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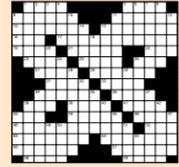
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Andrew Toupin with Troop 333's immediate past Scoutmaster, Bill Kenney, and present Scoutmaster, Nicholas Collingwood.

Scout Troop 333 has its 100th Eagle Scout

By Debbie Atkins
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Recently, Andrew Toupin became Scout Troop 333's 100th Eagle Scout. Toupin has been a scout since first grade when he joined Pack 484 and has been actively involved ever since, learning valuable teamwork and leadership skills along the way.

For his Eagle project, Toupin collected computers people weren't using anymore, upgraded or fixed them as necessary, and installed software to make them usable again. He then worked with Lutheran Social Services to find teenagers who are refugees and new to this country. Toupin gave the computers to the teens after holding a series of training sessions on how to use them. Luckily, the training was completed prior to

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Mandarin High School's James Schmitt named 2022 Florida Teacher of the Year finalist

By NewsLine Staff
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During a surprise visit to Mandarin High School on May 4, the Florida Department of Education announced that history teacher James Schmitt is a 2022 Florida Teacher of the Year state finalist. On hand to make the announcement were K-12 Public Schools Chancellor Jacob Oliva and Deputy Chancellor for Educator Quality Dr. Paul Burns. The 2022 Florida Teacher of the Year will be named on July 22 in Orlando.

Schmitt is passionate about creating self-learners in his classroom. He created Teachers Teach Teachers, a learning community for educators across the district. The community showcases instructional practices and coaches teachers as they implement new strategies. Prior to Schmitt joining the education profession, he served as a lieutenant in the United States Navy. He has a master's degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Phoenix.

"My congratulations to James Schmitt as one of five 2022 Florida Teacher of the Year state finalists," said Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran. "James' commitment to education doesn't stop at the classroom; he also effortlessly works with his fellow educators across the district to provide a professional learning community. His work to continually push his students to become



Photo courtesy Florida Department of Education

Mandarin High School history teacher James Schmitt learned on May 4 that he is one of five state finalists for Teacher of the Year.

self-learners shows a real dedication to education and we are proud to have Mr. Schmitt in our state's education system."

Superintendent Diana Greene of Duval County Public Schools said, "What is most impactful about Mr. Schmitt's classroom is the use of movement, engagement strategies and thought-provoking discussion to get all students simultaneously out of their seats and learning."

Sara Bravo, principal of Mandarin High School, said, "Mr. Schmitt's classroom is a space of true learning and engagement; music plays, debates ensue, student voice is encouraged, and history is not only taught, but experienced."

This year's five 2022 Teacher of the Year

state finalists were chosen from more than 185,000 public school teachers throughout the state. After each school district selects its teacher of the year, a selection committee representing teachers, principals, parents and the business community reviews each district application on the basis of outstanding ability to teach and communicate knowledge of the subject taught, professional development, philosophy of teaching and outstanding school and community service. The winner will also serve for one year as the Christa McAuliffe Ambassador for Education.

Visit www.floridateacherslead.org for more about the Florida Teacher of the Year program.



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B: Rotary Club of Mandarin members in Costa Rica.

Rotary Club members serve in Costa Rica

By Steve Gallagher
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For the last five years, the Rotary Club of Mandarin has provided financial support in Costa Rica to feed more than 300 impoverished children and approximately 125 homeless adults on a weekly basis. Alajuelita is the poorest barrio in San Jose, Costa Rica, where the unemployment rate is approximately 65 percent. Ninety percent of the children here do not have a father figure in their lives and live in abject poverty.

The Rotary Club's support is provided through a non-profit, (501c3) non-denominational Jacksonville religious organization called 6:8 Ministries (www.68ministries.net). In addition,

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Hospital earns highest mark for patient safety

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“To receive an ‘A’ patient safety rating shows our consistent and unwavering approach to making sure our patients receive the safest, highest quality care in all situations,” said Hospital President Nicole Thomas, FACHE. “Our dedicated team members and physicians make safety their No. 1 priority each and every day.”

Baptist Nassau, Baptist Beaches and Baptist Jacksonville also received ‘A’ safety ratings.

“Our health care teams are committed to constant monitoring and improving our patient safety standards,” said Elizabeth Ransom, MD, FACS, executive vice president and chief physician executive for Baptist Health. “Safety is ingrained in our culture through collaboration and open communication — which are vital in achieving the highest quality standards in our hospitals.”

Baptist South’s safety and quality protocols have been further enhanced since the beginning of the COVID-19

crisis through a number of additional measures. Separate respiratory care units for COVID-19 patients, designated staff and equipment for COVID-19 rooms, and the use of advanced UV technology for decontamination are among the many safety reinforcements the health system has implemented.

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Meet Eddie!



Breed:
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Favorite Activity:
Chasing lizards

Favorite Treat:
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Best Friend:

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How your BFF got their name:
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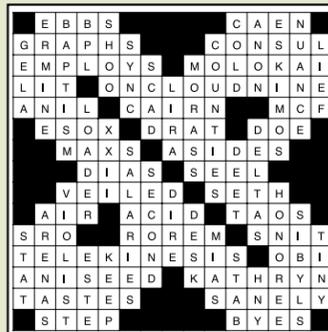
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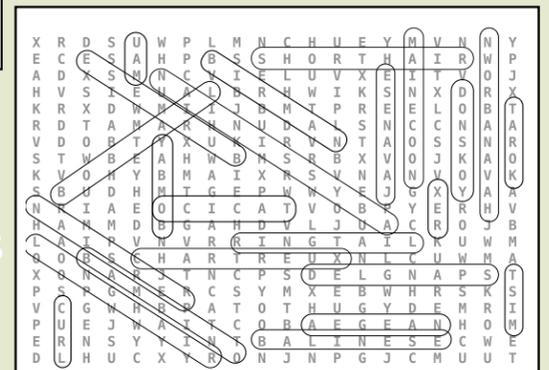


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with Jacksonville City Council President Tommy Hazouri, At Large District 3

Q: Do you have any public works updates?

