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## Mandarin Garden Club celebrates National Gardening Day

By Diana Openbrier  
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Mandarin Garden Club celebrated National Gardening Day on April 14. This holiday is meant to encourage gardeners of all kinds to kick off spring with a day of gardening. While many activities have been curtailed in a major way with the COVID-19 pandemic and residents are required to stay home, we can still garden in our own yard. It is fun, energizing, connects us with nature, connects us to friends, and provides a bounty of beauty for our mind and attitude as well as food for our body. Everyone can participate.



Photos courtesy Diana Openbrier  
The winner of the National Gardening Day: Betsey Hogan, Live Oak Circle.

Since club members cannot get together to share gardening information at this time, the group decided to share their gardens on line. To add to the fun, plants started for the plant sale (cancelled) are prizes for the best yard presentation. Many pictures of gardens were emailed in and a winner and three runners up were chosen for recognition. Winners and runners up will get plants to add to their home,

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## Crown Point Elementary parade held to celebrate unity in face of pandemic

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During this unprecedented, difficult time, Crown Point Elementary School teachers, staff, students and their families took time off from navigating through virtual channels to show off their appreciation, kindness, and leadership.

A Crown Point Elementary parade was held on April 1 at 4 p.m. Teachers and staff parked in their cars around Crown Point Elementary School with loving, encouraging messages to their students and their



families. Students and their families were invited to parade through in their vehicles. They stayed in their cars honoring all CDC guidelines and all social distancing regulations. It was an emotional event that brought tears to many!



Photos courtesy Mary Eylar

“We thank the students and their families for their support and all of their hard work and, most of all, for their perseverance as we continue navigating through this virtual learning,” said Mary J. Eylar, inclusion teacher at Crown Point Elementary.

## Annual Miss Aggie Award announced

By Sandy Arpen  
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Miss Agnes Jones served as the post-mistress of the Store and Post Office located in the heart of old Mandarin from 1928 – 1964. Residents from that time remember her as a generous and caring woman who never hesitated to help a customer or neighbor in need. Her contributions and impact on the community were long-term and long-lasting.

“Miss Aggie’s” store was where residents went to get their mail and buy groceries, but it was also where they used the telephone, listened to the radio with neighbors, heard the world news, traded old magazines, bought penny candy and pickles for their kids, and shared good and bad times with each other.

The Mandarin Museum & Historical Society annually honors a person who has also made significant contributions

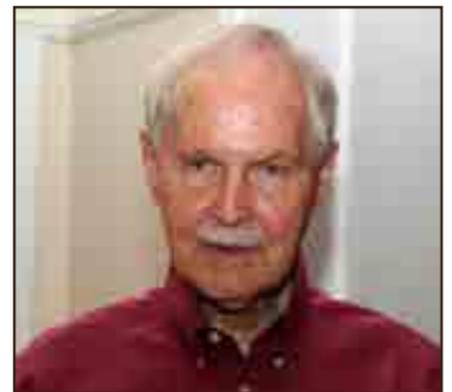
to the community, like Miss Aggie did, by presenting the annual Miss Aggie Award. The award, established in 2003, honors a person who has greatly



Wanda Bosworth

contributed to the community in the areas of business, civic, educational or charitable accomplishment. Last year’s award recipient was Lynn Cuda.

The 2020 Miss Aggie Award is unique



Photos courtesy Mandarin Museum & Historical Society  
Sam Folds

because it will be the first time two people are being honored. There were two very strong nominations this year, and it was felt that they both deserved to be recognized. Therefore, it is with great pleasure that Mandarin Museum & Historical Society presents the 2020 Miss Aggie Award recipients: Sam Folds and Wanda Bosworth.

Folds, native-born of Mandarin, has lived and worked here his entire life. He is well-known and highly respected for his long career of more than 40 years in

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# BFF Best Furry Friend of the month

**BREED:**  
Great Dane

**FAVORITE ACTIVITY:**  
Going on walks and playing at the local dog park.

**FAVORITE TREAT:**  
"Pup-Peronis"

**FAVORITE FRIEND:**  
Bella, my Pug.

**HOW YOUR BFF GOT THEIR NAME:**  
My friend recommended his name based on Bart Simpson.



Meet Bart!

This month's contest sponsored by:  
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We're practicing throwing, catching...

...and batting in our own backyards.



# Newspaper Fun!

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Kids: color stuff in!



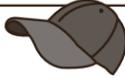
Watch a fun baseball movie!



Read the clues and fill in the crossword puzzle:

My family loves the game of baseball! We are practicing our throwing, catching and batting in our own backyard. The roots of baseball are said to be in early ball-and-stick games played in Europe, and have been traced to contests played in Egypt in earlier times. The rules may have changed over the years, but the fun and excitement have made baseball one of the most popular games in the world.

- when a fielder makes a mistake with the ball
- a special hit that causes the ball to dribble slowly on the ground
- bases are \_\_\_\_\_ when runners are on first, second and third base
- official who makes sure rules are followed
- where players wait when they're not on the field
- when one team does not score a single run in a game
- when a batter swings and misses the pitch three times
- \_\_\_\_\_ Leagues: American and National
- where the pitcher stands
- home "base"
- heroes are honored in the Baseball Hall of \_\_\_\_\_
- a two-base hit
- \_\_\_\_\_ League: baseball league for children
- home-run hit when there are runners on all three bases
- where a pitcher warms up before taking the field
- when two teams compete several times in a row
- when a ball is hit out of bounds
- runner sprints to next base without ball being hit
- a first-year player
- special shoes to help you run



Focus and fire!

