus
Robert E. Jacoby Symphony Hall, Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts
www.jaxsymphony.org

Dec. 8 - Holiday Gift Market featuring local makers

1 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Vintage Arts, 10041 San. Jose Blvd.

Nov. 3

Mandarin Garden Club Craft Fair

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road
www.mandaringardenclub.org

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 the community; (904) 742-8777

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
Mandarin/St. Johns Elks Lodge, 4280 Oldfield
Crossing Drive
(904) 297-8344 or www.mandarinpost372.org

Nov. 5

Southside Newcomers Club First Monday Coffee

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

Nov. 6

Election Day

Nov. 6

Honeybee Quilt Guild

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

Nov. 7

Playing HOOKie crochet, loom and knitters group

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Whole Foods on San Jose Boulevard
paulab2097@gmail.com (repeating event on Wednesdays)

Nov. 8

Mandarin Council networking luncheon

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

Book Club/Friends of the South Mandarin

Nov. 10

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 of the Catholic Writers Guild

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

Nov. 13

Shuffleboard

1:30 p.m. (repeating event on Tuesdays)
Mandarin Park, next to tennis courts
Just show up unless it rains
Daughters of American Revolution (DAR), Jacksonville Chapter

11 a.m.
Blue Fish restaurant
(904) 333-5222

Nov. 14

Dementia Support for Caregivers

3:30 p.m.
River Garden, 11401 Old St. Augustine Road

Repeating event on the second Wednesday of each month

Medicare Open Enrollment presentation by ElderSource

11:30 a.m.
River Garden, 11401 Old St. Augustine Road
RSVP required for complimentary lunch: (904) 288-7855

Small Business Advice: What are the best face-to-face selling techniques?

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Community Room Mandarin Branch Library

Nov. 14 - Nov. 15

AARP Safe Driving Class

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. each day
South Mandarin Branch Library, 12125 San Jose
Register at (904) 414-0007. \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members.

Nov. 15

Third Thursday Lecture: From the St. Johns to Cape Fear: Severing the Lifeline of the Confederacy

Refreshments 6:30 p.m. / Lecture 7 p.m.
Mandarin Community Club, 12447 Mandarin Road
Mandarin Women's Club featuring a singalong with Steve Chapman
Doors open 10:30 a.m.
Ramada Inn Mandarin, 3030 Hartley Road
RSVP by Nov. 8; mcshell@comcast.net or (904) 859-6299

Cherokee Rose Circle of the Mandarin Garden Club

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

Nov. 17

Meet the Maple Leaf Divers

12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Mandarin Museum, 11964 Mandarin Road
www.mandarinmuseum.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 (Repeats Saturdays)

Mandarin Toastmasters meeting

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

Nov. 18

Italian American Club of Jacksonville Car & Motorcycle Show

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Italian American Club, 2838 Westberry Road
Call to register (904) 586-2700; \$20 before Nov. 17. Open to community.

Nov. 19

All Star Quilt Guild

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

Nov. 20

Dogwood Circle of the Mandarin Garden Club

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

Nov. 21

River City Women's Club lunch featuring Sweet Treats, homemade baked goods auction for charity

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

Nov. 24

Shop Small Business pop up

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Vintage Arts, 10041 San. Jose Blvd.

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with Duval School Board Member,
District 7, Lori Hershey

Q: Can you give us an update on the district's response to the recent safety threats at Mandarin High School?

A: There were two threats last week [week of Oct. 8] that were of security concern at Mandarin High School. The individual responsible for both threats has been identified and is not a Mandarin High School student. I'd like to commend the students, faculty and staff for how they responded to the events and kept everybody safe. Furthermore, Superintendent Greene has met with her cabinet and they have evaluated the communication with parents and the decisions that were made. They are making some adjustments.

Q: What can you tell us about the recent reports of metal detectors being purchased for the schools?

A: The district is applying for a grant that is established by HB 7026, the school safety bill. If we are awarded the grant, then the plan is to purchase metal detectors for all high schools. At our board workshop in November, we plan to discuss this further. There is still a lot of conversation to be had about this topic.

Q: Can you give us an update on the board retreat, which took place on Oct. 5?

A: This was a great opportunity to re-view our strategic plan with the superintendent and continue to participate in team building exercises between the superintendent and the board.

Q: Do you have any events in District 7 to share?

A: Bartram Springs Elementary will be hosting a science night at the school beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16. They will have telescopes set up to view the night sky as well as food trucks available onsite. It is open to the public and looks like it will be a fun family night. Finally, I'd like to remind everyone to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming election. We have two board members who are term-limited and one who decided not to seek re-election, so on Nov. 20, we will be swearing in three new board members.

Q: How can our readers contact you?

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

Mandarin Garden Club
2892 Loretto Road, 32223

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Inquiring Minds want to know!

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

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

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with Jacksonville City Council Member
Matt Schellenberg (District 6)

Q: What is the latest on the proposed dog park for Mandarin?

A: After a lot of due diligence, the city's Parks Department has determined that at less than one-half an acre, the initial property proposed behind the South Mandarin Branch Library is too small for a dog park. We thought this would be the perfect location, but since most dog parks are more than two acres, this is among the reasons why we are looking at the other piece of property. As of now, the city is still doing its due diligence as pertains to environmental issues and purchase price for the alternate location in Mandarin for the park. The money for the dog park is already available, so if this alternate property passes the due diligence, the dog park would probably be completed by the first quarter 2019.

Q: What would then happen to the smaller property behind the South Mandarin Branch Library?

A: This property still needs to be updated and made more user friendly. I'm working on that now with the Parks Department. Our goal is to make this park more enjoyable to citizens.