A: There are a number of things happening. A realignment of Orange Picker Road from Acronshell Way to Brady Road to change the two three-way intersections into a single four-way intersection is in the planning stages. There are also plans to add a sidewalk along Loretto Road from Mandarin Road to County Dock Road.

We have had a number of tree planting projects: At Huntington Forest Park, 15 trees were planted; Lake Mandarin Circle had 120 trees planted in residential right of way sites; Old St. Augustine Road medians saw the addition of more than 30 trees and Mandarin Road had more than 50 trees planted.

Q: What is the latest on Mandarin's parks?

A: The County Dock project is complete and now open to the public.

Chuck Rogers Park restroom renovation will be completed by the end of summer. Additionally, Councilmember Boylan and I have introduced a bill to change the name of this park to "Rogers Park" to honor both father (Chuck) and son (Corky).

The Mandarin Dog Park project is also combined with the road realignment improvement project at the corner of Orange Picker and Brady roads. Design is underway for the road improvement project as well and the dog park.

The pickleball courts at Walter Anderson

Park are completed and open to the public.

Q: What can you tell us about the proposed park behind the South Mandarin Library?

A: The Parks Department is developing a plan to create an outside learning area and children's playground in the space behind the Mandarin South Library. The project is in the planning stages at this point and a schedule is being developed. The proximity to the library allows for a creative space to be developed, while encouraging outdoor learning and physical activity. The plan is to start improvements by the summer of 2021.

Additionally, Daily's wants to participate in the design of this park and will contribute funds towards equipment. There are also plans to rehabilitate the retention pond there to make it an attractive part of the park.

Q: When will the Mandarin Senior Center open with programming?

A: My information is that programming will resume at the Mandarin Senior Center on Aug. 9. Also, a new Senior Center is now under construction on the Southside. The new center will offer senior programming daily in a setting overlooking a recreational pond. The Southside Senior Center is estimated to be open by the end of 2021.

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

A: They can email me at THazouri@coj.net or call (904) 255-5217.



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with Duval County School Board Member Lori Hershey, District 7

Q: Do you have an update on the district's mask policy?
A: The mask mandate will remain in place for the rest of this school year; however, the goal, pending any unforeseen circumstances, is to begin the upcoming school year as close to "normal" as possible. I anticipate masks to be optional next year, pending any unforeseen circumstances.

Q: Can you give an update on the Teacher of the Year?
A: Jim Schmitt, Duval County Teacher of the Year from Mandarin High School, was selected as one of five finalists for the State of Florida Teacher of the Year. Education Chancellor Jacob Oliva was present at Mandarin High School to announce this good news.

Q: Are there any opportunities for local businesses to support Mandarin schools?
A: We have several schools in District 7 that are looking for community partners. If you or your company would like to be connected with a school in District 7, which includes Mandarin, please let me know. Right now there are specific needs for partnerships for campus beautification as well as sponsorship for a school app. Also, I'd like to say "Thank you" to READ USA for hosting a book fair at all elementary schools in District 7 during May. Each student got to select three books.

Q: What are your thoughts on the upcoming end to this school year?
A: The last day of school is June 3. I'd like to say "Congratulations!" to all graduates from the Class of 2021. Thank you to all principals, teachers, staff, parents and students for making this school year a success. I hope everyone enjoys their summer! Keep reading!

Q: How can our readers contact you?
A: They can email me at HersheyL@duvalschools.org or call me at (904) 316-3609.



with Jacksonville City Council Member Michael Boylan, District 6

Q: Can you give an update on solid waste collection in Mandarin?

A: Many constituents are still dealing with missed or delayed yard, solid waste and recycle pickups and we understand the frustration. Since May 1, my office has received more than 50 emails and more than 40 calls about this issue. I submitted an "enough is enough" letter to the mayor's office requesting assistance. I received a response from Public Works Director John Pappas reiterating the challenges they are facing with regards to the ability to hire a sufficient number of employees. He said the Solid Waste Division has reached out to non-city commercial haulers to determine if there is an opportunity to contract for supplemental support. Also, the city's area contract hauler has again increased their pay structure to increase their opportunity to fill vacancies. For more of a long-term process improvement plan, the new Solid Waste Transfer Station is going through the contract phase. This will greatly benefit this area the most, since the average round trip travel distance for collection trucks' disposal will be reduced from

41.7 miles to 7.4 miles, which allows more time to actually collect waste rather than transport waste.

Q: What can you tell us about the plans for the old Golden Corral property on San Jose Boulevard?

A: This is one of those times that happens occasionally where there are projects that don't come to my desk because the property is already zoned for the purpose. In this case, my understanding is the plan is for a Daybreak Market, which will include a 4,800 sq. ft. convenience store with 20 fueling stations, as well as a 2,300 sq. ft. fast food restaurant with a drive through and also a car wash.

Q: What is happening with the Village Inn property, which we discussed last month was proposed to become the Time Out Sports Bar?

A: The Planning Commission approved this with conditions in a 6-0 vote. I expect this decision to be appealed by constituents in the neighborhood behind the building. I would expect it to be taken up by the Land Use and Zoning Committee (LUZ) in July and then it would go on to the full

City Council. As I understand it, one of the major concerns is inadequate parking and the possibility that might lead to street parking in the neighborhood. Also, possibly there is the ability to make a right turn only out of the establishment onto San Jose Boulevard and not use Haley Road.