### Baseball Idioms

- a ball park figure means:
  - an exact price
  - an estimated number
- to strike out means:
  - to fail while doing your best
  - to have success
- to touch base means:
  - short chat with someone
  - take a base home

## We are Fans of Baseball!

Words in the crossword include: error, loaded, steal, little, shutout, rookie, major, foul, strike out, umpire, grand slam, dugout, bull pen, cleats, mound, double, plate, fame, bunt, series, plate, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20.

Illustrations include a baseball, a player, and a pitcher.

Yuck! I'll have to order a different plate next time.

We're nutty for baseball!

### The Richest in the World?

Baseball players must be the richest athletes in the world!

Why do you say that?

Because they always play on...

Start at the star and follow the dots to see where the baseball players play their games. Next, fill in the letters to spell what you see!

Letters: ( i m d a d n s o )

### Who Are These Baseball Players?

Match these famous baseball players to a fun detail about them. (Hint: start with the names you know, then ask a baseball fan!)

- |                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 1. Barry Bonds      | A. speedy stealer of over 1,400 bases  |
| 2. Cy Young         | B. struck out 5,714 batters            |
| 3. Nolan Ryan       | C. hit 762 home runs, the most ever    |
| 4. Rickey Henderson | D. star catcher, perhaps greatest ever |
| 5. Johnny Bench     | E. pitcher with 511 wins               |
- 
- |                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 1. Reggie Jackson   | A. last player to bat over .400 in a major league season |
| 2. Roberto Clemente | B. World Series homers earned him nickname "Mr. October" |
| 3. Yogi Berra       | C. legendary home run hitter, played for three teams     |
| 4. Babe Ruth        | D. famed for catching, batting and clever quotes         |
| 5. Ted Williams     | E. Pirates right-fielder known for helping people        |

Hot dog! I love a good game!



Can you "step up to the plate" and combine the names below with the pictures to name the teams?

1. Oakland +  $\begin{matrix} a & a & A & a \\ a & a & A & A \end{matrix}$  = Oakland \_\_\_\_\_

2. Minnesota + = Minnesota \_\_\_\_\_

### Baseball Teams - Add Them Up!

3. Boston Red + = Boston Red \_\_\_\_\_

4. Los Angeles + = Los Angeles \_\_\_\_\_

Play a Ball!



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## Learn about local history virtually

By Sandy Arpen  
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On March 13, because of COVID-19 the City of Jacksonville gave the order to close the buildings and all scheduled events in Walter Jones Historical Park. Two weeks later the park and County Dock were locked up as well because there were too many people gathering there.

Mandarin Museum & Historical Society had quite a few events planned into the early summer months and all of them had to be canceled. There is no way to know at this time [mid-April] if things will be able to open by May.

It seems that Mandarin people do love their history, so one of the things Mandarin Museum has been doing during the time of “stay-at-home” direction is sharing stories, historic photos, virtual tours and links to the organization’s extensive collection through a special history spot every Saturday on the museum’s Facebook page.

So, until the city gives the greenlight, you can’t visit the museum buildings, take a tour, paint Mandarin frogs, walk the park, listen to acoustic music under the oaks, or fish on the dock. But ... you can:

Visit [www.facebook.com/Mandarin-Museum](https://www.facebook.com/Mandarin-Museum) to view the weekly posting there. This is a fun way to learn even more about our Mandarin community.

Visit the Mandarin Museum website at [www.mandarinmuseum.net](http://www.mandarinmuseum.net) and take the time to click the many, many links that are there to learn some fascinating



Photo courtesy Mandarin Museum & Historical Society  
Mandarin Museum

and in-depth history.

Watch some amazing film episodes of the television series “Florida Frontiers” at [www.myfloridahistory.org/frontiers/television/episodes](http://www.myfloridahistory.org/frontiers/television/episodes). Several of these programs were filmed right here in Mandarin (Civil War, World War I and Harriet Beecher Stowe episodes).

Find out what the other cultural/arts organizations are doing in Jacksonville during this time and see and hear some amazing performances and tidbits of history from other areas at [www.facebook.com/groups/jaxarts](https://www.facebook.com/groups/jaxarts).

The mission of the Mandarin Museum & Historical Society is to preserve and share the stories of Mandarin’s history, culture and natural resources by providing engaging programs that educate, entertain and inspire. While that can’t be accomplished in person at this time, it is hoped that all will enjoy learning through these many online opportunities.

*Sandy Arpen is president of the board of directors of the Mandarin Museum & Historical Society.*

# Get the facts

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In this age of 24/7 news outlets and social media, it is easy to become overwhelmed with information, especially as it pertains to COVID-19. Following is a list of trusted organizations and contact information to keep yourself up-to-date on the latest facts.

### Centers for Disease Control (CDC):

The CDC remains the No. 1 source for health information about coronavirus in America. Visit [coronavirus.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) to access the CDC’s coronavirus landing page. For information regarding the national government’s ongoing response, visit [usa.gov/coronavirus](https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus).

**Florida Department of Health:** The Florida Department of Health has an interactive map and dashboard with the most up-to-date numbers and cases of coronavirus across the state. Visit <https://fdoh.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/8d0de33f260d444c852a615dc7837c86>. The Department of Health also has a COVID-19 Information Call Center 24/7. Anyone can dial 866-779-6121 or email [COVID-19@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov) to get answers to their questions.