Q: Do you have any updates on County Dock?

A: Yes. The design phase is completed and the project will be going out for bids in the next couple of weeks. I am hopeful that construction will start in January 2019.

Q: Do you have anything else to share regarding District 6?

A: As you can see, we are changing some things to adapt to the current environment of who lives in Mandarin today. As a city leader, I need to look ahead to these challenges. Every day we compete on quality of life issues with NW St. Johns County, including schools (perception or otherwise) and walkability. This is why I'm a big advocate of more sidewalks so people can stay off street and make friends while safely walking.

Q: Are any more sidewalks planned?

A: Yes, I'm still working for more sidewalks along Orange Picker Road and north of Orange Picker Road along Mandarin Road. Next year we will continue to build northward in an effort to connect our community.

Q: What items do you plan to have for discussion next month?

A: I think we need to quit looking back and start looking forward. With that in mind, I'd like to share my thoughts on more sidewalks, three terms and out, and the expansion of the Craig Airfield. I'd welcome questions or opinions from citizens about any of these issues.

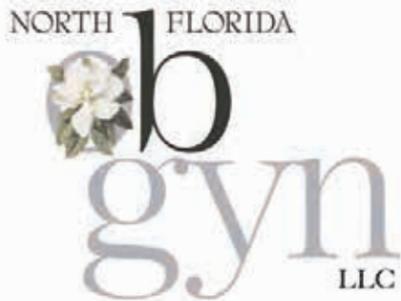
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with Jacksonville City Council Member
Tommy Hazouri, At Large District 3

Q: Do you have a public works update for Mandarin?

A: There are a number of Mandarin-area projects that are progressing through Public Works. A Florida Department of Environmental Protection permit has been received to reconstruct the fixed dock at the end of County Dock Road that was damaged by Hurricane Matthew. The drainage improvements on Orange Picker Road have an anticipated completion date of January 2019; the project proposal has been approved and is being processed. Design is ongoing for an extension to the Mandarin Park floating dock and the addition of a kayak launch.

Q: What is the latest on the proposed dog park?

A: The Parks Department is currently reviewing the space behind the South Mandarin Branch Library to determine options to activate the area as a family-friendly amenity. The space is currently not a park; however, it was once maintained by the Mandarin Rotary. You may recall we were originally looking at this location as a spot for a dog park, and that is still not off the table. The Parks Department is working on a plan to develop an off-leash dog park in the Mandarin area, as well as a children's playground area similar to the one on Baymeadows, complete with a natural setting for reading and enjoying nature conducive to the adjacent library. We expect to have a decision reached shortly and work completed around the beginning of next year.

Q: Do you have any other news about area parks?

A: The Parks Department has created an additional open field play area at Greenland Park, which will allow for additional recreational activities at this heavily utilized park. Additionally, the

Parks Department has updated the landscaping and amenities in Chapelgate Park, which is a small pocket park behind Lowe's on Old St. Augustine Road, within the Chapelgate neighborhood.

Q: What is the update on the Mandarin Senior Center expansion?

A: Design on the expansion of the Mandarin Senior Center is currently underway. The center is proposed to expand to allow for additional capacity and more creative programming. Construction should begin in early 2019. Additionally, the City of Jacksonville will construct a new senior center near Beach Boulevard and Southside Boulevard. This senior center, which will provide recreational, nutritional and social programming, is anticipated to advertise for construction by the end of 2018.

Q: Do you have anything else to share with the people of Mandarin?

A: JSO reports auto burglaries are down 23 percent from this time last year, which is great. As I mentioned last month, vehicle break-ins not only cost people their valuables, but they put guns in the hands of criminals. It seems like the "9 p.m. Routine" is working, so let's keep it up — especially with the holidays coming.

Also, I'd like to remind the community that the General Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6. I hope everyone registered to vote, as that deadline has passed, but voting is so important. You really can make a difference in your community and your state by voting — it is a privilege we are lucky to have.

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.



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Back in Time with Brett

By Brett Nolan
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Historic Plummer's Cove Cemetery

Plummer's Cove Cemetery is the only tangible reminder of the small farming community of Plummer, a section in Mandarin located at Plummer's Cove (now adjacent to the Buckman Bridge). In use by 1860, this cemetery was the early burial grounds for many of Mandarin's pioneer families including the Bowdens, Hartleys, Bradys, Flynns, and Wantons.

The area that would eventually include the old burial grounds at Plummer's has an interesting history. A family of loyalists to the king during the colonies' fight for independence, Daniel Plummer, along with his eldest daughter and son-in-law, resettled in Spanish East Florida for fear of their property in South Carolina being confiscated, post-American Revolution. In the 1790s, the Plummers owned a lot of land along the St. Johns River, including the future site of downtown Jacksonville. When Plummer died, shortly after marrying Prudence Lofton, the property at Plummer's Cove was confirmed by the Spanish Governor to Prudence. She died in 1848 and the land was passed down through different family members.

By the last half of the 19th century, the little community at Plummer's Cove was included in one of the stops made by steamboats. These boats picked up vegetables and citrus from the docks extending out into the river.

The first recorded deed for the cemetery was filed in 1911. Now, well over



Photos courtesy Mandarin Museum & Historical Society
Plummer's Cemetery in 2018.



Corporal Adams Robinson

100 years later, Plummer's Cove Cemetery is a great example of the damage done by development. These burial grounds became landlocked over time by residential encroachments and other property

disputes. The cemetery has fewer than 20 identified graves still standing. Many markers have disappeared over time — deteriorated, vandalized or even thrown into the river.