Q: Do you know when the Mandarin Senior Center will reopen?

A: I believe it is still being used as a COVID site and occasionally it hosts meetings. I don't expect it to open and reintroduce its full program schedule until after July 1.

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

A: I have been requested by the Mandarin Republican Club to write a two-page summary of the City Council meetings and I do this every two weeks, focusing on what I think are priorities. If you would like to be added to the distribution list for this summary, please contact my office.

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

Community Calendar

Shuffleboard is played on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at Mandarin Park. The courts are at the park entrance next to the tennis courts. Try to get there a few minutes early for court assignments. Beginners are welcome. Just show up, unless it rains.

The Italian American Club of Jacksonville announces its Board of Directors meeting on June 2 at 6:30 p.m., a General Membership meeting on June 13 at 1 p.m. and the popular Spaghetti to Go on June 25, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. All activities are at the club building, 2838 Westberry Road. Visit www.iacofjacksonville.com or call (904) 586-2700 for more information.

The Friends of South Mandarin Library will host its first sale of 2021 on Friday, June 11 beginning at 10 a.m. and on Saturday, June 12 beginning at 10 a.m. at the South Mandarin Library. The sale will feature a large variety of books at great prices, including the "World Famous" \$10-all-you-can-fill bag of books, the

popular \$5 plastic bag and at \$1 for four paperbacks option. The sale will benefit Young Readers programs at the library.

The Jacksonville Camera Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16 at Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran School, 6595 Columbia Park Ct. in Jacksonville. Olis Garber, an internationally awarded Master Photographer, will speak on wildlife and nature photography. Visit jaxcameraclub.com for more information.

The All Star Quilters Guild will meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 21 at the First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd. The program is "BOM or MOB," presented by Sunnie Malesky. No refreshments will be served due to Covid 19. Bring your own mask. New members are welcome. Visit www.allstarquilters.org for more information, including options for joining the meeting via Zoom. Be sure to also see the raffle quilt under the "Service" tab.

Mandarin Community Club hosts blood drive



Photo courtesy Lynn Cuda

The Mandarin Community Club hosted its second community blood drive for 2021 on April 24. Organized and operated by One Blood, the medical vans were located on club grounds at 12447 Mandarin Road for the event. The participation of the Mandarin Community was greatly appreciated. Two additional dates have already been set for later this year. Visit www.mandarincommunity-club.org or contact One Blood directly for more information.

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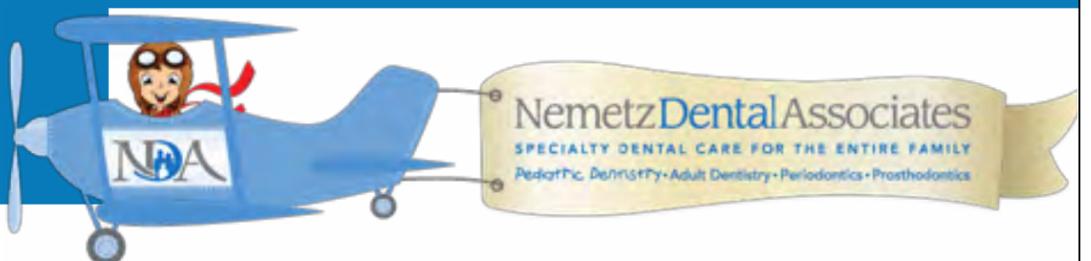
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Native Sons and Daughters attend Spring Longhouse

By Brian Quirk, Flaming Arrow
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The combined strength of more than 125 of dads/daughters and dads/sons traveled to the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park to take part in the Native Sons and Daughters annual Spring Longhouse (camp-out). This year's event had a very special meaning for several of the members.

The Spring Longhouse features the Broken Arrow Ceremony, during which the sons or daughters graduate (break arrow) with their fathers. Typically, the children have spent four to five years in the program earning arrow heads, bear claws and other items based on their participation with their tribes. At each event, an event patch can be earned by both the child and their fathers that adorn their vests.



Photos courtesy Brian Quirk
Raising the flag at the Spring Longhouse.

First, either the boys or the girls help their fathers set up their tents, unload their camp firewood and set up their cooking stations. Then the dads prepare dinner as the children visit with their friends or create their own fun activities.

The activities during the weekend included the ever popular egg toss, the critter race, golf cart rides, bb guns, archery and camp site judging; however, the allure of the Suwannee River tugged at the children all day long. The dads installed a 300 foot slip n' slide and one after another the children slid down the embankment and into the cooling waters of the river.

Some of the noted award winners were: the Santee tribe won the Best Native Campsite award. This group of girls showcased their vests, Pine-wood Derby race cars, various crafts and had an international tipi set up in their campsite. The Pathfinders tribe was recognized for having the largest showing of members in attendance with two dozen of their group participating. Within this group were alumni Crack of Thunder, Big Tree and Sunfire. This group of men has more than 30 years combined participation with Native Sons and Daughters.

The Spring Longhouse culminates with the sacred fire ceremony and special recognition of those children who are graduating into the Pathfinders division. The Pathfinders are made up of middle and high school aged children who want to continue building life-long memories with their fathers.

As many of the braves and princesses

reluctantly packed up their gear, many of them were already asking when the next event would take place so they could spend additional quality time with their fathers. Upcoming events for the Native

Sons and Daughters include Ray Potts Summer Bowling which begins on June 13 and the August Back to School canoe float down the Suwannee River. Visit www.nsdjax.org for more information about this unique parent/child program.