**Florida Department of Economic Opportunity:** Governor DeSantis has announced that Florida will offer \$50 million in loan programs for small businesses being adversely impacted by coronavirus. The Department of Economic Opportunity is administering the program with the Florida Small Business Development

Center. Visit [www.floridadisasterloan.org](http://www.floridadisasterloan.org) for more information.

Floridians looking for re-employment assistance can get help online at [www.floridajobs.org/Reemployment-Assistance-Service-Center/reemployment-assistance/claimants](http://www.floridajobs.org/Reemployment-Assistance-Service-Center/reemployment-assistance/claimants).

**Price Gouging Hotline:** The Florida Attorney General’s Office hotline is available for anyone to report price gouging of essential commodities during the coronavirus crisis. These include protective masks; sanitizing and disinfecting supplies, such as hand sanitizer, gel, wipes, cleaning supplies for surface cleaning, and all commercial cleaning supplies; and personal protective equipment, including gowns, booties, gloves and other protective gear. To report price gouging to the Florida Attorney General’s Office online, visit [MyFloridaLegal.com](http://MyFloridaLegal.com). To call the Attorney General’s Price Gouging Hotline, dial 1(866) 9NO-SCAM or 1-866-966-7226.

**Coronavirus Tax Relief:** The IRS has established a special section focused on steps to help taxpayers, businesses and others affected by the coronavirus. Visit [www.irs.gov/coronavirus](http://www.irs.gov/coronavirus) for more information.

**City of Jacksonville COVID-19 Updates and Recovery Resources:** Up-to-date information regarding the coronavirus and its impact on Duval County. Visit [www.coj.net/recoveryresources](http://www.coj.net/recoveryresources) for more information.

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with Jacksonville City Council Member, District 6, Michael Boylan

**Q: Can you give an update on how the city is conducting business at this time?**

A: The city has been working essential personnel only. The city council committees as well as the full council are meeting virtually via Zoom.

**Q: What is the challenge in addressing rezoning issues during this time of virtual meetings?**

A: We are doing our level best to defer all we can until it is safe to have in-person meetings. Some rezoning applications have just been filed and are not even to the point of public meetings.

As the district's councilman, I'm all for community input and dialog. With respect to rezonings, they are quasi-judicial matters for me given my position as vice chair of the LUZ (Land Use and Zoning Committee), so I can't comment on any of them. My principal role is to bring the community and

the developer together and try to get all concerns addressed. It's important to keep in mind that although a property is in the process of rezoning, it might be a long period of time before any development actually takes place, especially considering the current economic outlook.

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

A: The heart of the Mandarin community is its youth sports programs, and by and large they are volunteer run. I'd like people to please consider supporting the work of youth activities in our area. We want to see these leagues survive the coronavirus shutdown.

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

A: Community members can email me at MBoylan@coj.net or call (904) 255-5206.



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**Online resources promote learning about Florida's aquifer**

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Photo courtesy St. Johns River Water Management District  
In the district's latest educational video, Dr. Jennifer Mitchell uses materials from around her home to create a hands-on aquifer and demonstrate where water comes from.

Staying home is staying safe, and many parents of school-aged kids are looking for ways to keep those busy young minds engaged in learning. The St. Johns River Water Management District is bolstering its online water education resources to help both teachers and parent-teachers meet that challenge while at home.

"As many shelter at home to stop the spread of Covid-19, I am proud that our district staff are able to further support our region's educators — along with the many parents who now find themselves in the role of teacher — and keep students learning about our precious water resources," said St. Johns River Water Management District Executive Director Dr. Ann Shortelle.

Among the district's online resources is a new video lesson about Florida's aquifer system, led by district communications coordinator Dr. Jennifer Mitchell, using jars, sand and pebbles to create a hands-on aquifer that demonstrates where our water comes from.

New videos enhance current educational resources on the district's website, www.sjrwmd.com/education, including hands-on activities, educational videos with self-grading quizzes, coloring sheets, vocabulary words, stories to read and interactive cartoon adventures in the world of water.

The district's website also features:

The Great Water Odyssey, an interactive look at the water cycle and states of matter for elementary school-aged children, and includes online quizzes: www.sjrwmd.com/education/odyssey

An introduction to district mascot Raleigh Otter, a tour of the St. Johns River and overview of water management in Florida: www.sjrwmd.com/education/raleighs-den

Tour the Indian River Lagoon from the perspective of lagoon natives Sebastian and Lucie Snook, with information on seagrasses, mangroves and other unique lagoon tidbits: www.sjrwmd.com/education/snooks-cove

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A collection of activity and coloring sheets to download, reading comprehension activities and lesson plans with videos: www.sjrwmd.com/education/teacher

Videos on the district's YouTube channel feature otters, manatees, the journey of a water sample, highlights of district public lands and much more: www.youtube.com/user/floridaswater

District staff will continue to add videos and materials to the website and social media platforms. Teachers and parent-teachers are invited to reach out to Mitchell at jmitchell@sjrwmd.com with questions or to schedule a Skype lesson. Join the conversation on social media: #safeathome #sjrwmd #athomelearning #thegreatwaterodyssey

*The St. Johns River Water Management District is one of five districts in Florida managing groundwater and surface water supplies in the state. The district encompasses all or part of 18 northeast and east-central Florida counties. Visit www.sjrwmd.com for more information.*

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with Duval School Board Member, District 7, Lori Hershey

**Q: Can you give an update on the meals being served at schools in District 7?**

A: Twin Lakes Academy Elementary and Crown Point Elementary are now serving breakfast, lunch and dinner from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. More than 1,500 meals have been distributed at school sites in District 7. These meals are made possible through the state. I've been able to visit each elementary during meal distribution and have been impressed with the enthusiasm of our para-professionals, staff and administrators who have stepped up to fill this role. This service also provides a way for students and families to continue to connect with our schools during this unprecedented time.