Within the cemetery, handmade tombstones as well as other various burial styles of the time, like wrought iron fencing, remain in small numbers and in poor condition. Another interesting thing about this resting place is that it has black and white residents buried there — a practice which was unusual for its time. Two stones viewed in a 2013 survey by Mandarin Museum & Historical Society were African-American Civil War veterans, Adams Robinson and David Wanton (both "Co.C 33 USCI").

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Third Thursday Lecture: "From the St. Johns to the Cape Fear: Severing the Lifeline of the Confederacy"

By NewsLine Staff
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Many have heard the fascinating story at Mandarin Museum of the National Historic Landmark Maple Leaf, the Union troop transport that was sunk by Confederates at Mandarin Point on April 1, 1864. You may have seen some of the Civil War material that was recovered and preserved by the St. Johns Archaeological Expeditions. If so, you probably wondered what happened to the men who owned those items that were lost. They were Union soldiers from New York and Indiana who were waiting for their belongings to be unloaded at the pier in Jacksonville — which never happened. Well, these men traveled north and were engaged in some important battles during the last year of the war.

In April 1864, the men of the 112th New York, 169th New York, and 13th Indiana Regiments could hardly prepare for what lay ahead, but they were soon to be a part of bloody campaigns in Virginia and North Carolina.

They would be a part of largest amphibious operation the United States military would carry out until June 6, 1944 and would observe the largest naval bombardment of the American Civil War. It was the biggest event in U.S. history at the time of its occurrence. For the men of both sides who survived the battles, it was more brutal than anything ever experienced.

Started in April 1861, Fort Fisher (Wilmington, N.C.) became the largest earthen

fortification in the Confederacy. Its guns controlled one inlet into the Cape Fear River, the port of Wilmington, and the strategic railroad which directly linked Europe with the Confederate Capital at Richmond. By 1863, the Cape Fear River became the most heavily guarded waterway in the South. With the war grinding to a stalemate, the pressure increased on the U.S. Army and Navy to close this one lifeline of the Confederacy once and for all. With a Southern peace committee in Washington, President Abraham Lincoln and General Ulysses S. Grant understood that Fort Fisher had to be captured at all costs.

After the savage fighting was over, 72 soldiers, sailors, and marines would be awarded the Medal of Honor for their actions. One of those Medal of Honor recipients, Private William Freeman of the 169th New York, might have materials still in the hold of the Maple Leaf.

You will hear the rest of the story at the November Third Thursday Lecture when John Moseley, Jacksonville native and Historic Sites Manager I, Fort Fisher State Historic Site, will give a lecture and visual presentation of the battle that sealed the fate of the Confederacy, aided in bringing an end to the war and the Maple Leaf's connection to Fort Fisher.

This Mandarin Museum & Historical Society event is held in partnership with the Mandarin Community Club and is held at the Community Club, 12447 Mandarin Road. Refreshments are offered at 6:30 p.m. with the lecture starting at 7 p.m. It is free and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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"Joint Commission accreditation and certification provides nursing homes with a framework for the processes needed to improve the care patients and residents receive," said Gina Zimmermann, MS, executive director, Nursing Care Center Accreditation Program, The Joint Commission. "We commend River Garden for its efforts to become a quality improvement organization."

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The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) essay contest was established to encourage young people to think creatively about our nation's great history and learn about history in a new light. Each academic year, a unique essay topic is chosen and guidelines are made available. The contest is open to all students in fifth through eighth grade. Winners advance to State, then Divisional then National level and all contestants receive a certificate of participation.

The title/topic for 2018 – 2019 is "The Women's Suffrage Campaign," addressing the time of the 19th Amendment and the women gaining the right to vote. Complete contest instructions and guidelines are available by contacting darjaxbettyreed@att.net. Educators, parents and students are encouraged to contact their local DAR chapters for programs and more detailed information about the contest. The Jacksonville Chapter offers a monetary award of \$100 to the first place winner; \$50 to the second place winner and \$25 to the third place winner on the local level, plus an awards ceremony and winner certificate. Email darjaxbettyreed@att.net or call (904) 333-5222 with any questions. The contest deadline is Dec. 1, 2018.

Mandarin Museum & Historical Society honors 100th anniversary of Armistice Day 1918

On Saturday, Nov. 10, Mandarin Museum & Historical Society will honor the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I and the only man from Mandarin who died in the war. Pvt. Marion Joseph Losco served in France only a couple of months before being killed in battle there. He was buried in the American Cemetery of Oise-Aisne.

At 11 a.m., the Mandarin High School JROTC will present the colors and read the names of all the men from Mandarin who served in World War I. Following the placing of the flags, Paul Ghiotto, relative of Marion Losco and author of the book "A Soldier's Story" will welcome guests with a short talk about World War

I and Private Losco. A special World War I exhibit inside the Mandarin Museum contains items that were sent home after Losco's death as well as a listing of all who served from Mandarin and a complete WWI uniform. Autographed copies of "A Soldier's Story" will also be available. The book contains the letters from Pvt. Losco to his mother as well as other personal documents and photographs that tell his story.

This event will take place at the Mandarin Museum in Walter Jones Historical Park, 11964 Mandarin Road. The exhibit in honor of Losco can be viewed from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. with the special presentation at 11 a.m. The Losco Winery will be open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. except from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. during the program. The 1890s era log cabin belonged to the Losco family and was moved to the park.

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ElderSource looking for volunteers from St. Johns and Duval counties

By NewsLine Staff
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ElderSource, a nonprofit organization that works to empower elders and their caregivers age with dignity and independence, is currently recruiting volunteers in Duval and St. Johns counties to help people understand their Medicare benefits. Volunteers are a vital part of ElderSource's SHINE Program (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders), which helps elders make informed decisions about their Medicare health benefits and other health insurance issues.

