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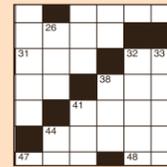
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Virtual school choice expo scheduled for Jan. 9

By NewsLine Staff
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Duval County Public Schools is hosting its annual school choice expo on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021 with one major change — the event will be virtual this year due to COVID-19.

Don't worry, families will still have the opportunity to interact with prospective schools and programs in the virtual space, but from the comfort and safety of home. Here are four steps families can take now to prepare:

1. Register for a Parent Account and link it to your student: This is essential because school choice applications are only available if the parent/guardian has a parent account and it is linked to their student. Visit www.duvalschools.org/focus for a step-by-step guide to creating a parent account and linking it to the student.
2. Make a plan to attend the 2021 Expo virtually: Save the date of the expo, Jan. 9, 2021. More information about the expo will be available on the district's website in early January.
3. Register to attend a virtual school tour: Individual schools will begin offering virtual tours of their campuses in January and February. Families can visit the schools' websites and register for virtual tours. Individual school websites are accessible from the district's main website (<https://dcps.duvalschools.org/>).
4. Know the Application Window: Applications are accepted from Jan. 1 to Feb. 28, 2021.

Visit the School Choice webpage at <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/Page/7400> for more information about the application process.

Sneak peek from Mandarin Museum & Historical Society

By Sandy Arpen
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It is hard to believe that the Mandarin Museum and all the historical buildings in Walter Jones Historical Park have been closed since mid-March because of the coronavirus. Initially, the City of Jacksonville ordered the closure of the entire park and all programs. As time went on, the park reopened, and small groups were allowed to obtain permits for activities at the picnic pavilion; however, Mandarin Museum & Historical Society's board of directors decided to remain closed for three reasons: First, it is a volunteer organization and the majority of the volunteers are at higher risk of COVID complications; second, the board does not feel it is safe to put people together in small closed spaces yet; and third, the building of the new museum addition and the total transformation of all exhibit spaces is going to take months to accomplish.

The expansion of Mandarin Museum by R. G. White Construction was expected to begin in the summer, but it should be underway by January.

Here is a "sneak peek" at what attendees will see when the museum is reopened — with more Mandarin stories than ever before. The board and volunteers have been working hard and safely behind the scenes dismantling the old exhibits, while researching all the new topics and creating new text, as well as creating and building new display panels.

One of the new exhibits in the main exhibit room will be "The Untold History of Black Mandarin." The stories of Mandarin's fascinating Black history are very important because the population was significant in size and it was critical to Mandarin's development over time. Also, the Harriet Beecher Stowe exhibit will be enlarged and enhanced due to her very important contributions to the area.

Other topics displayed will include: a new timeline; our first residents (the Timucua); early days of the Spanish and English; 19th Century territorial and statehood period; the Seminole War in Mandarin; the

Mandarin Boardwalk and historic homes; steamboats; A Soldier's Story (Marion Losco); schools; recreation (like the Little Train, Orange Pickers baseball team, horse activities, and Mandarin Players); 20th Century landmarks and residents; a map of pre-1970 San Jose Boulevard depicting local businesses; and a display called "What Happened to Rural Mandarin?" All these stories will be told with lots of interesting photos, documents and objects from our collection

The National Historic Landmark shipwreck the "Maple Leaf" will not be forgotten. This important Civil War story and artifacts will be in an expanded and unique space of its own — the new addition that is being built just for it. A special room for the "Maple Leaf" will make this important story much more cohesive.

The Art Gallery will be revived with some of the fabulous art the museum has of Mandarin artists and Mandarin scenes, like Memphis Wood, Charlie Brown, Lee Adams, Brenda Council, C. Ford Riley, Harold Hilton, James Freeman, Lucinda Halseth, James Turnbull, John Kenning, Gary Garrett and Cheryl Rood.

Finally, the very small archival space that houses the museum's collection will be doubled in size. When the Mandarin Museum & Historical Society first opened the Mandarin Mu-



Photos courtesy Mandarin Museum and Historical Society
The Mandarin Museum, 11964 Mandarin Road.

seum at the park in 2004, it had a much smaller collection of items than today and the space has been outgrown. In this new space, the museum's team of "archive" volunteers will receive, catalog and safely store all items that have been donated to the museum.

This project has been made possible by the generosity of many: numerous private donors (including Donald Bowden who designated 60 percent of Mandarin Frog sales to the expansion), as well as the Rotary Club of Mandarin, Bhide & Hall Architects, City of Jacksonville, Exxon/Mobil Matching Fund, Jacksonville Maritime Museum, and Thrivent Financial. The museum was also fortunate to qualify for a Facilities Grant which is sponsored by the Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council of the Arts & Culture and the State of Florida.

Follow the progress on the Mandarin Museum Facebook page, where the reopening date will be announced as soon as the expansion project is complete and it is safe to do so.

Sandy Arpen is a volunteer with the Mandarin Museum & Historical Society. The Mandarin Museum is located at 11964 Mandarin Road in Walter Jones Historical Park. Visit www.mandarin-museum.net for more information about Mandarin's history and Mandarin Museum & Historical Society information



Mike Myers, board member, building display wall for "The Untold History of Black Mandarin."



Building contractor, Bob White, with the Department of State sign outside the museum.