**Q: What can you share about the school district's virtual instruction?**

A: DuvalHomeRoom has received attention for delivery of virtual instruction at both the state and national level. I'd like to say thank you to teachers for their ability to shift instruction. I have heard a lot of positive comments from parents and students in our community. One comment I have often heard is how impressed parents are with teachers' use of the interactive platform. Many parents have expressed how important it is for their student to engage with not just their teachers, but also their classmates.

Additionally, it has been impressive to see the leadership from principals in District 7. Mandarin Middle School distributed 2,770 laptops and Mandarin High School distributed 1,422 laptops. These laptops were made available to students in order to ensure students had the tools they needed to continue learning at home. Thank you to principals, teachers and staff who were able to keep cars moving at these mobile pick up sites!

**Q: What have you done to help with communication in these "stay at home" times?**

A: I held a virtual town hall meeting in April and I appreciate everyone who participated. I shared the feedback with Dr. Greene and she shared the information with her team and many of the concerns have been addressed. I have also been posting Facebook Live videos on Thursdays to help keep parents updated with pertinent information.

These videos remain on my Facebook page and are available to view even after the live event has concluded. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

**Q: Have there been any curriculum changes due to the coronavirus that you'd like to highlight?**

A: I would like to remind everyone that this pandemic remains fluid and the governor continues to make decisions in a 15-day window. I had the opportunity to be in a GoToMeeting with Education Chancellor Jacob Oliva on April 17 and he said that the EOC exam for Algebra 1 has been waived as a graduation requirement for seniors this year; however, if you are not a senior and you took Algebra 1 this year, the state is working on a variety of ways to allow this requirement to be filled in the future.

**Q: Do you have anything else to share with District 7?**

A: I'd like to say, to the Class of 2020 — this pandemic does not negate the fact that this is still your moment to celebrate your achievement! I know it is disappointing to not be able to follow traditions which have been previously enjoyed. Dr. Greene formed an advisory committee of seniors to help identify the way we can best recognize your accomplishment. [Details shared on April 17 include "traditional ceremonies at a non-traditional time, July 2020.]

I would also like to point out that both Mandarin High and Atlantic Coast have seniors who have elected to attend schools in District 7 who reside in Ponte Vedra, St. Augustine and St. Johns. I share this to underscore that schools in District 7 are desired by students outside of our community. Congratulations Class of 2020! Well Done!

Finally, Crown Point Elementary School teacher Pamela Adams was selected for the Gladys Prior Award for Teaching Excellence. The University of North Florida grants only four awards to teachers, who have had lifelong careers in teaching and inspiring students, each year. Congratulations!

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

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

## From a Teacher: Websites to engage your child

By Lara Pierce, STEM Education  
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By now you've had several weeks of online learning with your child. Hopefully, there are fewer glitches and you are getting the hang of it. If you are still looking for ways to engage your child in learning that will also be fun, I have some websites for you:

Children of all ages love being read to. At this site, [www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net), actors and actresses from the Screen Actors Guild read popular children's books. There are much-loved classic titles and current popular titles. You child can listen to these talented readers bring the stories to life. It is free to access and no log-in is needed.

Another great source is [www.brainpop.com](http://www.brainpop.com) especially if your child likes learning about a variety of subjects. This site is geared for students in grades four and up. The categories include Arts and Music, Engineering and Tech, Science, Math, Social Studies, English and Health. You will need to create a free family account to gain access. Students in grades K-3 have their own junior version at <https://jr.brainpop.com/>. Students will love learning about everything from Jackie

Robinson to Ancient Egypt.

Does your child like puzzles? If so, Hooda Math Escape rooms are for them. This is one of my all-time favorite sites: [www.hoodamath.com/games/escape.html](http://www.hoodamath.com/games/escape.html). The site is loaded with challenging escape rooms where the student must look for clues, work math problems and solve puzzles to escape. There are many categories to choose from. There is an escape room for every state in the US. For a real challenge, try to escape from all 50 states!

For students who love math and games, [www.mathplayground.com/](http://www.mathplayground.com/) offers all kinds of different math, thinking skills, and strategy games. It is a free site to access and is broken down by grade levels for easy navigation. For all the soccer players, there is a great game called Goalkeeper Challenge.... Look under the sports tab to find it!

In these challenging times learning can still be fun. I hope these websites keep your student engaged and challenged as we continue to explore this new way of learning. Your student's teachers miss them dearly and can't wait to see them again.

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This vintage postcard is of the Mandarin Pharmacy, which was located where the Taco Bell on San Jose Boulevard is now. It had general drug store items, a pharmacy, and a soda fountain. It also housed Dr. S. Joseph Bailey's first office, and it had a hitching post out front for those folks who came by horseback. (It was very common, even in the 1950s and '60s, to see people riding horses along all of Mandarin's roads.)