[On a personal note, your author just completed his 20th year with the Timucuan Longhouse and has been responsible for bringing you, the reader, along on this fantastic journey. From Georgia to South Florida, from Daytona to Gainesville, from Live Oak to Amelia Island, he has attempted to share all the exploits and indi-

vidual accomplishments of the thousands of children he has witnessed over the years. Alas, the time has come to lay down his quill and witness the majesty of the setting sun. Back in the fall of 2001, the simple words that solidified my personal desire to spend quality time with my Princess (Thundering Mountain) and my Brave (Growling Bear) were these, "You only have 18 summers to make a difference in your child's life." I have enjoyed every one of them and my children have made me a better parent.]



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It's time for summer reading at the library!



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Jacksonville Public Library will again host its annual Summer Reading Program. The challenge, which runs from June 1 to July 30, is a simple one: Keep reading and learning all summer long! For every 15 days read, youth (aged birth to 17) will earn one free book. To help keep track of reading, pick up a bookmark at your local branch. You can even request one through curbside pickup.

Research shows that children, especially new or struggling readers, who do not engage in fun or educational activities during the summer months are more likely to suffer from the "summer slide" — the learning loss of up to two months of educational progress that takes place during the long break from school during the summer months.

However, if kids read for at least 15 minutes a day during the summer, more of what they learned in school will stick with them. It doesn't have to (and definitely shouldn't) feel like work, though. They can just read things they like — whether it's sci-fi/fantasy, graphic novels, adventure, mysteries, science, or history. They're making next school year that much easier for them and for you by keeping their minds and imagination engaged.

Need more motivation? Children of all ages

(and adults) can also sign up for engaging and interactive programs centered around books. This year, you'll be able to participate in limited in-branch programs, story time at select outdoor locations across the city, "JPL Presents" at Klutho Park, and tons of interactive virtual events.

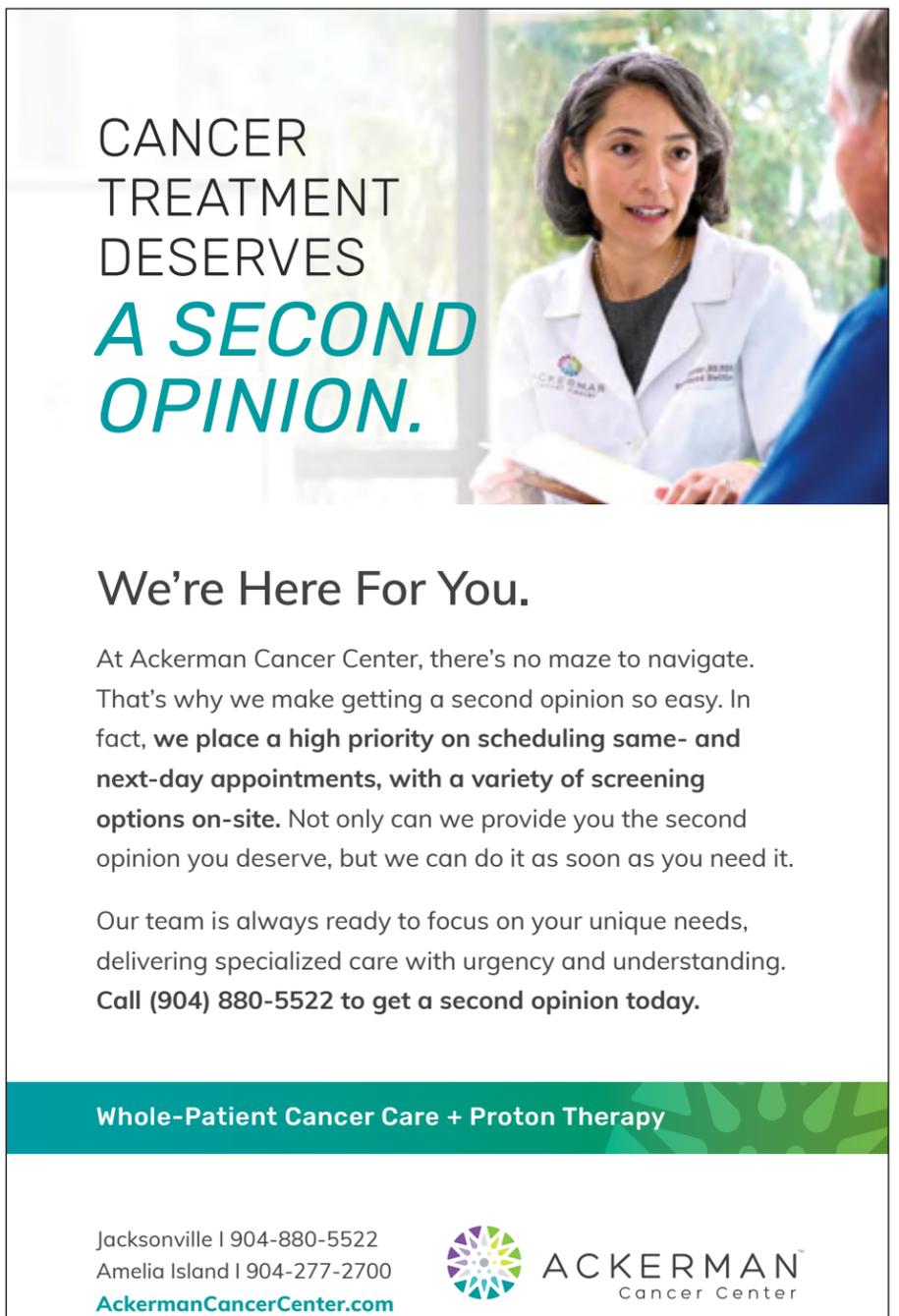
How to participate in the Youth Reading Challenge:

1. Read 15 minutes a day (or more)
2. Track your reading with the library's reading tracker bookmark that you can pick up at your local library.
3. After 15 days, bring your tracker and library card into your local library to pick up your free book (many of these come thanks to Action News Jax anchorperson Tenikka Hughes' Tenikka's Books for Kids book drive)
4. Record your learning to enter into a prize drawing

How to sign up for programs:

Sign up for our Library Academy (for youth up to age 17) newsletter or Library U (for adults). Every week, new and exciting activities will be introduced to complete through weekly newsletters, videos on Facebook, Instagram, and other platforms. As you complete the activities, you can enter into the prize drawings. Programs are free and open to everyone.

