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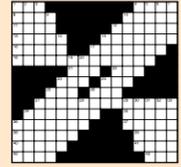
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Photo courtesy Mandarin Community Club
The Mandarin Community Club tree lighting event will be held on Friday, Dec. 3.

Mandarin Community Club tree lighting kicks off the holiday season!

By NewsLine Staff
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Last year the Mandarin Community Club sought out and purchased a soaring 21 foot live tree from a lot in North Carolina for the first ever Community Tree Lighting event. The event was specifically created to spread some much needed good will and holiday cheer after months of the pandemic. Who would have thought a year later we would still be feeling the effects of the pandemic? So, it's time to bring on the tree, light it up and create some community holiday cheer again.

The club is working once again with the assistance of Liberty Landscape to locate and transport another

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Photos courtesy Julington Creek Prop Club
"Christmas on the Creek" returns Saturday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m

Holiday season festivities begin with annual boat parade

By Martie Thompson
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The annual Julington Creek Boat Parade known as "Christmas on the Creek" returns Saturday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. to delight spectators with festive lights and holiday cheer. The community is invited to come out and enjoy the display.

Established in 1988, this annual event has an estimated 40 boats of all shapes, sizes, and themes that participate in the event. Boats decked out in all their holiday finery navigate the parade route, which begins at the Julington Creek Marina, goes underneath the Julington Creek Bridge and around Bulls Bay, then returns under the bridge and continues down Durbin Creek. Spectators can view the boat parade from the Julington Creek Bridge walkways.

"This parade often signals the start of holiday entertaining," Julington Creek Prop Club Commodore John Seybold said. "Many homes along the creek plan their holiday parties around the light parade and what makes the parade great is we get such good participation from the homes along the creek."

Houses and docks along the creek are eligible for prizes for the best decorations and cash prizes are given to the top three decorated boats as determined by the judge boat. The judge boat posts itself almost out in the St. Johns River to view the parade of boats as they go by, and then falls in line behind the final boat to view the houses and docks along the way into Durbin Creek. Seybold said that after the parade, which lasts about two hours, boating participants return to the marina for a



party with food and live music.

The parade is hosted by the Julington Creek Prop Club, but Seybold said it is not necessary to be a member of the club to participate. He said preregistration and attending the Captain's Meeting on Dec. 2 at the Julington Creek Marina is recommended.

"Of course we actively encourage par-

ticipation in the Prop Club, whether you own a boat or not," Seybold said. "There is no minimum skillset required to join, just a general interest in boats and the desire to be sociable with like-minded people."

Seybold has been a member of the Prop Club for 15 years and this is his second stint as commodore. He previously lived aboard a 50-foot trawler, but now owns a small daysailer. He said the Julington Creek Prop Club meets on the second

Saturday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Julington Creek Marina and all are welcome to stop by and join the potluck dinner. Visit www.jcpropclub.com for more information.

The Christmas on the Creek boat parade takes place rain

or shine and the Julington Creek Prop Club is grateful to sponsors O'Steen Volkswagen, Julington Creek Marina and Culhane's Irish Pub, as well as many local restaurants and businesses.

"We hope everyone comes out to see the boat parade," Seybold said. "It's a great deal of fun for the participants and the community to get in the Christmas spirit."



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Library offers variety of festive holiday programming



Photo courtesy Jacksonville Public Library
Kids can read to Abby the therapy dog at Mandarin Branch Library on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
By Jeremy Yates
mail@floridanewsline.com

Looking for a short break from the holiday stress? The Library is a great escape.

Does your child light up when they really connect with a story? Story Journeys brings picture books to life with drama activities and non-fiction connections. Stop by the Mandarin Branch Library after school from 4 – 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The program meets Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, and 23. Registration is required.

On Fridays from 10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (Dec. 3, 10, and 17) there will be a Pop-Up Storytime with the Little Learners (aged birth to five) outside on the lawn at Mandarin Branch Library. We'll read stories together and add songs and movements to make it a wonderful time for all. You can also join us in the park by the South Mandarin Library on Thursdays at 10 a.m. (Dec. 2, 9, 16, and 23).

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meets in-person at both Mandarin libraries and online on Saturdays, Dec. 4 and 18 from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. Tell the library what

you and your friends like to see change at the Library. Open to teens aged 12 – 17. Teens older than 16 can volunteer for Bright Futures scholarship hours.

Adults, are you looking for something new to read? Take a book break. The "As the Page Turns" Book Club meets Thursday, Dec. 9 at 1 p.m. at the Mandarin Branch Library.

For the family, Read with Abby is back at Mandarin Branch Library on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Kids can bring their own book or choose one of ours. It's great practice reading aloud in a zero-pressure environment. Who is Abby? She's a trained therapy dog. Abby doesn't judge and neither do we. She's just happy when children read to her!

The South Mandarin Library is hosting a Winter Festival on Dec. 11, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Enjoy a storytime, a gingerbread house photo-op, crafts, a "hide-and-seek Christmas ornament" scavenger hunt, a holiday "I Spy" game and snowball bowling game.

Finally, there are two interactive film events at the Mandarin Library. First, join us for "Polar Express" on Monday, Dec. 20. You can use your treat bag to ring your "bell" with the conductor and make it snow. We are also showing "Frozen" on Thursday, Dec. 30. Show times are 2 pm – 4 p.m.

Remember, all library branches are closed Dec. 24 – 27.