Photo courtesy Mandarin Museum & Historical Society

### Miss Aggie Award cont. from pg. 1

the real estate business. Due to his vast and personal knowledge he is known to be the "go to" man if you are buying or selling in Mandarin. Having grown up in the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, Folds has served there in just about every known volunteer position, including acolyte, lay reader, vestry member and fundraiser. He is also one of three still active charter members of the Rotary Club of Mandarin and he participates in most Rotary events and projects. He is a long-time member of the Mandarin Museum & Historical Society and the Mandarin Community Club. He was married to his high school sweetheart, Marjorie Van Daley Folds, for more than 50 years until her death in 2009, and they have two sons.

Bosworth moved to Mandarin in 1976 and began her volunteer efforts in 1986. Her resume of volunteer contributions in Mandarin is extensive and includes long-term involvement with the Mandarin Community Club, Man-

darin Garden Club, Mandarin Museum & Historical Society, Mandarin Middle and Mandarin High PTAs and Band Boosters and Christ Church Academy. She has served on boards, as an officer, in several of these organizations. Most would say she has made volunteerism a profession because of her tireless efforts to improve her community through giving of her time, talents and resources. Susie Scott, president of the Mandarin Community Club, said that Bosworth "embodies volunteerism more than anyone" and that she rarely says "no" when asked to serve — she simply "finds a way." Wanda is married to Dr. Bill Bosworth and they have a daughter.

Sam Folds and Wanda Bosworth will be honored on Miss Aggie Day, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 6, at the Store and Post Office, 12471 Mandarin Road, from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. with the presentation at noon. Moon Pies and RC Cola will be served — as they were in the old days.



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## Get to Know . . .

*Matt Morgan*

By Martie Thompson  
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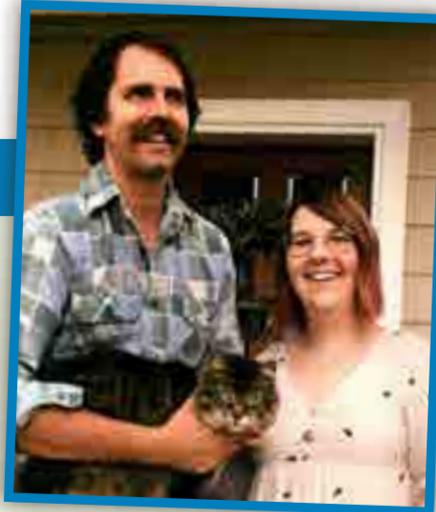


Photo courtesy Matt Morgan  
Matt and Hannah Morgan with cat Journey

Matt Morgan, a lifetime resident of Mandarin, said, “Mandarin is home.” His parents still live about five miles from him and his wife, Hannah. Morgan attended all the Mandarin schools: Crown Point Elementary, Mandarin Middle, and Mandarin High School. He went on to the University of North Florida, where he earned his associates degree. An avid surfer, he fondly recalled surfing trips to Costa Rica during his student days. It was during his time at UNF that he discovered a new passion, which continues to this day: music. Morgan currently works as the manager of Woodplay of Jax, which sells high end backyard playsets. He and wife Hannah, who serves as a caregiver for her brother who has cerebral palsy, have been married since 2019 and share their home with rescue cat Journey.

**Q: How did you meet your wife?**

A: I was working at a catering company in Ponte Vedra Beach when a co-worker mentioned a friend of a friend that I should meet. I was reluctant at first, but finally gave Hannah a call. We really hit it off on the phone, so we decided to meet at the Cafe at Barnes and Noble. It was a true blind date. She has also lived in Mandarin her whole life; we discovered that we grew up living only about five miles apart in Mandarin and even shopped at the

same Publix, but didn’t know it. We got along great immediately and got married a year later.

**Q: What do you like most about your job?**

A: Work is one of the highlights of my life. Some of my childhood best friends own this company (Woodplay of Jax) and I’m with them every day. We have so much fun. We all eat lunch together each day on the loading dock and there is such camaraderie; we say it’s like an episode of “Duck Dynasty” every day. We feel fortunate that we have been able to maintain a steady flow of work through the coronavirus; people want to be able to entertain their children at home.

**Q: When did you first become interested in music?**

A: When I was at UNF in the late 1990s, some friends and I started a Christian folk music band called “Middleman’s Cove,” named because one musician was from “Middleburg,” I was from “Mandarin,” and the other was from “Fruit Cove.” It was very short lived! We spent a lot of time practicing, and then played one gig with only two people in attendance ... that we had invited! But we did have the opportunity to cut one CD. This experience sparked my love for songwriting. I found it came naturally to me and it was very enjoyable. Especially once I met my

wife — she is my muse. Most of my songs are inspired by her.

**Q: How do you write songs and what instruments do you play?**

A: I play acoustic and electric guitar and piano. My musical style has changed to more alternative/pop. As for songwriting I wait until the mood strikes. When it does, I know it’s there — the inspiration comes from a deep place and it’s easy to write. I’m trying to get a recording contract and have been playing (up until the coronavirus pandemic) at area coffee houses in places like Green Cove Springs and Atlantic Beach. In January, I also had the honor of playing the main stage at the Murray Hill Theater. My website is Nazarerush.com; the name is a throwback to my old surfing days because Nazare, Portugal, is home to some of the biggest waves in the world... and what a rush it would be to surf them.editor@floridanewsline.com

**National Gardening Day** cont. from pg. 1

which they will choose from online pictures and then take home with no face-to-face contact. Club members can then drive by the winners’ homes to enjoy the beauty of the yards.