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Cheryl Hartley

Cheryl Hartley, a reading paraprofessional at Crown Point Elementary, is the 2021 – 22 Duval County Public Schools' School Related Employee of the Year. She is also a member of the Mandarin family of Hartleys, as in Hartley Road; her father was the eldest of 17 in the family. She was born and raised in Mandarin, and attended Loretto Elementary, Mandarin Middle and Mandarin High School. She and her 12 year old daughter Alexis still live in Mandarin, along with their rescue cat, Sylvester — whom they fittingly rescued when he was a tiny kitten at the corner of Hartley Road and Old St. Augustine Road.



Photo courtesy Cheryl Hartley
Cheryl Hartley

Q: How did you begin working at Crown Point Elementary?

A: I went back to college after my daughter was born. I have a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and my intent was to pursue a career in law enforcement. To get my foot in the door with JSO (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office), I took a job as a crossing guard at Crown Point. Two weeks later, I also became a cafeteria monitor at the school in addition to a bunch of odd jobs when I was not in the cafeteria. I learned all about the school

this way. After about a year and a half, a paraprofessional position opened up and I took it. I love Crown Point! I did have to resign as a crossing guard at that time, but I feel like I'm still basically pursuing my original career goal, which was to work with troubled children and be a little shining light to help get them on track. I'm still helping and motivating kids.

Q: What is your job today?

A: I've been a paraprofessional for about two years. Now, I am a small group leader for our Reading Mastery Program. This program helps boost reading levels and depending on the grade level, we learn sounds and blends (kindergarten) and work on literacy, fluency, and spelling words (first

and second grades). I have my own classroom this year and teach about 40 kids daily in 45-minute classes. I also do cafeteria duty, parent drop-off/pick up, work in the office, and love to decorate the school. I'm a jack of all trades.

Q: What do you like best about your job?

A: My favorite part is seeing kids when they have an "aha" moment. When they get it, you can see it on their faces. That's what I live for.

Q: How did you find out that you were the district's School Related Employee of the Year?

A: We had three nominees from Crown Point and I won the school level, so I moved on to the district level. It required some extra paperwork and letters of recommendation from my principal. One thing he mentioned in his letter that I am proud of is that when we went virtual last year [due to the coronavirus pandemic], I went door to door to some of our students' homes to make sure they had the needed laptops and supplies. When I was notified by the district that I was one of the 10 finalists for the district award, I was invited to a banquet in April. They brought all the finalists up to the front and then announced me as the district winner. I was shocked.

Q: What do you like to do in your spare time?

A: I'm a very hands-on mom. My daughter and I enjoy doing art projects and cooking together. I also like doing anything outdoors, like fishing and four-wheeling.

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the Covid lockdowns last year so the teens had their computers during quarantine. Since earning his Eagle Award, Toupin has been appointed as his troop's junior assistant Scoutmaster, a role that hasn't been filled in several years.

Of course, Toupin wouldn't be the 100th scout if there hadn't been 99 others in the troop before him. Troop 333 was founded in the mid-1980s as the Mandarin area was growing rapidly. In 1987, Brad Williams became the troop's first Eagle Scout. That same year the troop took its first trip to hike on the Appalachian Trail for a few days. The troop has made the trip each year since then. Even this past year when the troop couldn't meet because of the pandemic, a few families from the troop went individually to parts of the trail to carry on the tradition.

In addition to the Appalachian Trail hikes, the troop enjoys other high adventures. Some of their regular trips include canoeing on the Suwannee River and in the Okefenokee Swamp and hiking on the Florida Trail. They also have taken trips to two of the BSA's high adventure camps — Sea Base in the Florida Keys and Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

Troop 333 meets Mondays at 7p.m. at the Mandarin Moose Lodge on Losco Road. Email scouttroop333@gmail.com for more information.

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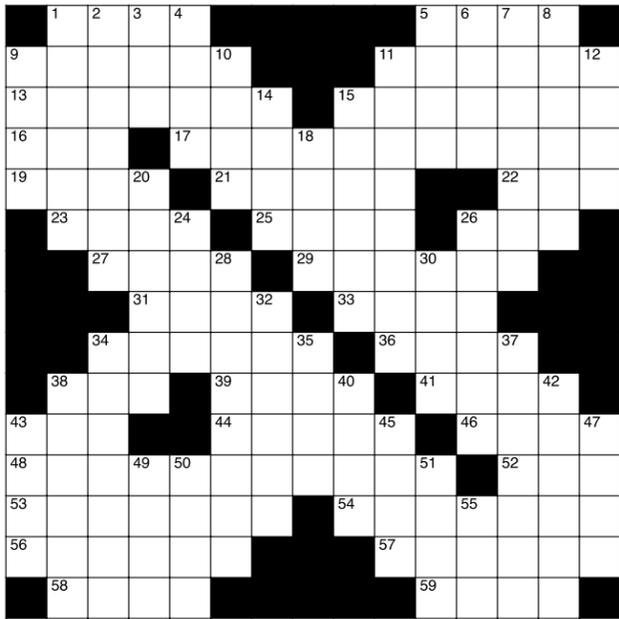
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Puzzles