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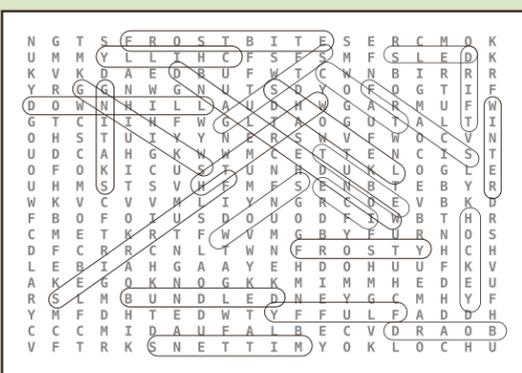
Last month's Mystery Photo was restroom building at Mandarin Park.
Our winner was Leslie Smith. Congratulations!



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with Duval School Board Member,
District 7, Lori Hershey

Q: Can you give some specifics on the upcoming School Choice Expo?

A: This year, the School Choice Expo will be held virtually on Saturday, Jan. 9. There is a fair amount of advance work to be done online prior to the virtual event. I would encourage parents to go to the website (www.duvalschools.org/focus) now to set up their parent account and begin identifying the schools they would like to visit virtually. If parents are unable to attend the virtual expo, I would still encourage them to explore the options so they can get their student's digital application submitted for any of the choice options. They may have to reach out to individual schools.

Q: What is something you'd like to highlight that the School Board is presently working on?

A: The School Board and the superintendent are currently working on the district's Five Year Strategic Plan, to be finalized in March. We are incorporating the feedback we received from the community meetings held last fall.

Q: Do you have any community meetings planned?

A: I'd encourage parents to mark their

calendars for my next Chat with the Superintendent, scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 5:30 p.m. at Mandarin Oaks Elementary School. This is a good time for the community to meet and ask questions of the superintendent as well as get an update on the state of our schools. Currently, this meeting is scheduled to be an in-person meeting, but it could be changed to virtual. More information will be available in this column next month.

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

A: I'd like to congratulate Dr. Diana Greene on her selection by the Florida Association of District School Superintendents as the 2021 Superintendent of the Year for the State of Florida. She is now in the running for National Superintendent of the Year. This is worthy of celebration as a community. I think her selection is particularly commendable, especially during the unprecedented year we have had.

Q: How can our readers contact you?

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

January

Community Calendar

What's Going On in Mandarin? A modified calendar of events

The Jacksonville Symphony announces Mozart's Prague and Prokofiev, part of the Florida Blue Masterworks Series, on Jan. 8 and Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m. each evening. Mozart's Symphony No. 38, "Prague" and Prokofiev Sinfonia Concertante will be conducted by Courtney Lewis featuring Joshua Roman on cello. Visit jaxsymphony.org for more information.

The Healthy Eating Every Day Program will be held on Tuesdays, Jan. 12 – April 13, from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. This weekly series of live virtual classes helps attendees learn the right balance of foods for optimal health. To register, call Northeast Florida AHEC at (904) 482-0189 or (877) 784-8486.

Community Hospice & Palliative Care will host "Understanding Grief: A Virtual Program for the Newly Bereaved" on Thursday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 19, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Understanding Grief is designed to help people learn that healing is possible after the death of a loved one and there are effective ways to cope with grief and loss. The 90-minute virtual workshop will help attendees identify normal responses to loss, identify coping skills that may be helpful and understand the importance

of self-care in the grieving process. Understanding Grief is designed to be most helpful for those who have experienced a loss within the last 90 days, and are at least 18 years old. Register at <https://griefworkshop2021.eventbrite.com> or call (904) 407-7001.

The All Star Quilt Guild will meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 18 at the First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd. No refreshments will be served due to Covid 19. Bring your own mask. New members are welcome.

Northeast Florida AHEC announces the following free Quit Tobacco Class, which includes free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges: Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Inspire to Rise Center, 5927 Old Timuquana Road. Call (904) 482-0189 for more information or to sign up.

The Italian American Club of Jacksonville will offer Spaghetti to Go on Friday, Jan. 29 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. The club is located at 2838 Westberry Road. Call the club at (904) 586-2700 or visit www.iacofjacksonville.com for more information.

Shuffleboard at Mandarin Park is on hold for now. Keep an eye out for the announcement of resumption of play in a future issue of Mandarin NewsLine.

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with Jacksonville City Council Member, District 6, Michael Boylan

Q: Can you give an update on hazardous waste disposal?

A: The city is beginning to schedule dates for hazardous and e-waste disposal again. In Mandarin, the next disposal date will be on Jan. 16, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Mandarin Park. There is also the option of driving to Baymeadows Regional Park on Jan. 9 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The next date at Mandarin Park will be in June.

On a related note, I'd like to remind people that if they put any of their recyclable materials in a plastic bag of any color before putting it in their collection bin, the items will not be recycled and will instead be thrown out. So just put your recyclables directly in the recycling bin.

Q: What misconception would you like to clear up regarding the apartment complex to be built on San Jose Boulevard?

A: There seems to be a lot of misinformation out there about this development on San Jose Boulevard south of Don Juan's Restaurant. The concern is that this will be a Section 8 housing project, which is just not true. It will be a high end rental project.

Q: Does the City Council have any new activity as pertains to JEA?

A: At the last City Council meeting of the year, by a vote of 19 – 0, the council approved a rewriting of part of the charter, which I led. This 44-page document covered JEA issues such as transparency, compensation of executives, and privatization and the ability of JEA to do so. It is basically a road map outlining how JEA

could explore and develop expansion of existing services or development of new products and services. I'm very pleased about having this bill behind us.

Q: Will the Mandarin Senior Center continue to offer COVID testing in the New Year?

A: The funding for this testing is presently provided by federal dollars with the CARES Act. I'm very interested that this successful effort continues as funding allows.