The winner of the 2020 Mandarin Garden Club’s National Gardening Award is Betsy Hogan, who has created a lovely and colorful respite area that would be calming and pleasant for anyone. The curved path invites visitors to a restful, peaceful seating area surrounded by colorful flowers and lush greenery. This calming, cool, vision of relaxation draws one up the path to a lovely bench — where one can watch the birds, dream problems away, and focus on the beauty of nature.

Other submissions were lovely as well and four will receive honorable mention. Linda Carvalho has many colorful flowers throughout her yard. The colors are so bright they draw your attention and lift your spirits. Peggy Martineau has nicely trimmed her yard and flowers are blooming. She has also created a “Mother Mary Garden” that warms the spirit and brightens the day. Karen Stanley has created an amazing and inviting entrance to her home. The greenery is bright and nicely trimmed. Her flowers are showing bright this spring. And for special mention for what is old is now new, Laurie McDonagh started a victory garden in a sunny part of her yard with a promise of fresh veggies soon.

This contest was just a fun way to show off work in the garden to friends. This spring it is time for us all to get out and start gardening. Till, plant, mulch, trim, clip, put dirt in a pot and plant a seed and spend time in nature. It brings beauty to your home, calm to the mind, and a feeling of accomplishment with every spout. It’s time to garden! It’s spring.

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# Fishing

## Capt. David's Fishing Report

By Captain David Lifka  
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The spring of 2020 is one that will stand out in our memories for many years to come. Being asked to undergo a variety of lifestyle changes to help benefit ourselves and those around us may have seemed difficult at the moment, but hopefully our sacrifices will soon come to an end with a brighter and more promising future.

The complete closings of our local beaches have put a temporary end to some of the best surf fishing of the season. Hopefully when the beaches reopen, the surf will be loaded and packed with hungry fish that haven't seen a baited hook in a couple of months. If you have had access to the St. Johns River lately, then you've had access to some pretty good fishing. Higher salinities have allowed for a pretty good bite of flounder, reds, and black drum. Bait sized shrimp are also already in the river as far north as at least Doctor's Lake. The presence of shrimp has most likely contributed to the good fishing. Just to remind you, although there is shrimp in the river, our area counties are closed to shrimping for the months of April and May.

Freshwater fishing too has been more hot than not. Area creeks and ponds are

still producing some pretty good bass and bream fishing. The same can be said for the river with the exception that the catfish bite has been beyond excellent. Large numbers of catfish are being caught around creek mouths, sandbar points, river channels and bridge pilings. Many of these cats have been in the five to 10 pound plus range. For an added bonus, a striped bass bite has been fairly consistent around area bridges (Hint ... like Doctor's Lake).

Hopefully and prayerfully a normalization of how we once knew life will soon return. During this time of social restrictions, an outlet for many still exists. That outlet is the outdoors. Whether biking, or hiking, or even fishing, it is free, and available right out your front door.

Fishing Report: Docks and bridges have been best for flounder, reds and drum. Use shrimp tipped jigs or bottom fished dead shrimp. Lots of freshwater catfish for the taking. Surf fishing should be pretty good once beaches open again.

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



Photo courtesy Susie Scott

We're all in this together

The Mandarin Community Club shares support and encouragement to the community during these trying times.

# Gardening

## Summertime hazards

By Master Gardener Volunteer Lesley Arrandale  
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As the coronavirus pandemic continues, we will soon be entering our most hazardous season here in Florida — the hurricane season. You probably don't need to be reminded.

Unfortunately we are perhaps more vulnerable to our fears than usual. I'll explain. I've recently seen what I think is unusual activity by tree companies from out of town. Take note — not our local companies. Their representatives have been going house to house, at least where there are large trees on the properties, and several households have used these companies' services. One large street tree, a very healthy looking magnolia, has been felled. While I cannot and do not claim to know the condition of that particular tree, generally the southern magnolia is one of the strongest, long lived trees we have, and stands strong in our storms.

One company representative called on my elderly neighbor, and gave her a high price to remove a double-trunked hickory about which she has some concerns. They were told categorically that their services weren't needed, but then returned with a lower price. Avoid companies that employ high pressure tactics. This is not good business practice.

As with any potentially expensive service, do get several quotes from reputable companies that have built up good reputations in our community. They should employ a qualified, registered arborist who will have the knowledge to judge the safety or otherwise of your tree(s) and give you a detailed written proposal and a price for any services that are needed. They will be insured and have evidence to show you.

Don't just take my word for this. Check out these articles, which our Urban Forester at the Extension Service, Larry Figart, sent me for my own education: <https://tinyurl.com/y8ob6lp8> and <https://tinyurl.com/ugvn4j3>

Wow — our weather. At the end of March our temperatures were breaking records, reaching as high as those we expect in high summer. As someone who is often behind in yard work, I've been trying to work earlier in the day, and drink water before I feel thirsty. Sunscreen and hats are the order of the day. If you can, work in clothes made of light-colored tightly woven fabric that cover your limbs. For us older folks, take a rest when you feel like it, and take