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1. Partner to "flows"
5. French industrial city
9. Diagrams
11. Diplomat
13. Hires
15. Hawaiian island
16. Set aflame
17. Very happy
19. Blue dye
21. Small terrier with short legs
22. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
23. Northern pike genus
25. Expression of annoyance
26. Female deer
27. Casella and Kellerman are two
29. Actor's lines to audience
31. Days (Spanish)
33. Close a person's eyes
34. Cloaked
36. Comedic actor Rogen
38. It's all around us
39. Neutralizes alkalis
41. Native people of New Mexico
43. No seats available
44. Famed "Air Music" composer
46. Fit of irritation
48. Psychic phenomena
52. Knicks' first-rounder Toppin
53. Seed used in cooking
54. "WandaVision" actress Hahn
56. Samples food
57. In a lucid way
58. Stair part
59. Adieus

CLUES DOWN

1. Type of moth
2. A Christian sacrament
3. It lends books to Bostonians (abbr.)
4. Turn away
5. Impersonal
6. Shortly
7. Indigenous Alaskans
8. Subtle difference of meaning
9. Sicilian city
10. Put in harmony
11. Administrative divisions
12. As happily
14. Horse mackerel
15. Muddy or boggy ground
18. Monetary unit of Italy
20. Construction site machine
24. 22
26. Tracts at the mouths of rivers
28. Earnings
30. Insect repellent
32. Runner-up
34. Musician
35. Serious or urgent
37. Esteemed one
38. Where rockers play
40. Work furniture
42. Greek prophetesses
43. Quantitative fact
45. Missing soldiers
47. Minute
49. This (Spanish)
50. Maintain possession of
51. Assault with a knife
55. Holiday text message greeting

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to cats.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 5 = C)

- A. 23 10 9 18 24 10**
Clue: Relating to cats
- B. 5 9 6 20 25**
Clue: Curved, pointy nails
- C. 21 2 8 8**
Clue: Low, vibrating sound
- D. 25 5 8 6 26 5 13**
Clue: Mark the surface

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 A D X S M N C V I E L U V X E I T V O J
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- BIRMAN
- BOBTAIL
- BOMBAY
- BURMESE
- CHARTREUX
- CURL
- DONSKOY
- HAVANA BROWN
- JAVANESE
- KORAT
- LONGHAIR
- MAINE COON
- MAU
- MIST
- OCICAT
- PERSIAN
- REX
- RINGTAIL
- SHORTHAIR
- SPANGLED

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

Fishing

Capt. David's Fishing Report

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Photo courtesy Andrew White

Gavin White of Switzerland caught this largemouth bass with his father, Andy, on a recent fishing trip in Durbin Creek. He caught it casting a top water frog.

School is out and summer is here and the kids need to get out of the house, at least for a little while. We've got nearby parks, ball fields, skateboard parks, neighborhood pools and neighbors with pools, and most of all water. Creeks, ponds, lakes, springs, the St. Johns River, and the Atlantic Ocean are all within walking, biking, or a fairly quick drive, and all these bodies contain fish. With all this easy access to water, fishing is a sport, an activity, or even an event that the whole family can enjoy, especially the kids. Wherever there's water, there's probably fish.

Getting the kids out of the house and beginning fishing can be as simple as visiting a neighborhood pond. A fishing pole, line, and hook and a piece of bread or worms is all that is needed. Bream, bass, and catfish are the usual catches, and great fun for the kids to catch. Not too much more is needed after that to fish a nearby creek, the river, or the beach. No boat required.

Fishing is an activity for the kids and family that offers much more than just "wetting a line." It has been a great source of escape, relaxation, sport, and adventure for many. It is an outdoors experience of nature and its wonders. Fishing provides the chance to learn more about weather, tides, birds, animals, and the fish that inhabit our waters. Getting the kids out of the house and into fishing this summer could become a pastime for many

more summers to come. It's definitely worth a try.

Just a reminder that new flounder regulations are in effect that have increased the minimum size from 12 inches to 14 inches with the daily bag limit being reduced from 10 fish to five fish. Also, a new Federal Boating Safety law requires that the "kill switch" be attached to the operator of a vessel 26-foot or fewer when on a plane. Finally, on June 1, shrimping in Duval, St. Johns, and Clay counties will reopen.

Fishing Report: Reds on docks in Orange Park areas of the river, striped bass in Doctor's Lake on docks and U.S. 17 bridge. Plenty of whiting at the beach; many still good sized. Largemouths in area creeks.

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Mandarin Rotary honors Teachers of the Year

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On April 27, the Rotary Club of Mandarin presented plaques honoring seven educators selected by their peers as Teachers of the Year in their respective Mandarin schools. These included Rebecca Huth of Bartram Springs Elementary, Stephanie Boswell of Greenland Pines Elementary,

Rachael Nunnally of Crown Point Elementary, Joan Vogt of Loretto Elementary, Margaret Rogero-Hastings of Mandarin Oaks Elementary, Kathy Stilley of Mandarin Middle School, and Jim Schmidt of Mandarin High School. Schmidt was not only named Teacher of the Year at his school, he was also selected as

Teacher of the Year for all of Duval County. All of the teachers expressed appreciation for being honored by the Rotary Club, and all spoke with great enthusiasm about their love of their chosen profession.

The Rotary Club of Mandarin is a community service organization that

meets every Tuesday morning at 7:30 a.m. at the Ramada Inn and Conference Center on Hartley Road in Mandarin. Members may attend in person or remotely via Zoom. Contact Membership Chairman Wes Caldwell at Wes@mandarinrotary.org to learn more about Rotary and its opportunities to serve.