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

A: Council President Tommy Hazouri has tasked Councilmember Joyce Morgan and me to host a series of meetings called "Safer Together" so that we can put together recommendations regarding topics such as community policing and race relations in our city by June 2021. The organizational meeting has already been held and speakers are invited to present competent and substantial evidence that speaks to these concerns. We want to look at both the macro and micro aspects as we have these conversations. The meetings are open to the public and I'd like to host one in Mandarin, but in all likelihood they will be via Zoom. Readers should contact my office if they'd like to participate.

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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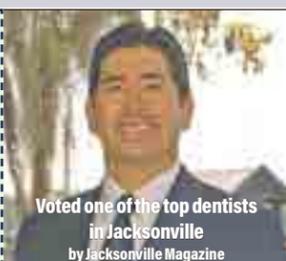
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Local food recovery program looks to community for help

By Tiffany Merlo Phelps
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When student Alexis Harp first volunteered with the University of North Florida's "Meals on Wings" program, she thought the program sounded great, but she was mostly thinking about earning service hours for her nutrition degree.

"It became so much more than the hours," said Harp, a University of North Florida senior and Student Issues Committee chair for the Florida Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. She also serves as the Nutrition and Dietetics Leadership Association treasurer. "The passion for this program is obvious. We get to hand-deliver meals to seniors, and you can tell how appreciative they are."

According to Dr. Jenifer Ross, University of North Florida assistant professor and Director of Didactic Program in Dietetics for the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, Meals on Wings began in the summer of 2018 as a way to serve homebound seniors

on a wait list for Meals on Wheels in Duval County. Currently, 85 seniors are fed five meals a week with food donated by Brooks Rehabilitation and Baptist Health Systems that would otherwise be wasted.

Student volunteers pick up the donated food and transport it in a refrigerated van back to the UNF Nutrition and Dietetics kitchen and repackage it into healthful balanced meals using Registered Dietician professors such as Ross to oversee the meal prep. About 28,000



Meals on Wings volunteers getting ready to transport meals.

pounds of food has been recovered and more than 20,500 meals have been delivered so far, said Ross.

Ross said the group looks at texture, color and balance and sends meals that they are willing to eat as well. All meals are labeled with the date, an ingredient list and heating instructions.



Meal preparation at the University of North Florida

"We deliver

with integrity," said Ross. "It is really special, and it is more than a meal."

Harp, who plans to become a Registered Dietician, agreed.

"We aim for colorful meals with different textures. We want the meals to be entic-

ing and exciting," she said. "We really get to see how food insecurity affects patient outcomes."

In some cases, the student volunteer is the only person the homebound senior will see all day, and it can sometimes be their only meal, Ross said. Thanksgiving meals were made special this year when a University of North Florida faculty member donated holiday ingredients for the group to prepare so that seniors received a traditional meal complete with pumpkin pie.

Harp, who has been a volunteer since August 2019, can attest to the strong relationships often formed between students and seniors. In fact, delivery is her favorite part of the program. During the pandemic, Harp called some of the seniors on her route just to check on them.

"I have learned so much about food insecurity, and I am much more empathetic now seeing this first hand," said Harp. "It is heartbreaking."

Ross said COVID made it more difficult to run the program, but meals never stopped being prepped and delivered during this time, and Meals on Wings strictly follows all health and safety guidelines. Also,

additional seniors needing meals were added as a result of the pandemic, and Ross intends to keep these seniors on their delivery list.

Baptist Health Community Investment and Impact Vice President Melanie Patz said Baptist values its partnership with Meals on Wings.

"Baptist Health's vision of 'A Lifetime of Health, Together,' calls for us to reach outside of our walls to ensure people have everything they need to be healthy, including access to healthy food. We are pleased to provide funding and food to Meals on Wings to ensure vulnerable seniors on a waiting list for home-delivered meals have healthy food to eat."

Meals on Wings' future goals include expanding the year-round program to reach more seniors by finding more business

partnerships. Ross surveys clients when they first start the program and then three to six months later to evaluate well-being, nutrition, loneliness and food security. Ross works with area agencies to identify the seniors at the highest nutrition risk.



Meals are boxed and ready to go.

"Typically, all of these categories improve, and this survey helps to show that the program is working. And this helps with funding," said Ross, adding that the program is completely volunteer run and grant funded.

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Mandarin Community Club supports troops

This past holiday season, the Mandarin Community Club participated in the Holidays for Heroes greeting card project sponsored and organized by the American Red Cross. Holiday greeting cards and expressions of support were collected at the community club in November to be forwarded through the Red Cross to servicemen and women. Through the support of club members and the community, nearly 200 cards were collected.

This was the first year that the club participated in this effort, but according to club board member Lynn Cuda, they hope to continue with it in 2021.

New hospice care center opens at hospital

Community Hospice and Palliative Care continues to expand its service to include a 10th inpatient unit at Baptist Medical Center South. The new Center for Caring is an 8,600 square foot, 10-bedroom facility. Located on the seventh floor of Tower C on the hospital campus, this state-of-the-art care center has private rooms with bathrooms, comfortable and spacious gathering areas, family laundry and kitchenette areas, and a quiet room for when patients or family members simply need a break.

“We are honored to be a part of the expansion of the services provided at Baptist Medical Center South and to continue to introduce innovative solutions to the patients and families in this thriving community,” said Phillip Ward, president and CEO of Community Hospice and Palliative Care.