Harry Drake, a St. Johns County resident, has been a SHINE volunteer for more than two years and touts how this program is not only important to seniors, but a fulfilling volunteer opportunity.

"Generally, when people turn 65 and become eligible for their Medicare benefits, they are unsure on how to sign up; they are confused and simply do not understand the process and the benefits they are entitled to," he said. "I am a very busy volunteer and it is really satisfying when I can help someone save quite a bit of money."

Drake recalled how he guided a woman toward selecting a Medicare Part D

Prescription Plan, saving her more than \$1,000 a year.

"Her doctor recommended that she begin taking this new medication, but it was not covered on her current formulary. After some research, I was able to give her a recommendation on a Part D plan that would cover it," he said.

SHINE is the only program of its kind that offers free and unbiased counseling on Medicare and health insurance issues. Volunteers receive basic training on Medicare, Medicare Part D (prescription drug program), Medicare Supplement Insurance and Medicare Advantage, Medicaid, and in

turn, serve as counselors to their peers on how to understand and capitalize on these insurance benefits. Computer experience is helpful, but not necessary, to be a volunteer.



Photo courtesy ElderSource
St. Johns County resident and SHINE volunteer, Harry Drake.

Upon completion of the training, volunteers can be certified to give presentations in their communities and provide much-needed counseling with seniors to secure these complicated Medicare health insurance benefits. Volunteers, supported by SHINE staff, will connect with elders at various loca-

tions in the community, including but not limited to health fairs, senior events and other community outreach events.

While SHINE volunteers are very busy during Open Enrollment (the period from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7 when Medicare beneficiaries can make changes to their plans), they counsel people year-round. Thousands of people turn 65 every day, making SHINE volunteers an invaluable resource to the community.

To become a SHINE Volunteer or to receive more information call ElderSource at (904) 391-6644.

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Cochlear implant a life changer for local resident

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St. Augustine resident Harry Zemon experienced severe hearing loss from two major factors in his life. First, he was in the meat business, which meant dealing with high intensity noises coming from band saws, patty makers and grinders. Pair that with a genetic defect and hearing loss for him at age 70 turned into severe hearing loss — and hearing aids were no longer helpful.

Zemon's first venture into seeking information on hearing correction was in 1986. Since he was in the military, he found it was covered completely by insurance if surgery took place in Tampa, which meant he would have a six-hour round trip every week for the first three to four weeks post-surgery. The VA provided many evaluations on his status of hearing and bone loss — but he just could not deal with the trips to Tampa. So, he waited.

When Zemon was able to obtain Medicare and the supplements, he inquired again. One day he was in the grocery store and a fellow in front of him was an older gentleman with a bright white cochlear processor firmly on his head. He approached the gentleman, a local attorney, to talk about this particular

implant, and they talked nearly 25 minutes. Zemon found out about an informative seminar in Jacksonville about cochlear implants, and he decided to go.

"I was sold," said Zemon. "I knew this was what I had to have."

In March 2018, Zemon underwent successful cochlear implant surgery by J. Douglas Green Jr., MD, in Jacksonville. The surgery resulted in Zemon being able to now hear his three grandchildren — he calls them the chatterboxes. He can hear and understand them, whereas before his daughter had to translate.

"It is a joy, a pleasure to hear them and the outside world again," said Zemon.

If he sees a person who is having a hard time to hearing, he strikes up a conversation sometimes. He chats about having a cochlear implant and how it's made a huge difference in his life.

Zemon also uses a caption phone with a screen to further discern words. It's like closed-caption on television. Presently, he's working on a new therapy program

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Volunteers needed for AARP Foundation Tax-Aide

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AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking to expand its team of volunteers for the upcoming tax season. Tax-Aide, celebrating its 50th year, offers free in-person preparation and assistance to anyone, especially those aged 50 and older. Volunteers make a difference in their communities by assisting those who might otherwise miss out on the tax credits and deductions they've earned.

Since its inception, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide has served more than 68 million taxpayers. The program is seeking volunteer tax preparers, client facilitators, those who can provide technical and management assistance and interpreters. Every level of experience is welcomed. Volunteer tax preparers complete tax preparation training and IRS certification.

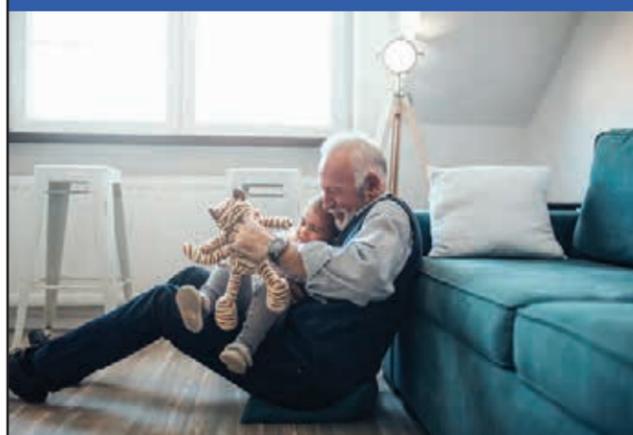
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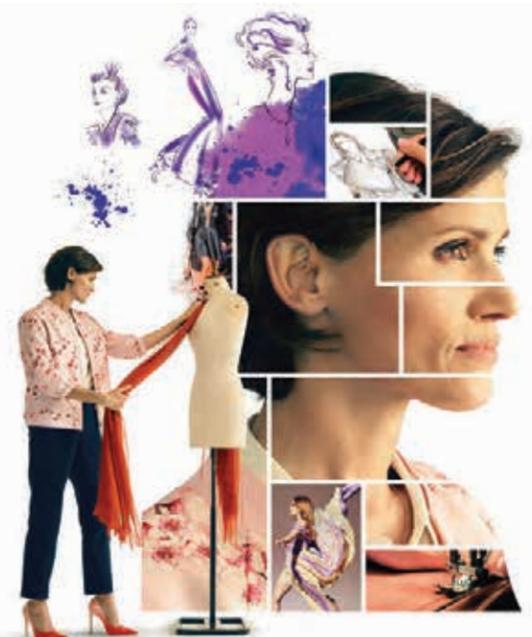
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Sleep loss can affect memory in seniors

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Poor sleep can leave people feeling groggy, disoriented, depressed, and not up for facing the day. And now there's new evidence that insomnia can contribute to memory loss and forgetfulness among the elderly.