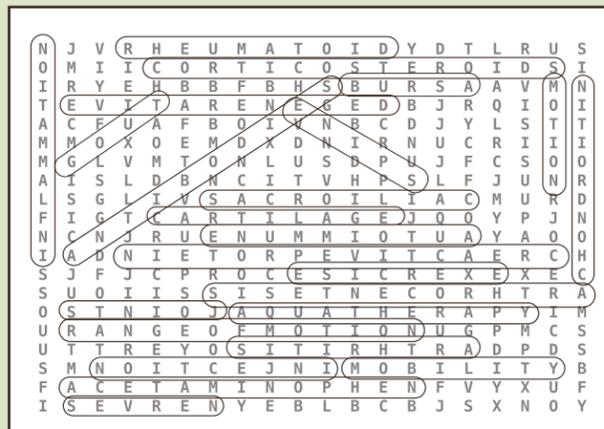
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# Answers to our Puzzles



Answers: A. patron B. retail C. purchase D. client

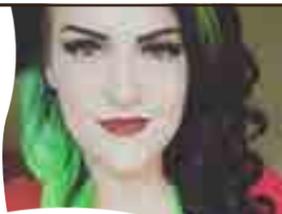


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## Travel

## Day Trips – Post Quarantine

By Debi Lander mail@floridanewsline.com

The coronavirus and subsequent stay at home orders ended leisure travel and tourism. What and when flights, hotels, attractions, and even restaurants will look like when they reopen remains to be seen; however, I join many who are hopeful that we may leave our homes sometime in May or June.

I've selected a few driving day trips with outdoor activities that may get you going. For now, this type of action seems to be the safest way to return to travel. Be sure to verify that parks or locations are open before you go.

## Driftwood Beach on Jekyll Island



Photos courtesy Debi Lander  
Driftwood Beach, Jekyll Island

Take a leisurely drive up to historic Jekyll Island, where the island itself looks like a nature preserve. My favorite spot is Driftwood Beach. There, you'll find numerous petrified trees scattered along the shoreline. The beach always looks like a significant storm ransacked it the night before. If possible, get up early and arrive for sunrise, but Driftwood enchants any time of day. Take your camera as pho-

tographers love this spot, as do kids who climb all over the trees and overturned roots. Afterward, a drive around the small island will take you past the iconic Jekyll Island Club and Millionaires Row — summer homes of the super-wealthy in the Golden Age.

## Savannah's Historic Squares

Savannah is about a two-hour drive from Jacksonville. Georgia's first city followed a city plan with a grid of 24 squares. Today, 22 of those green park-like squares remain. A walking tour becomes the best way to experience Savannah. Stroll among the many live oak trees, greenery, churches, museums, shops, and historic homes. The grandest square, Forsythe Park, attracts locals and visitors alike and features a stunning central fountain. Why not have a picnic in the park?



Forsythe Park Fountain, Savannah

If you've read or seen the movie "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," you know about historic Bonaventure Cemetery, just outside the city. The peaceful setting rests on a scenic bluff of the Wilmington River. The former

plantation site became a private cemetery in 1846 and then a public cemetery in 1907. Now, Bonaventure is a world-famous tourist destination. Walk along the old tree-lined roadways and see poignant cemetery sculptures. Many notable persons are interred here, as are the famous Ugas, the University of Georgia's bulldog mascots.

## Washington Oaks Gardens State Park

Washington Oaks State Park, located near Marineland at the southern tip of St. Augustine, offers fantastic gardens, nature trails, and an unusual beach. The formal gardens are the centerpiece of the park, with colorful displays of native and non-native plant species such as azaleas, camellias, and bird of paradise. Meander along with winding reflection ponds in the canopied oak hammock. Washington Oaks is also famous for the unique shoreline of coquina rock formations that line its Atlantic beach. This ancient rock formation creates the perfect spot for beachcombing, tidal pool exploration, and photography. Visitors can picnic and fish from either the shore or the seawall along the Matanzas River on the west boundary.

## Okefenokee Swamp Park

The Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge rests at the headwaters of the Suwannee and St. Marys River. Okefenokee Swamp Park is a magnificent picture-window for this natural setting. The park's lily-decked water trails, with their miraculously reflective waters, lead to all aspects of the near half million-acre wilderness. Watch out for alligators, but



Gator in Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

drive the scenic paths past lakes, jungles, forests, and prairies. Stop and perhaps climb a few of the viewing platforms. The park is easy to reach, located eight miles south of Waycross, Georgia.

## Bird Watching

Ocala National Forest: The forest covers almost 400,000 acres of sand pine forest, with small areas of longleaf pines that are the best birding habitat. A visit in late spring or early summer will be most productive. Breeding species to be found here include the rare red-cockaded woodpecker, as well as red-headed woodpecker, brown-headed nuthatch, Bachman's sparrow, swallow-tailed kite, bobwhite quail, summer tanager, yellow-throated vireo, and pine warbler. The area hosts one of the largest remaining populations of Florida scrub-jays.

Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park: Osprey, barred owls, hawks, and wading birds reside south of Gainesville in Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park. Sandhill cranes and other winter migrating species will have departed by spring, but you'll find many resident species to enjoy. Be on the lookout for pileated and red-bellied woodpeckers along the Bolen Bluff Trail.