The Community Hospice and Palliative Care Center for Caring opened in December to serve patients living with advanced illness and in need of end-of-life care. The goal of each Center for Caring is to provide a calming, residential-style environment in which to stabilize the hospice patient’s acute symptoms, providing relief so they can return to wherever they call home (private residence or a long-term care facility). To add to the home-like environment, the works of local artists are featured throughout the center, contributing to an atmosphere of peace, emotional healing, and comfort. Family and friends are welcome to visit at any time, including overnight stays but may experience some restrictions during the pandemic. The new facility will provide around-the-clock compassionate acute symptom care for hospice patients, respite for caregivers, and a place where loved ones can visit 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

“Having a hospice and palliative care center at Baptist South will be of great reassurance to families of patients who are in need of end-of-life care,” said Hospital President Nicole Thomas, FACHE. “The fact that the new center is right here on our hospital campus will provide an easy and seamless transition to hospice care and provide families with peace of mind that their loved ones are comfortable and being well cared for.”

This is the third center for caring at a Baptist Medical Center in Northeast Florida. The others include the Warner Center for Caring at Baptist Medical Center Nassau, and the Douglas Center for Caring at Baptist Medical Center Downtown Jacksonville.

Real estate inventory hits lowest point all year

The 2,680 homes sold in Northeast Florida in November 2020 was a 13 percent uptick over November 2019, but a decrease from each of the previous five months — where sales exceeded 3,000, according to the Northeast Florida Association of Realtors (NEFAR).

Exacerbating the already dwindling inventory, only 2,657 new listings were added to the market — fewer than the number of homes sold.

Inventory plummeted to only 5,211 properties, a massive 44.7 percent drop from a year ago. This equates to only 1.7 months on hand, whereas a balanced market is considered to be between five- and six-months of homes for sale.

The median sales price was \$262,000, down from \$263,000 last month, but nearly 13 percent more than a year ago. Likewise, the \$317,602 average sales price was less than October’s \$328,450, but was an increase of 17.2 percent compared to November 2019.

In a pattern that shows no signs of abating, the diminished inventory coupled with solid demand resulted in competitive bidding for available properties, with 19 percent of properties going for more than the original list price.

Homes sold in an average of 54 days, nearly 17 percent faster than a year ago.

2020 NEFAR President Ron Harris said, “Northeast Florida’s housing market desperately needs a significant influx of homes for sale. The depleted supply is not even close to being able to support the demand.”

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Crown Point holds Spirit Night amid Christmas Tree Lane



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On Dec. 10, Crown Point Panthers participated in a drive through Spirit Night event at Chick-fil-A. At this fundraising event, Crown Point received 20 percent of the net sales. The school's students also decorated a Christmas tree for the restaurant's Christmas Tree Lane with a theme of "Tree of Gratitude." The Crown Point tree had a QR code and all who attended the event were able to scan and watch a video detailing the "Grateful Challenge" recorded by third grade teacher Ginger Manning. Chick-fil-A's Christmas Tree Lane had a variety of trees decorated by Mandarin and St. Johns schools and businesses. Some families took the time to stroll through and enjoy the lights and the decorations.

Inaugural Mandarin Tree Lighting a success

By Susie Scott
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The inaugural Tree Lighting at the Mandarin Community Club came off without a hitch. The drive-in event was well attended by Mandarin families waiting to see the 21-foot tree adorned with more than 2,000 lights light up to kick off the holiday season. And what a spectacular sight!



Photos courtesy Susie Scott
Mandarin Community Club Board member volunteers prior to the Tree Lighting

After introductions, Santa read a unique and original adaptation of "The Night Before Christmas," then it was Santa who threw the switch to light up the night to cheers and applause from all.

The Tree Lighting was preceded by live music on the lawn by students from Christ Church Academy followed by an opening prayer from Pastor Steve Wallace of Family Life Church, who spoke of inspiration in times that challenge us all.



The beautifully lit tree in front of the Mandarin Community Club.

The Mandarin Community Club is already planning for next year's Tree Lighting to establish this tradition for Mandarin and coincide with the Winter Celebration at Walter Jones Historic Park on the first weekend of December.

Look for a bigger and brighter event in 2021 with more activities for a holiday kickoff in Mandarin.

The Mandarin Community Club wishes to thank those that made this inaugural Tree Lighting possible: Liberty Landscaping at Trad's for the tree acquisition and delivery, Lowe's of Mandarin and Lowe's of Orange Park for the thousands of lights needed, Early Piety and Specialty Tree Surgeons for erecting the tree and setting the lighting and the board of the Mandarin Community Club who so generously donated to underwrite this event. Special thanks goes to board member Brett Nolan for his inspiration and energy and the other club directors and volunteers who brought this event to the community.

Good tidings and good deeds



Photo courtesy Susie Scott

The Mandarin Community Club made two donations to the Mandarin Food Bank during the holiday season. A generous club member donated a whopping \$1,000 in the name of the Mandarin Community Club. The club board also approved and presented a \$100 donation toward holiday turkeys.

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Get to Know . . .

Theresa Rooney

By Martie Thompson
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Theresa Rooney is the new (since August) branch manager of the South Mandarin Branch Library, but it's not her first manager position. She previously served as branch manager at the Beaches and University Park branches; prior to that, she was an attorney who worked for the Office of the General Counsel for the City of Jacksonville. Her career change is really not that far-fetched — the reading and research she liked the best while practicing law transferred easily to her role as a librarian. Theresa has two daughters who live locally and four grandchildren, ranging in age from 18 month to eight years.

Q: How did you come to live in Jacksonville?

A: I grew up in Baltimore and graduated from law school in Vermont. A friend I went to school with was from Jacksonville and I visited his home here. I fell in love with the river and the beach and the climate — and 38 years later, I'm still here!

Q: What made you decide to go to law school?

A: Growing up, I was a huge reader and always wanted to be a librarian, but my first year of college, I took a required class on constitutional law and really liked it, so I changed my major. You definitely need to like to read if you're going to go to law school.

Q: How did you come to work for the Jacksonville Public Library?