A study — the first of its kind — unveiled a new link between lack of sleep and memory loss. Researchers at the University of California, Berkeley found that during sleep, important brain waves are produced that play key roles in storing memories. These waves transfer the memories from the hippocampus to the prefrontal cortex, a portion of the brain where long-term information is stored. Sleep loss can cause the memories to remain in the hippocampus and not reach the long-term storage area, found researchers. This can contribute to forgetfulness and difficulty remembering simple details, such as names.

Seniors are frequently plagued with deteriorated sleeping patterns that lead to shallow sleep and more awakenings, says those at the University of California. This can contribute to the prevention of memories being saved by the brain each evening.

This is not the first time sleep and brain health have been measured.

WebMD says imaging and behavioral studies show the role sleep plays in learning and memory and that lack of sleep can impair a person's ability to focus and learn efficiently. Combine this with the necessity of sleep to make those brain wave connections for memories to be stored, and the importance of deep sleep is apparent.

Another study, published in the journal Brain, conducted by doctors at Washington University in St. Louis, linked poor sleep with early onset of dementia, especially Alzheimer's disease. Although poor sleep does not cause Alzheimer's, it may increase brain amyloid proteins believed to be intrinsic to the disease. When slow-wave deep sleep is disrupted, levels of amyloid can grow and clog the brain. This is corroborated by data published in the journal Neurology. Getting deep sleep is important for reducing these proteins. The quality of deep sleep among older adults is often 75 percent lower than it is in younger people.

Mandarin women enjoy BINGO



Photo courtesy Gail Packard

Approximately 130 ladies attended the Mandarin Women's Club's annual BINGO which made for hefty payouts to the lucky winners. Pictured are Elaine Peck, Pat Hickinbotham, Judy Witte, and Donna McTammany. Visit www.mandarinwomensclub.com for more information about events or a membership form.



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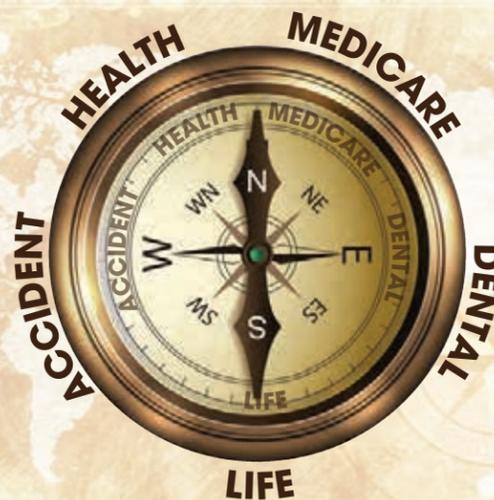
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- Check the Mandarin Senior Center calendar for more fun dates and events going on throughout the month.
- Note the Mandarin Senior Center will be closed the following dates in November: Nov. 6, Nov. 12, Nov. 22 and Nov. 23.

Erica Hickey with the Mandarin Senior Center at (904) 262-7309 or visit www.coj.net for more information.

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Mandarin Garden Club hosts annual Craft Fair

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The Crafty Ladies of Mandarin Garden Club will hold their annual Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. There will be 50 or more vendors selling their wares and the Crafty Ladies will have a booth of holiday items for sale. This will be a perfect opportunity to get a head start on holiday shopping. There will be jewelry, honey, jams and jellies, African Violets, holiday wreaths, homemade candy, needlepoint, gardening planters, hand sewn items, football ornaments, Pampered Chef, Scentsy, embroidery items, handmade stationery, LuLaRoe clothing, and many other items.

The Masons, next door to the garden club, will have a barbecue lunch for sale as well as barbecue available for purchase by the pound. There are picnic tables in the back gardens to eat lunch and enjoy the wildlife and beautiful gardens.

The Garden Café inside the building will be selling baked goods. Free coffee and water will be available. Tickets will be available for purchase to win a gift basket with the drawing taking place just before 2 p.m. You need not be present to win.

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using his cell phone to further increase sound understanding even more clearly.

Today the external cochlear processor comes in different colors and shades. Zemon opted for the darker one, so it's barely noticeable. Today's products can hardly be seen under the hair.

Zemon firmly believes that if people are still leery about what cochlear implants and severe hearing correction are all about, they should seek out the experts.

"Information is key, and what I knew initially barely scratched the surface," he said. "A long time ago the surgery cost so much that it seemed as much as heart surgery — it's come a long way today and is perfected.