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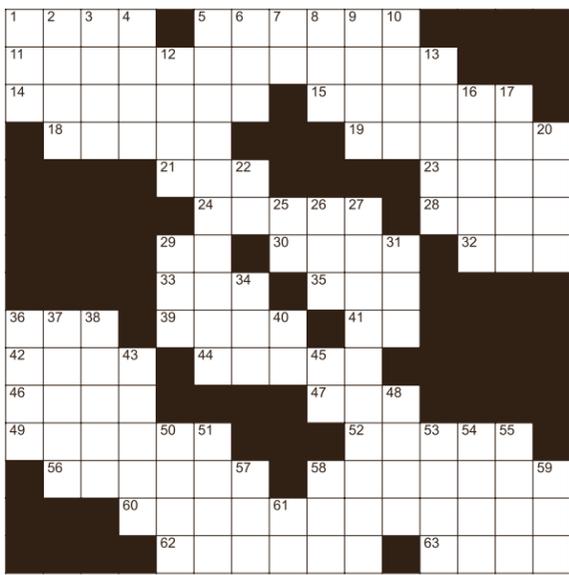
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# Puzzles

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 5. Not bad
- 11. NYC Mayor
- 14. Essays
- 15. Walk lightly
- 18. Those who utilize
- 19. Actress Judd
- 21. One-time community of nations
- 23. Norwegian river
- 24. Unconscious states
- 28. Make muddy
- 29. Unit of volume
- 30. Consciousnesses
- 32. Envision
- 33. When you aim to get there
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Passports are some
- 39. Snake-like fish
- 41. Military flyers (abbr.)
- 42. Popular computers
- 44. Ecological stage

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Defensive nuclear weapon (abbr.)
- 2. Instead
- 3. Gifts for the poor
- 4. A type of gin
- 5. Torments
- 6. One point south of due east
- 7. Actor Pacino
- 8. Feline
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. Short cries for help
- 12. Straits can sometimes be this
- 13. Further
- 16. Variety shows
- 17. Supernatural
- 20. A university in Connecticut
- 22. Atomic #27
- 25. Of I
- 26. We all have one
- 27. Religious guilds
- 29. This can sting
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Brew
- 36. Religious leader
- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Jr.'s father
- 43. Ray-finned fish genus

- 45. Morning
- 48. Straight line passing from side to side (abbr.)
- 50. S-shaped line
- 51. Small bunch of hay
- 53. Ripened
- 54. Crater on Mars
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Of the ears
- 58. To the \_\_\_ degree
- 59. Wood
- 61. Cools your home



- Solve the code to discover words related to customers. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 6 = e)
- A. 25 20 21 9 26 4**  
Clue: Gives financial support
  - B. 9 6 21 20 22 8**  
Clue: Sale of goods
  - C. 25 18 9 5 11 20 24 6**  
Clue: Buy something
  - D. 5 8 22 6 4 21**  
Clue: Person using services of another

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- 1. Oakland + **a a** = Oakland **A's**
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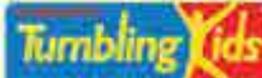


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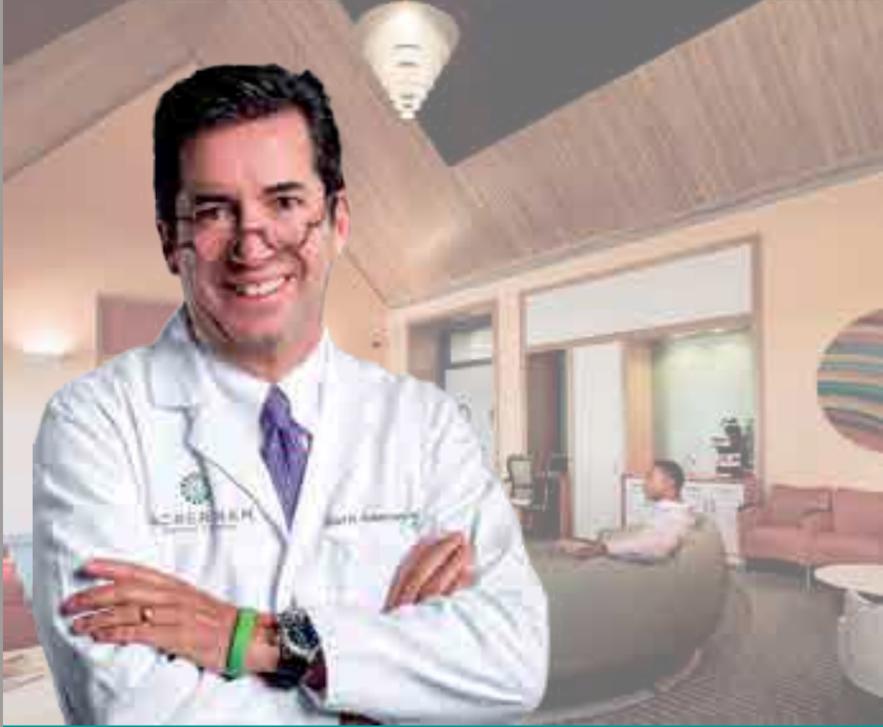


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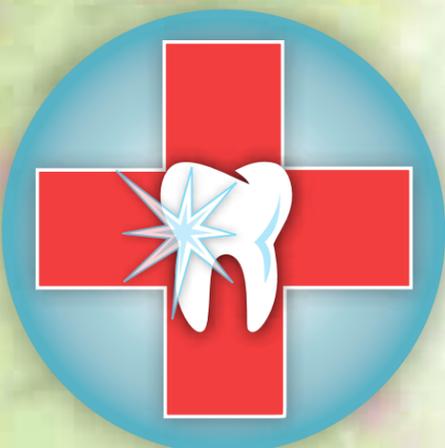
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