A: While I was practicing law in Jacksonville for the Office of the General Counsel, one of my clients was the Board of Library Trustees. I became friends with the library director and told him about how, prior to law school, my dream job was to be a librarian. I enjoyed my work with the library board more than anything and over time I started thinking, "How can I make this happen?" I retired from practicing law in 2003 and took a year off to try to figure out what I wanted to do. At the end of 2004, 50 new library associate positions were created as part of the expansion due to the Better Jacksonville Plan and I was able to get one of them. I worked at the main library downtown and I loved it: I did research and I worked with the public to find answers to their questions. I knew I wanted to stay with the library, so I went back to school for my master's degree (a mostly remote program from the University of South Florida) in order to be eligible for advancement. I enjoyed my time practicing law and I felt like I did everything I wanted to do there. Going to grad school and working on my library degree was the most fun and best thing that ever happened to me.

Q: What is your favorite book?

A: That's kind of like asking a parent to



Photo courtesy Theresa Rooney
Theresa Rooney

name their favorite child! But I would say "Charlotte's Web," by E.B. White. I've read it many times and it speaks to me on many levels. I have a vivid recollection of my fourth grade teacher reading this book to the class and going home and telling my mother we needed to go buy the book because the teacher was only reading one chapter a day and I needed to see what happened!

Q: Can you give us a general South Mandarin Branch Library update?

A: I keep hearing from people who say they didn't know we are open, but we've been open since the end of September with reduced hours for patrons. The library is open for browsing or patrons can put holds on books and we offer curbside service. Mandarin residents love their library and they are gradually coming back.

Did you know? Calendar facts

By NewsLine Staff
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Celebrating the New Year on Jan. 1 is a relatively recent phenomenon. The calendar as we know it today has evolved several times and months have gone by different names. On the early Roman calendar, March was the first month of the 10-month calendar. That is why the last four months of the year have prefixes that coordinate with the seventh (September), eighth (October), ninth (November), and tenth (December) numerals.

King Numa Pompilius reformed the calendar around 700 BCE by adding the months of January and February to the original 10 months. But the calendar still required some additional tweaking to be more aligned with the seasons.

In 46 B.C., Julius Caesar introduced a solar-based calendar that was an improvement on the ancient Roman one, which was lunar-based. During this time, the month of Quintilis was renamed July in honor of Julius Caesar and Sextilis was renamed August in honor of Augustus. Shortly after the introduction of the solar calendar, the beginning of the year was moved from March 1 to Jan. 1.

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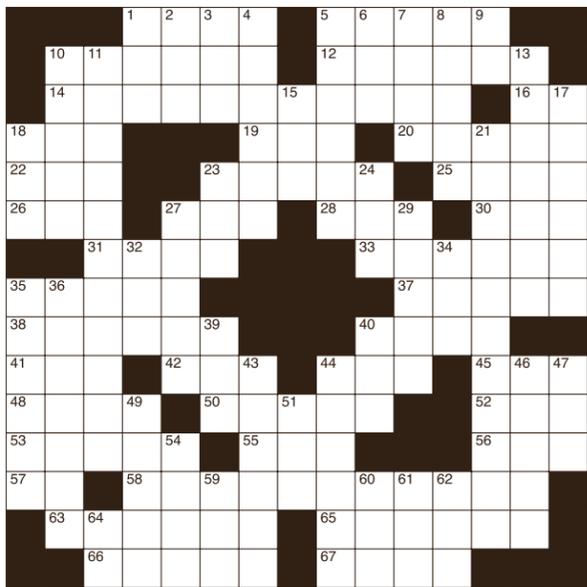
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1. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
5. 2014 Winter Olympics host
10. Soft fabric
12. Covered in flowers
14. Works at a college or university
16. Keeps us cool
18. Corpuscule count (abbr.)
19. Similar
20. Birthplace of Muhammad
22. They ___
23. Preamble to a book
25. Southern China people
26. Hair product
27. The woman
28. Partner to cheese
30. One point north of due east
31. Round Dutch cheese
33. Be in awe of
35. Christmas song
37. Emits coherent radiation

CLUES DOWN

1. Nowhere to be found (abbr.)
2. Not new
3. Brew
4. Stain with mud
5. Chief or leader
6. Luke Skywalker's mentor ___-Wan
7. Type of sauce
8. Sharpens
9. Priestess loved by Zeus
10. Jean Henri __, French entomologist
11. Regulates supply of fuel
13. Disturbing and horrifying
15. Equal (prefix)
17. Hosts film festival
18. Tattered piece of clothing
21. Rich desserts
23. Unique motor (abbr.)
24. Disfigure
27. Chemical substance
29. Slang for famous person

CLUES DOWN

32. Department of Labor
34. The A-team rode around in one
35. Beach cabin
36. Living things
39. Gun (slang)
40. Disconsolate
43. Stroke gently
44. Actress Richards
46. "Cletus Hogg" actor
47. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
49. Brazilian mountain range
51. Upset
54. One with supernatural insight
59. Insecticide
60. Taxi
61. "Much ___ about nothing"
62. Cannister
64. Popular clothing retailer



Solve the code to discover words related to winter. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 26 = I)

A. 5 1 3 14
Clue: White precipitation

B. 16 21 26 8 8 6 24 18
Clue: Strong snow storm

C. 2 24 26 25 26 18
Clue: Very cold

D. 26 7 4
Clue: Frozen water

WINTERTIME WORD SEARCH

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WORDS

- BOARD
- BUNDLED
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- COAT
- DOWNHILL
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- FLUFFY
- FLURRIES
- FROSTBITE
- FROSTY
- GUSTS
- HOCKEY
- ICE
- MITTENS
- SCARF
- SHOVEL
- SKATING
- SKIING
- SLED
- SNOW
- TUBE
- WARMTH
- WINTER
- WONDERLAND

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

Fishing

Capt. David's Fishing Report

By Captain David Lifka
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It's officially winter, and we have reached what can be the most difficult time of year to wet a line. Wind and cold definitely add to the difficulty factor, plus cooler water temperatures will slow the bite. Warm spells in between cold fronts can often turn on a bite and should be taken advantage of when you get the chance.