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Colman and Rachel Brodsky



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Colman and Rachel Brodsky

Colman and Rachel Brodsky grew up on opposite sides of the world. Colman is a Jacksonville native, while Rachel's childhood was spent primarily in Japan while her family lived on a military base. The two met through work and have been married for 11 years. Colman has spent his career in the insurance industry and is currently chief operating officer for Harden Insurance. Rachel is a busy mother, strong community advocate and PTA president. Together, the Brodskys will chair the upcoming 26th annual River Garden Gala. They have three children, Alex, Ansley, and Ashton and enjoy living in Julington Creek.

the Foundation's major annual black-tie fundraising event. The Gala is on Nov. 17 this year. The home depends on this event to help subsidize the immediate needs of the people who call River Garden their home. Anyone can attend by making their contribution and reservation on the River Garden website.

3. What is the theme of this year's River Garden Gala?

Colman: "A Night Under the Big Top." We had a list of ideas and when we watched "The Greatest Showman" movie, we decided that a circus theme was what we wanted to do. The entertainment we have lined up is exciting. No animals will be involved, but we will have an aerialist, a contortionist and other acts to entertain the guests.

4. How did the two of you become involved with the River Garden Gala?

Colman: Rachel has been active with River Garden for about five years, but had never chaired the gala before. Through her engagement in the com-

munity, she has been drawn to River Garden for years. We have both been happy with how well they have treated and taken care of friends and family. In 2014, my grandmother celebrated her 101st birthday at River Garden. Rachel was asked to chair the gala and I was "voluntold" to help chair the event. I'm more than happy to do so.

5. What do you enjoy doing as a family?

Colman: We are boaters and enjoy being out on the St. Johns River on Saturday mornings. We make our way to the Riverside Arts Market often. We love to travel, contributing to the community and just spending time together.

1. What do you enjoy most about Mandarin?

Colman: It's home for me. I've spent my whole life up and down San Jose Boulevard. It's great to be close to the heart of Mandarin. We enjoy our friends and family in the area and watching the community grow.

2. What is the River Garden Gala and who can attend?

Colman: The River Garden Gala is

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Round Up to raise support for equine-assisted therapeutic riding programs

Horse Sense & Sensitivity is hosting its annual Round Up event to raise awareness and support for its equine-assisted therapeutic riding programs serving children and adults with special needs. It is a day dedicated to helping defy disabilities, replacing them with smiles filled with joy and excitement for thousands in the community.

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Local patriot ensures Purple Heart awardees are enrolled in Hall of Honor

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Upon learning of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, Patriot Robert F. Flaige, SSG (USA Ret.) enrolled himself and his uncle, Pvt. James H. Mohr Jr., a member of the 17th Airborne Division, 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team, who was wounded in Germany at the Siegfried Line on Feb. 7, 1945 in the hall.

Subsequently, Flaige learned that he could also enroll deceased Purple Heart awardees without their orders by submitting the enrollment form along with a photograph of their military headstone, provided it bore the Purple Heart inscription. He proceeded to enroll two of his fellow Jean Ribault Sr. High School classmates by researching the Find a Grave website, going to their final resting place and photographing their markers.

As time passed, Flaige began to enroll deceased members of his unit, Echo Co., 3/60 Inf., 9 Div. (Mobile Riverine Force), whose markers he could locate on the internet. In doing so, he was able to contact several of their relatives and provide them with documentation of their enrollment in the Purple Heart Hall of Honor. Unfortunately, some markers had no Purple Heart inscription; however, Flaige found veterans of other conflicts

and proceeded to enroll them. All family members he contacted were very appreciative that someone remembered their loved ones.

Since Jacksonville is the home of the largest war memorial outside of Washington, D.C., dedicated to all known Duval County residents who made the ultimate sacrifice, Flaige has continued his goal to research and enroll as many of these individuals that he is able to locate and document.



Photo courtesy Robert F. Flaige
Patriot Robert F. Flaige at the RVN section of the Wall.

Flaige has coordinated instillation of MOPH reserved parking signs for combat wounded veterans at the three local Adamec Harley-Davidson motorcycle dealerships. He has also recorded interviews with several veterans of the Korean and Vietnam wars for the Library of Congress' "Veterans History Project" and is currently scheduling local events, such as a Poker Run and donation tables at NAS JAX to raise funds to erect a Purple Heart Memorial at the Jacksonville National Cemetery.

Patriot Robert F. Flaige is the Sr. Vice Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) Robert C. Padgett, Jr. Memorial Chapter, Chapter #524 and a life member of the MOPH.

Boy Scout Troop 268 celebrates 40 years

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The Mandarin United Methodist Church Boy Scout troop recently celebrated its 40th anniversary. Troop 268 was originally named after the telephone exchange that was in place back when the troop was founded and remains a thriving

group within the Boy Scout family.

Over the past 40 years, Troop 268 has demonstrated

strong leadership development skills and been a positive influence not only to Mandarin United Methodist Church, but to the entire Mandarin community. The troop is a combination of church members and of scouts who worship elsewhere.

"The scouts are active in our community and do a lot of work around the church," said Mandarin United Methodist Church Senior Pastor Debbie McLeod. "The outdoor chapel is a great focal point built by Eagle Scouts. They also help keep the grounds clean and really serve a great purpose here in the neighborhood."

The 40th anniversary celebration on Oct. 13 combined two different events in one.

"We celebrated both the anniversary and the Court of Honor, recognizing all accomplishments with merit badges. All scouts that have been involved with the troop were invited to attend," said Assistant Scoutmaster Mike Boyd.



Photo courtesy Mandarin United Methodist Church
Troop 268 celebrated its 40th anniversary at Mandarin United Methodist Church.

Nearly 100 people were in attendance and approximately 40 of those were alumni scouters.

"The event was a

chance to reflect on what Troop 268 has accomplished over the past 40 years. It was great to hear about all that was done at Mandarin United Methodist and in the community," Boyd said.