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ElderSource seeks volunteers from Duval and St. Johns counties

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

Leon King, a Duval resident living in Mandarin, has been a SHINE volunteer for two years and touts how this program is not only important to seniors, but a fulfilling volunteer opportunity.

“I enjoy guiding them through the many choices they have when signing up for Medicare,” he explained.

King has assisted approximately 500 people with their questions and problems about Medicare and related programs. He gets the greatest satisfaction finding someone that qualifies for the Extra Help program from Social Security or the Medicare Savings Program from Medicaid.

“These programs can make a huge difference in the life of a person with low income,” King said. “When I can tell someone that they will have an extra \$148 in their monthly Social Security check because the Medicare Savings Program will be paying their Part B premium or tell someone that the Extra Help program will be paying for that prescription drug that they cannot afford, that makes all the training and effort worthwhile.”

SHINE is the only program of its kind that offers free and unbiased counseling on Medicare and health insurance issues. Volunteers receive basic training on Medicare, Medicare Part D (prescription drug program), Medicare Supplement Insurance and Medicaid, and in turn, serve as counselors to their peers on how to understand and capitalize on these insurance benefits. Computer experience is helpful, but not necessary, to be a volunteer.

Upon completion of the training, volun-

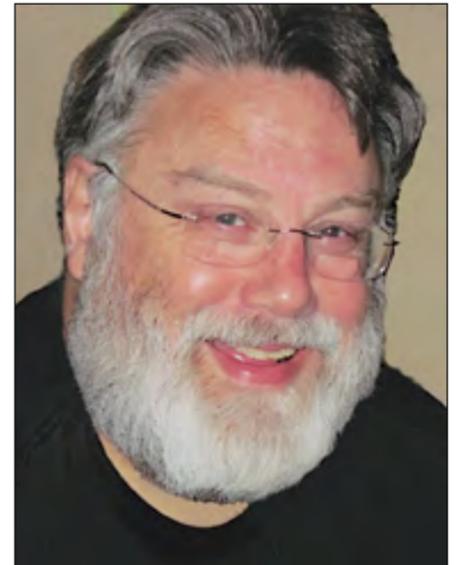


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SHINE volunteer Leon King.

teers provide much-needed counseling with seniors to secure these complicated health insurance benefits.

While SHINE volunteers are very busy during Open Enrollment (the period of time from Oct. 15 to Dec. 5 when Medicare beneficiaries can make changes to their plans), they counsel people year-round. Thousands of people turn 65 every day, making SHINE volunteers an invaluable resource to the community.

“Being a SHINE volunteer has allowed me to help others while working from home. You can spend as little or as much time as you wish helping people with problems and answering questions,” said King. “I would encourage anyone that enjoys learning and helping others to volunteer with the SHINE program.”

ElderSource is a nonprofit organization that provides information and resources to seniors, adults with disabilities and their caregivers so they can live well and independently. ElderSource, funded by the Department of Elder Affairs through state and federal grants, impacts the lives of over 12,000 seniors living in Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, St. Johns and Volusia counties. SHINE is a program of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, funded through a grant from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and operated in partnership with the state’s 11 area agencies on aging.

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Crown Point celebrates Principal Hartley



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On April 30, Crown Point faculty and students took the time to thank Principal Brett Hartley for all he does for the school and for leading the Panthers to a bright, successful future. Hartley was surprised to learn that May 1 was National Principals' Appreciation Day. Crown Point students and staff presented him with notes, cards, and some even expressed their gratitude and appreciation during the morning announcements. Cade, a second grader, announced over the intercom, "Mr. Hartley doesn't yell. He is nice, fun, and cares about the kids." He also added that Hartley reminds him of Mr. Lincoln from the book, "Mr. Lincoln's Way" by Patricia Polacco. When asked about his day, Hartley responded, "It was amazing!"

Spring has sprung at Loretto Elementary



Photo courtesy Barbara Sims

Students in the Loretto Garden Club have started their spring vegetable garden. The club, run by teachers Angie Khakpour and Alex Hills, is planting purple string beans, broccoli, asparagus, tomatoes, cucumbers and more. The Garden Club is for fifth graders and has 26 members. The Garden Club is advised by Master Gardeners from the UF Extension office.

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Rotary Club members periodically visit Costa Rica to complete various work projects in Alajuelita and for the Living Waters Children's Ranch, a residential community providing refuge for abandoned and abused Costa Rican children. The support program is spearheaded by Mandarin Rotarian Major Harding, and epitomizes the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

If you are interested in learning more about the Rotary Club and its opportunities to serve, contact membership chairman Wes Caldwell wes@danna-gracey.com or visit <http://mandarin-rotary.org> for more information. The club meets for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. every Tuesday morning at the Ramada Inn and Conference Center on Hartley Road in Mandarin or via Zoom.

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Travel

Death Valley days

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From my younger days, I recall the television show “Death Valley Days” and its sponsor, 20-Mule Team Borax. The popular series ran from 1952 – 1970, becoming television’s longest-running western. Perhaps somewhere in my subconscious mind, those memories nudged me to go visit the place.

Death Valley National Park, in southeastern California, claims the highest recorded temperature on Earth (134 degrees). It receives just two inches of rain per year and is the largest national park in the lower 48. I found it rugged and fascinating, but some areas felt eerie, lonely, and frightfully abandoned.

I flew to Las Vegas, rented a car, and drove about two hours to Furnace Creek, the park hub with a visitor center and park ranger station. Once you pass Pahrump, Nevada (yes, that is an actual city), the rock formations start appearing among the desolate wilderness.