Last winter there was pretty decent black drum bite that happened through January and lasted well into the spring. Fishing docks and bridge pilings (U.S. Highway 17 bridge) in the Doctors Lake area of the St. Johns River seemed to be the hot spot then. Trying any docks and pilings at the Buckman Bridge or north and south of the bridge are definitely worth a try when those pretty days occur.

One species of fish that really likes to bite during the pretty days of winter months is the speckled perch or crappie. Most freshwater lakes and creeks in our entire region will provide some excellent speckled perch fishing over the next couple of months. A quick online search of bait stores and fish camps can help you find out where the best bite is currently happening. Also, while you are searching, you will find there are still some old-fashioned fish camps that

can still provide you with a rental jon boat and kicker for a day on the water.

If you happen to own a boat, but would rather just wait for spring to roll around before getting out on the water again, remember we live in Florida. In just another six to eight weeks our winter is already over. Since the virus, the number of boaters on the water has increased dramatically. Now might be the perfect time to beat the spring rush and get your boat serviced for the upcoming season of fun on the water.

Finally, a New Year's resolution that should be easy to keep: Do not let your down time from being on the water go to waste. Make this year's resolution to take a day to make sure that your boat meets and exceeds all safety requirements. Safety on the water should always come first for yourself and your crew and passengers.

Fishing Report: Speckled perch are your best freshwater bet this time of year. Saltwater species are going to be hit and miss, but on milder days anything can happen anywhere you happen to try.

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White strawberry one of two new UF/IFAS varieties ready for harvest season

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A white strawberry? Not red? Yes, you “read” that right. And it smells a little like a pineapple. It’s also novel in that it’s the first white strawberry to go to market in the United States.

Just in time for the west-central Florida strawberry harvesting season, which runs until the end of March, UF/IFAS is releasing not one, but two new varieties — and the white strawberry is one of them. The other: another cultivar that UF/IFAS’ primary breeder says tastes oh-so-good.

Neither variety has a name yet. They’re known by numbers, which is typical early in the cultivar-release process. So far, they’re known as “FL 16.78-109” (the white strawberry) and “FL 16.30-128” (the red strawberry), said Vance Whitaker, a UF/IFAS associate professor of horticultural sciences and a strawberry breeder.

“Because the white strawberry is being test-marketed this year, there has been a lot of interest in it,” said Whitaker, a faculty member at the Gulf Coast Research

and Education Center. In fact, a grower told Whitaker that some chefs like the new fruit.

When it’s ripe and ready to eat, it is white inside and out, with a slight pink blush on the skin and red seeds, he said.

“The flavor is very different from a typical strawberry, sweet but with a pineapple-like aroma,” Whitaker said. “White strawberries have been popular for some time in Japan, but this is expected to be the first white strawberry on the market in the United States.”

You can find white strawberries in nature, he said. Breeders have harnessed this naturally occurring trait, crossing white strawberries from the wild with modern strawberries to create something different in both appearance and taste.

Here’s how the white strawberry came about. In 2012, strawberry seeds from Japan were sown at the University of Florida, and a few small plants recovered. The seeds were sown, and a few small

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The role different vitamins play

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A nutritious diet is a vital component of a healthy lifestyle. When it’s part of a health regimen that includes routine exercise, a healthy diet that’s rich in fruits and vegetables can help people reduce their risk for various illnesses, including chronic diseases like heart disease, cancer and diabetes.

Many adults have known about the value of fruits and vegetables since they were youngsters and their parents repeatedly told them how important it was to eat healthy foods. Despite those early lessons, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that less than 10 percent of adults and adolescents eat enough fruits and vegetables. That’s unfortunate, as fruits and vegetables are loaded with vitamins that benefit the body in myriad ways.



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Green, leafy vegetables like spinach and broccoli are good sources of vitamin E.

The U.S. National Library of Medicine notes that vitamin deficiency occurs when people do not get enough of certain vitamins. Recognizing the many functions vitamins serve may compel adults and adolescents to include more fruits and vegetables in their diets.

· **Vitamin A:** The U.S. National Library of Medicine notes that vitamin A helps form and maintain healthy teeth, bones, soft tissue, mucous membranes, and skin. According to the World Health Organization, vitamin A deficiency is the leading cause of preventable blindness in children and increases the risk of disease and death from severe infections.

· **Vitamin B6:** Vitamin B6 helps form red blood cells and maintain brain function. Though the National Institutes of Health notes that isolated vitamin B6 deficiency is uncommon, a deficiency has been associated with various conditions, including a weakened immune system and dermatitis

cheilitis, a condition marked by scaling on the lips and cracks at the corners of the mouth.

· **Vitamin C:** Vitamin C is an antioxidant that promotes healthy teeth and gums, helps the body absorb iron and maintains healthy tissue. In addition, vitamin C plays an integral role in helping wounds heal. Vitamin C deficiency impairs bone

function, and Merck notes that in children that impairment can cause bone lesions and contribute to poor bone growth.