The Mandarin United Methodist Boy Scout Troop is for sixth through 12th graders, or 11 – 17 years old. The troop meets every Monday evening at 7 p.m. Troop activities include leadership and character development, service to others, regular camping trips, summer camps, canoe trips, and more. If interested in joining Troop 268, contact Mandarin United Methodist Church at (904) 268-5549.

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Faculty members Allison Turknett, Brandon Foster, Wendy Monger, Leslie Smith, Rebecca Turner and Emily Jones compete in a game of Knockout at the pep rally.

Loretto first graders learn about how their bodies work



Photo courtesy Laquitrice L. Johnson



Nancy Andrysko's first grade class recently learned about the skeletal, muscular, digestive, circulatory, and nervous body systems as part of module 2 in the Duval Reads curriculum. While students enjoyed learning how their bodies work (especially the digestive process), they were most excited to have a visit from our school's own human body expert: Nurse Mary Johnson. Nurse Mary brought her human skeleton model and wore a "virtual reality" t-shirt that uses a phone app to show the heart and lungs working in amazing detail. The kids listened to their own heartbeats with Nurse Mary's stethoscope and afterwards, Nurse Mary answered the students' questions about how to stay healthy and take care of their bodies.

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Mind and Body

With the hectic holiday season coming up, it's important to take time out for yourself. Chair yoga at Mandarin Branch Library could be just the thing. Enjoy free lessons taught by a certified yoga instructor. Poses are easier to do in a chair, and are good for strength building, relaxation and recreation. Classes run Nov. 8, 15 and 29 at 2 p.m. No mats needed; the library will provide the chairs. South Mandarin Branch Library has another great way to help you unwind with Heartfulness Relaxation and Meditation on Nov. 10, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Creative and Entertaining

Teens and adults can tap into 3D creativity when Mandarin Branch breaks out the 3D Printing Pens, using Thanksgiving templates to create holiday designs. Seating is limited to five — the number of 3D pens available — so first-come, first-served on Nov. 7 at 1:30 p.m.

Visit South Mandarin Library Nov. 10, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. to learn how to download e-books, movies, music and more. Or if you're in the mood to hear some live music, head over to the Mandarin Library Nov. 10, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. to hear The Ancient City Brass Band perform a patriotic tribute for Veterans Day.

Tiny Tots Time

The library helps the birth-through-preschool set get ready for learning through interactive programs that encourage

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Teen Scene

Mandarin Library offers History Fair Help Nov. 10 at 4 p.m. and Teen Anime Club Nov. 24 at 4 p.m. Teens are invited to serve on Teen Advisory Boards to help shape teen programs and earn community volunteer hours. Interested teens can jump in a meeting at South Mandarin Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. or at Mandarin Nov. 27 at 6 p.m.

The library will be closed Sunday, Nov. 11 and 12 for Veterans Day and Nov. 22 and 23 for Thanksgiving. Find information about additional events at Mandarin and South Mandarin branch libraries at jaxpubliclibrary.org or call the Mandarin Branch Library at (904) 262-5201 or the South Mandarin Branch Library at (904) 288-6385.

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Faith News

JCA Jewish Cultural Arts Festival announces line-up

Opening night of the Jewish Cultural Arts Festival will be held at JCA on Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. when storyteller Martin Fletcher presents his fictional debut, *Promised Land*, the story of two brothers at Israel's inception — one instrumental in building the state, and the other sworn to protect it at all costs.

While perhaps not as well-known as an author of fiction, most will remember Fletcher as the longtime NBC News Tel Aviv bureau chief. He is one of television's most revered war correspondents from an era when reporters routinely placed themselves in harm's way. He is the recipient of five Emmys, the National Jewish Book Award, a Columbia University DuPont Award and numerous overseas Press Club Awards.

The festival book club returns on Nov. 14 at 12 p.m. with author Chloe Benjamin's summer hit, *The Immortalists*, including a Skype appearance by Benjamin, which will mark her only participation in the Southeast on behalf of the Jewish Book Council. *The Immortalists* unfolds with four Jewish siblings who, somewhat reluctantly, examine the question, "If you knew the date of your death, how would you live your life?"

The festival also brings four films to Jacksonville as part of the Jewish film

line-up. On Sunday, Nov. 4 at 2 p.m., "A Bag of Marbles" tells the story of two brothers who set out on a journey to survive Nazi-occupied Paris. This will be preceded by the short film, "Daughter of the Holocaust," by Dan Kossoff, which was created to play at the Cummer Gallery in conjunction with their month-long exhibit of Israeli photographer Vardi Kahana's groundbreaking show.

Two documentaries receiving rave reviews at festivals across the country will be screened. "Sammy Davis Jr.: I Gotta Be Me," showing on Nov. 11 at 2 p.m., is the first film to examine the life and times of this Jewish black entertainer. It includes rare interviews with many comedy greats and never-before-seen personal photographs from Davis' estate.

The festival's closing night, Nov. 15, showcases the award-winning film, "An Act of Defiance," at 7 p.m. to honor the 100th anniversary of Nelson Mandela's birth. This intriguing thriller and courtroom drama tells the story of the Jewish supporters and legal team that freed Mandela during the height of his apartheid struggle.

Upward Basketball registration now open

Mandarin United Methodist Church is offering Upward Basketball for boys

and girls in kindergarten through 12th grade again this season. Games will be played in the church's gym, located at 11270 San Jose Blvd. The cost to play is \$120.

The season begins with practices in early December, with a break for the Christmas holidays. Practice resumes the first week of January with games on Saturdays starting in early January and running through late February. Middle and high school teams will have a tournament following the regular season. The middle and high school leagues play by standard rules and the offering of high school leagues is unique in the Jacksonville area for Upward programs.