Hotel choices are limited to the Inn at Death Valley, once the exclusive escape for Hollywood elites, or the 224-room Ranch. The Ranch provides a resort atmosphere

with green lawns, a spring-fed swimming pool, playground area, tennis, golf course, riding stables, and bike rentals. Expect high prices in the middle of nowhere, but not as dear as the Inn, where room rates start around \$500 per night.

No surprise, Zabriskie Point, near Furnace Creek, attracts visitors for sunrise and sunset. Variegated mounds called Badlands overlap one another while others display deep erosion patterns. They all unite, forming a mysterious grand vista with snow-capped peaks in the distance. Tip: the wind blows forcefully as you near the overlook.

I drove on to Badwater Basin, the lowest point in the states, 282 feet below sea level. Salt crystals form on this 200-square mile stretch of land that was once covered in water. The polygon patterns beguile and change with weather conditions.

I walked out, nearly a mile, to where the white crystals cover the salt floor entirely. This 360-degree view mesmerized me, like spiderwebs stretching to infinity. Make the



Photos courtesy Debi Lander
Sunset at Zabriskie Point.



Dante's Peak.

long walk, but be careful of the uneven surface.

Driving back, I passed the entrance for the nine-mile Artist's Palette loop in the Black Mountains on the eastern side of Death Valley. The colorful, majestic peaks look like a painter dabbed a brush across the surface. Another afternoon, I returned to see sunshine dance upon the vivid terrain.

To photograph a sunset, I made a long, switch-back drive to Dante's Peak, the highest point in the park. Visitors peer a mile down to the fringes of mystical-looking Badwater Basin. The humbling mountains surround the summit and become a dramatic backdrop at twilight. I was hoping for a glorious sunset, but Mother Nature didn't cooperate; however, I felt her ominous power of darkness on the 45-minute drive back.

Another early morning, I ventured 20

miles to the Mesquite Sand Dunes. Here, a wave-like stretch of sand formations ripples against more surreal mountain ranges. Walking proves difficult in the soft dunes, but the place begs for exploration. Look for windblown striations, strange freeform patterns, and small mesquite trees.

The Harmony Borax ruins, an outdoor museum, brought an explanation to the 20-mule team advertisements. The mineral was mined here from 1883 to 1889, but hauling it became too costly and the work conditions unbearable.

I planned to see Ubehebe Crater, another highlight, but it rests 60 miles from Furnace Creek. Be mindful of your gas tank; the only park fuel station sells petrol at excessively inflated prices. I loved the otherworldly landscapes in Death Valley, but not all the driving. Visitors need to spend a minimum of two days to appreciate the curious wonders of this sunny desert.

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Gardening

The vegetable garden, and other ponderings

By Master Gardener Volunteer Lesley Arrandale
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First things first: my admittedly experimental sowing of fenugreek or methi, as I described last month, was an utter failure. Several possible reasons: the seed was too old, I soaked the seed for too long, temperatures were too high, or the soil was too dry (even though I thought I watered carefully). I will try again with fresh seed going into the cooler weather. If anyone has succeeded in growing this plant, which is eaten in Indian cuisine both as a green vegetable and a spice (the seed), I would be delighted to hear.

In the meantime, I'm looking with pleasure at healthy, blooming crops of tomatoes, eggplant, and assorted peppers. Luckily, scouting for insects has turned up very little to worry about. Also, a new one for me, three tomatillo plants are full of flowers. I discovered that they only fruit well when two or more plants are grown together as they need to cross-pollinate. So far I have one small paper lantern-like fruit (<https://tinyurl.com/danm2vjv>).

I imagine my own gardening efforts are like most people's; some things work one year and aren't always successful the next. There are any number of factors to consider, from the uncontrollable like the weather to simple mistakes, like not paying attention to insects and diseases. Plus I think many successful gardeners will keep a log book of their gardening exploits — to keep track of what has worked in the past, and also where they are in applying fertilizer and other activities.

One thing I try to do is rotate crops around the vegetable beds and for this I do keep records of what is growing, where, and when. This summer the long beans are following winter's brassicas; however, it's not quite as simple as it sounds because a successful rotation plan depends on the plants' families. For more detail

see <https://tinyurl.com/2rf899bj>. There you will find the information you need to identify which crops belong in which plant family. Following this advice will help avoid a buildup of pests and diseases in your garden, which is what crop rotation aims to achieve.

The Shumard oak (*Quercus shumardii*) planted by the city at the front of my property is thriving, I'm glad to say. Its large, typically oak-shaped leaves are a beautiful shade of mid-green. It's become a resting place for our neighborhood birds. It will soon have a few companions — when we've finally decided on a design for the front yard — probably yaupon holly (*Ilex vomitoria*: <https://tinyurl.com/8dz9a5zx>), possibly a low-growing native palm (*Sabal etonia*: <https://tinyurl.com/2xzapesf>), maybe a slender small tree in the blueberry family (*Vaccinium arboreum*: <https://tinyurl.com/y9ptmsur>). Trying to attract wildlife is a must for me, so native plants that provide shelter and food are important.

Speaking of wildlife, I found a host of aphids on a tropical milkweed plant (*Asclepias curassavica*), but there were also several small, slug-like creatures in among them. Looking online to determine what they were, I think they must have been hoverfly larvae, which eat aphids, because the following day I examined the plant to see how the aphids were doing, and discovered that they were no longer there. Further down the plant was another batch, but again the larvae I'd seen before were in among the aphids. And a day or two later there was no sign of either the aphids or the larvae. Natural pest control in action!

Happy summer, folks. May your gardens be productive and your insects beneficial.



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