· **Vitamin D:** The U.S. National Library of Medicine notes that 10 to 15 minutes of sunshine three times per week is enough to produce the body’s vitamin D requirement for people at most latitudes. It’s hard to rely on food to

supply ample vitamin D, which helps the body absorb calcium that is necessary for the development and maintenance of healthy teeth and bones.

· **Vitamin E:** Vitamin E helps the body form red blood cells and utilize vitamin K. Green, leafy vegetables like spinach and broccoli are good sources of vitamin E. The Office of Dietary Supplements notes that a vitamin E deficiency can cause nerve and muscle damage, potentially leading to muscle weakness and vision problems.

· **Vitamin K:** Vitamin K helps to make certain proteins that are needed for blood clotting and the building of bones. The T.H. Chan School of Public Health at Harvard notes that the main type of vitamin K is found in green leafy vegetables like collard greens, kale and spinach. Vitamin K deficiency is rare, but it can lead to bleeding, hemorrhaging or osteoporosis.

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Nutrition Check

Nutrition Check: Eating Healthy on a Budget

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It's the time we've all been waiting for, the start of 2021! Of course, we have high hopes for what's to come as we leave 2020 in the past, but how can we ensure that we start off the New Year right?

A lot of us have New Year resolutions and pick either a goal that we may have struggled with in the past or a new goal that we hope to accomplish in the future. Most of the time, New Year resolutions are economic related or health related such as "I want to save more money" or "I want to eat more fruits and vegetables." What if I told you that you could accomplish both goals at the same time? Here are some tips to help you eat healthy on a budget this New Year:

Make a list before you go to the store. Planning out what you need for the week before you go to the store will help reduce the amount of "extra" or non-essential items that land in your cart. Most find it helpful to plan out specific meals for the days of the week and create a list of ingredients for those meals. This can then be used as the grocery list because it will have everything you need for the week.

Shop the sales and use the coupons. Clipping coupons and utilizing BOGO sales can save an individual an average of

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Compare labels. High priced name brand foods are often identical to the store brand or generic brand. The only difference is usually the brand name products often cost more. Compare the labels to determine which item is the best bang for your buck.

Don't shop hungry. Shopping hungry can cause a person to increase the amount they spend at the store. Studies have shown that "hungry shoppers" spend on average, 60 percent more than "non-hungry shoppers" (Phys.org).

These four simple tips will help you not only achieve your health-related goals this new year, but it will also help you achieve your financial goals. Happy New Year!

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plants were recovered. The pollen from these plants were crossed with a Florida variety. The seedlings from this cross-produced fruit ranged from white to pink to red, Whitaker said.

"Commercial trials have been promising so far," he said. "Pickers can tell when the fruit is ripe when a slight pink blush develops on the side of the fruit that is most exposed to the sun, and when most

of the seeds turn red. By 2022, these new white strawberries should be available in U.S. grocery stores. They will probably be marketed as 'pineberries' because of the pineapple aroma."

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The Pantry Raiders

Enjoy comfort food on chilly days

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When seeking recipes for cold days, consider those comfort foods that can be enjoyed warm to chase away the chill. "Croissant Bread Pudding" is an ideal choice. Topped with a rum-flavored sauce, it's sweet and decadent for all the right reasons. Enjoy this recipe from "The Pampered Chef: Stoneware Inspirations" (The Pampered Chef, Ltd.) by The Pampered Chef Test Kitchens.

Croissant Bread Pudding

(Yields 12 servings)

4 large croissants (about 3 oz. each)
1 red baking apple, such as Jonathan
6 eggs
½ cup plus 3 tbsp. sugar, divided
2 cups half and half
1 orange
½ cup pecan halves, chopped
¾ cup butterscotch caramel ice cream topping
¼ tsp. rum extract
½ cup golden raisins



Photo courtesy MetroCreative
Croissant Bread Pudding

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Lightly spray a deep baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Slice croissants from top to bottom into ½-inch slices. Set aside 16 of the largest slices. Cube remaining slices and place in bottom of baker. Arrange reserved slices over cubes in an overlapping circular pattern. Core and slice apple, leaving peel on; cut slices in half. Tuck apple slices between croissant slices.

2. In a bowl, whisk eggs and ½ cup of the sugar. Pour half and half into a microwave-safe container and microwave on high 2 minutes or until hot. Slowly add half and half to egg mixture; whisk until blended. Carefully pour egg mixture over croissants. If necessary, lightly press croissants down to coat.

3. Zest orange to measure 2 teaspoons zest. Juice orange to measure ¼ cup juice; set juice aside. Chop pecans. Combine remaining sugar, orange zest and pecans; sprinkle over croissants. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until golden brown and set in center. Remove from oven to a cooling rack; let stand 10 minutes.

4. Meanwhile, combine ice cream topping, rum extract, reserved orange juice, and raisins in a microwave-safe container. Microwave on high 30 to 60 seconds or until hot; pour into serving bowl. Serve sauce over pudding.

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Travel

The Other Jacksonville – in North Carolina

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Jacksonville, Florida, ranks as the largest city in the country with that name, but it's far from the only one. Did you know that a half-dozen cities and around a dozen other municipalities also bear the name Jacksonville? Like our hometown, most of them were named for President Andrew Jackson. Have you ever been to another Jacksonville, perhaps one in Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Oregon, Texas, or North Carolina?

I recently flew to Jacksonville, NC, where the population is just more than 74,000. Located in the southeastern coastal region, it's the county seat of Onslow County.

This area also includes Richlands, Sneads Ferry, Swansboro, and North Topsail Beach.