The league is open to players of any skill or experience level. Guided by dedicated coaches, players will gain skills and confidence and be guided in personal and social growth. Teams practice for one hour, one day a week. Practices are held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday evening.

Registration is currently open online at www.mumc.net/connect-grow/recreation-ministry/upward-basketball. Evaluations will be held in November. More information is also available by calling (904) 268-5549.

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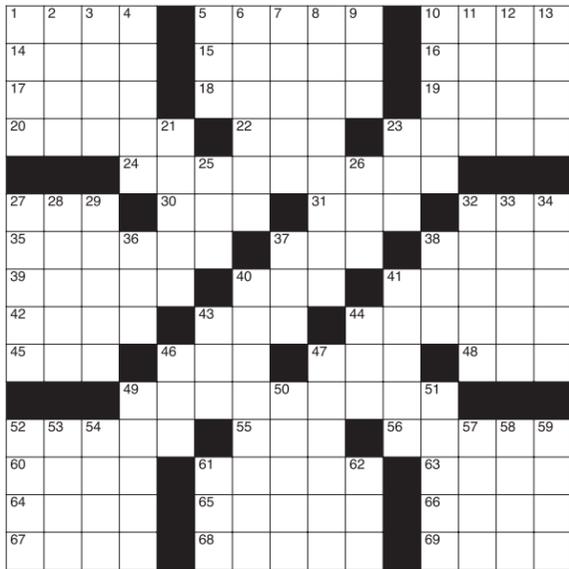
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Puzzles

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Boat structure
5. Affirmatives
10. From end to end
14. Ancient Syrian city
15. Plant parts
16. Anatomical feature of worms
17. Invests in little enterprises
18. Cuts the skin off
19. Noted child psychiatrist
20. Satisfies
22. Take by sips
23. Matched
24. It changed the world
27. U.S. Founding Father Adams
30. Father
31. Swiss river
32. They hold music
35. Spoke
37. Used to write
38. Cold wind
39. More competent
40. Test for high schoolers

CLUES DOWN

1. Type of hall
2. Swedish rock group
3. Long, narrow cut
4. Indicating silence
5. Talk at length
6. Wiped away
7. Sweet substance (alt. sp.)
8. Babar is one
9. Soviet Socialist Republic
10. French avant-garde composer
11. Commoner
12. Swiss river
13. A single-minded expert
21. Passover feast and ceremony
23. Indie record label (abbr.)
25. Fellow
26. Strong tree
27. Drenches
28. Spindle
29. North Dravidian language
32. Lounges about
33. Preamble
34. Essential for nachos

36. Afternoon beverage
37. 007's creator
38. Founder of Babism
40. Music played in open air
41. Profoundly wise men
43. Disfigure
44. Unhappy
46. Prefix denoting "in a"
47. Cotton fabric; satiny finish
49. Closes tightly
50. The lowest point
51. Semitic sun god
52. Grads wear one
53. Phil ____, former CIA
54. Fermented rather than distilled
57. Aids digestion
58. Unstressed-stressed
59. Body part
61. Wonderful
62. Expected at a certain time



Solve the code to discover words related to aviation.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 14 = L)

A. 2 14 12 9 22
Clue: Flying device

B. 23 12 18 22 11 4 4
Clue: Get off ground

C. 14 12 9 1 26 9 8
Clue: Return to runway

D. 4 14 26 8 16 23
Clue: Air trip

AVIATION WORD SEARCH

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- COMPASS
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Gardening

The Cool Season — In so many ways

By Master Gardener Lesley Arrandale
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Jacksonville has been lucky — so far. As of early October, the people of the Carolinas are struggling to recover from continuing flooding after Hurricane Florence; our thoughts go out to them. But Florida now has its own storm, Michael, which will hit the Gulf Coast as a strong category 4 hurricane. We hope for the best under dreadful circumstances.

On a more positive note, hailing from another clime, albeit more than 30 years ago, I really love the onset of cooler weather. (And even "cold" weather, in this climate zone.) So much so, that autumn is my time for walks on the beach and generally enjoying getting out and about, after the blistering summer heat has moderated. I think many people would agree that it's more appealing weather for gardening too, and there are plenty of tasks to tackle.

One such project may be planting a new bed in good time to allow the plants to settle in before the colder months of January and February. There are plenty of resources to turn to for ideas, and perhaps the most useful one is the Florida-Friendly Landscaping (R) program. There are nine principles governing the program, with "Right Plant, Right Place" being the first and probably the most important; it covers all the information needed for success. For an overview and links to detailed guidance on design and plant choice, begin here <https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/>. This video from the Polk County Extension

office is a good introduction to the program and not overly specific to their county: <https://tinyurl.com/yczc5ycv>.

To keep your cool season vegetable production well organized, decide what you can reasonably eat (unless you like to share your bounty or are adept at home canning and freezing), and plant small quantities of your favorites at intervals. Some of the brassicas and mustards are large plants and you may only need a few to satisfy your needs. Broccoli produces small tender side shoots resembling the large main head after it has been harvested, and can be treated as a "cut and come again" vegetable. Carrots are slow growing, but a short row sown every week or two through the season may suffice. These are tactics from which we all would benefit. I've certainly been too gung-ho in the past, and my family has made it clear that some vegetables can quickly lose their appeal if they appear too often on the menu. Refer to the Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide for what to plant, and when: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/vh021>. This is a comprehensive guide that is well worth consulting regularly.

Certain culinary herbs that struggle in Florida's summer will be coming into their own. For an illustrated guide to herbs and how to grow them, check out this PowerPoint presentation: <https://tinyurl.com/yd3fdtku>.

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