Jacksonville, NC, founded in 1842, is the home to Camp Lejeune, a large training facility for the US Marine Corps. With this strong military connection, the residents celebrate with many patriotic parades. They also honor those who sacrificed their lives at Lejeune Memorial Gardens, a poignant, off-base memorial park. I toured the open-air, public facility and discovered moving tributes at the Beirut Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial (second-

largest in the country), 9/11 Memorial Beam, an Eagle, Globe and Anchor statue, and the Montford Point Marine Memorial. This last statue honors the first Black Marines who were reluctantly admitted to the Marine Corps between 1942 – 49, a time of segregation. The group became distinguished during the battle at Iwo Jima.



Sorting out the crabs.

For a lighter experience, I went to sea to learn all about shrimping. I hopped aboard a shrimp boat, a 35-foot wood trawler, at Sneads Ferry. Sneads Ferry carries the moniker, "Shrimping Capital of the

East Coast."

My group of five met Captain TJ Jarman and his first mate, Danny, at the marina for a cruise along the New River. Depending on the season and the tides, charters like mine depart either during the day or in the evenings, but not on weekends. Participants learn about the workings of a shrimp boat, the process of trawling and capturing shrimp. Guests see the towering wings (or nets) lowered and enjoy a ride at about 1.7 knots per hour as the shrimp and other fish are

trapped. The nets drag through the water, working like a funnel that forces the shrimp through the nets to the rear tail bags.

After about 15 – 20 minutes, anticipation builds as the nets are raised and the lively catch emptied on a large table. Everyone joins in the slimy scramble of picking out shrimp and crabs and throwing the



Montford Point Marines Memorial.

other fish back into the sea. (Rubber gloves and tongs supplied.) It's a wild time with fish flipping, crabs crawling, and water squirting about. The seagulls provide a loud soundtrack, but our giggles and yips may have been even more piercing. The Reel Livin' Charter



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Checking the nets.

Company gives the first 50 pounds of shrimp and crabs caught to their guests. The rest remain as part of the crews' catch. What a fun but equally great educational experience we had!

While in the area, you can also explore nearby Swansboro, another delightful little North Carolina seaside town. I went kayaking where the White Oak River meets the Intracoastal Waterway, enjoyed a sunset cruise on the Lady Jane, Swan Boat, and checked out Hammock Beach State Park. Most folks ride the park ferry over to Bear Island for a day of beaching, shelling or fishing. Swansboro hosts an annual Mullet Festival in November along their cutesy downtown, except, of course, in 2020.

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A New Year: An optimistic approach

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As concerned as I am for the pollinators that underpin our food supply, I have found something else to concern us all, and that is the state of the world's soils. The very stuff on which we depend for our food is becoming depleted to a more or lesser degree across our planet.

I first heard about this phenomenon some years ago, when I read about an area of the UK, the Norfolk Broads, which is famous for its fens or wetlands. Within the Broads there were areas of farmland where the rich peaty soils, laid down over centuries, were becoming shallower as a result of conventional farming techniques. On a trip from Atlanta to Jacksonville more recently, I recall being shocked at the amount of dust whipped up and across the interstate from bare fields by a wind that was not particularly strong. For "dust," think "topsoil."

In 2011, another related problem was brought to light to a wider audience:

"A landmark study on the topic by Donald Davis and his team of researchers from the University of Texas at Austin's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry was published in December 2004 in the Journal of the American College of Nutrition. They studied U.S. Department of Agriculture nutritional data from both 1950 and 1999 for 43 different vegetables and fruits, finding 'reliable declines' in the amount of protein, calcium, phosphorus, iron, riboflavin (vitamin B2) and vitamin C over the past half century. Davis and his colleagues chalk up this declining nutritional content to the preponderance of agricultural practices designed to improve traits (size, growth rate, pest resistance) other than nutrition." (Scientific American, April 27, 2011)

Now, in the first week of December 2020, I read that depleted soils do not support the full range of microbes that underpin our agricultural efforts, and overall the state of our soils is not good (<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/dec/04/global-soils-underpin-life-but-future-looks-bleak-warns-un-report>). It's a complex subject so I turned to the University of Florida,

where soil and water researchers have come to this conclusion:

"Growers interested in improving soil health in their fields should keep in mind that soil management practices change soil quality slowly over time. The use of cover crops, crop rotation, organic amendments, and limited tillage are important practices to consider for increasing soil organic matter content notably by adding organic materials with qualities affecting soil characteristics differently from the crop debris and crop roots. It is important to maintain a 'green carpet' across the soil surface because this supports a living root system with a robust population of soil organisms. Over time these practices will help eliminate many soil constraints that often stem from the depletion of soil organic matter. Healthy soils will be more resilient to extreme weather events, support diverse populations of soil organisms, and save farmers money on inputs, such as fertilizer, while maintaining or increasing yields. This sustainable use of the soil will also allow farmers to leave behind fertile farmland to support and feed the next generation." (<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ss657>).

So many of our soils are shallow and are lacking microbial diversity, and our modern farming techniques concentrate on characteristics other than nutrition, resulting in produce that is less than optimally nutritious. As the quote from the University of Florida describes, while some soils may be less than ideal, with a long term approach to rebuilding soil health we can begin to improve our children's futures. Certainly in the home garden, we can add compost, use organic fertilizers like seaweed products, and plant cover crops — and aim never to leave soil bare. We can limit our use of chemicals, supply a variety of flowers and other plants, including native trees and shrubs, to support beneficial insects, and feel confident that we are doing our bit to help our world. The time to act is now!

A Happy New Year to all, and a sincere wish for a brighter, greener, more healthy, and beautiful 2021.



Almost won the 9-ball tournament in The Hatch Bar, but Miriam defied the laws of billiards physics with a triple bank shot that beat me – again. Hey! 2nd Place in Paradise is still Paradise!

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