Visit jaxpubliclibrary.org for more information about library programs and to register.

Choose your Nutcracker

By Martie Thompson
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"The Nutcracker" is believed by many to be a time-honored holiday tradition. In Northeast Florida, the tradition continues with five productions of the ballet this December.

Since each performance is unique, following is a guide highlighting the dates, times and locations of each to help you choose "your" Nutcracker.

Community Nutcracker

Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 11 at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Florida Theatre

www.jaxnutcracker.org
Artistic Directors Dulce Anaya, Debra Rankin and Mark Spivak continue this holiday tradition which began in 1992. Community Nutcracker is the only nonprofit, volunteer-run organization that offers a portion of its proceeds to local charitable agencies with each performance — and has donated more than \$750,000 in the past 28 years. The performing company is made up of local talent with more than 200 dancers ranging in age from nine to adult from Northeast Florida auditioning and performing in the production. In an effort to promote the arts in schools, Community Nut-

cracker also offers matinee performances for school groups as well as a Community Service Night (invitation only).

Christ Church Nutcracker Ballet

Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.
Lazzara Theater, UNF Fine Arts Department
www.missfeliciasdance.com

This year marks the 26th performance of the Christ Church Nutcracker Ballet, directed by Felicia Rhoden of the Christ Church Dance Ministry as well as owner of Miss Felicia's Dance. Nearly 300 performers, aged two to 90 years old, will take the stage.

Jacksonville Symphony's First Coast Nutcracker

Dec. 17 at 8 p.m.
Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Dec. 19 at 2 p.m.

Moran Theater at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts
www.jaxsymphony.org/first-coast-nutcracker/
Jacksonville Symphony's First Coast Nutcracker has been a tradition in North Florida for more than 40 years. Under the direction of choreographer and artistic director Rhonda Stampalia, the First Coast Nutcracker showcases internationally renowned



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BFF Best Furry Friend of the month

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Favorite Activity:
Playing with her jolly ball

Favorite Treat:
Gnaw bone

Favorite Friend:
She thinks everyone is her friend!

How your BFF got her name:
From Aunt Clara on "Bewitched," because they both have wild curly hair.

Do you have a cute pet? Send us your pet's picture and the answer to the five questions above before the 10th of the month. Also tell us you saw the BFF contest in Mandarin NewsLine. Your pet could be our BFF of the month and appear in Mandarin NewsLine! Email editor@floridanewsline.com to enter your pet.

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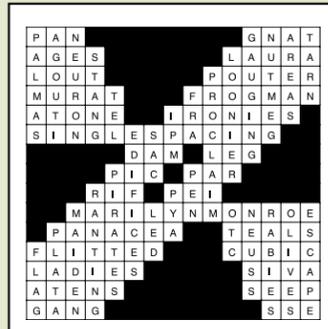
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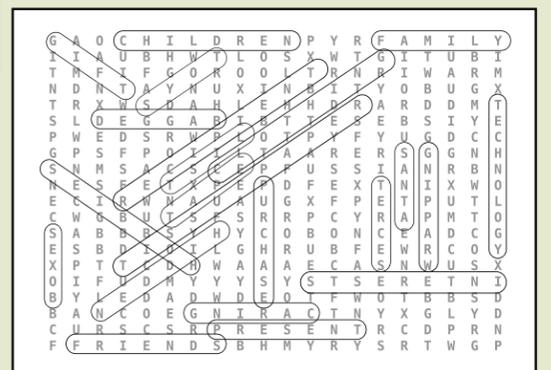
Last month's Mystery Photo was the sign at the intersection of Aladdin and Marbon roads. Our winner was Danielle Carter. Congratulations!



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

Community Calendar

Shuffleboard is played on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.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 (a few minutes before playing time), unless it rains.

The Rotary Club of Northeast Florida Duval Dinner Team meets every Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. in the private room at The Athenian Owl Restaurant, located at 9551 Baymeadows Road. There is always an interesting speaker as listed on our webpage: neflrotaryduvaldinner.com. Each person pays for their own meal and guests are welcome.

Acoustic Jam Session is held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Annex Building of Faith Baptist Church of Mandarin, located at 2955 Orange Picker Road. This jam is open to everyone and all levels of ability are welcome. Come to play with the group or just sit back and enjoy the music. For more information, contact Burt Coulliette at (904) 302-0423.

Playing HOOKie, a group for those who enjoy knitting, crocheting and looming (with all items donated to charity) meets every Wednesday from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the outside eating area at Belgian Sweet House Bistro, 12276 San Jose Blvd. (next to Harbor Chase). Visit the group's Facebook page (Playing HOOKie) or email playinghookie31@gmail.com for

more information.

The Italian American Club of Jacksonville announces a club social on Dec. 6 at 1 p.m. and a general membership meeting with Christmas Party on Dec. 12 at 1 p.m. All activities are at the club building, 2838 Westberry Road. Visit www.iacof-jacksonville.com or call (904) 586-2700 for more information.

The Jacksonville Camera Club will meet on Dec. 1 for the presentation of the third annual Triannual Print Contest results. Visit jax.jaxcameraclub.com for more information and meeting location updates.

The Under the Oaks community music jam, hosted by the Mandarin Museum & Historical Society and North Florida Folk Network will resume underneath the beautiful trees in front of Mandarin Museum on Sunday, Dec. 5 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. If you play an acoustic instrument, feel free to join the song circle. If not, just bring a chair and relax and listen.

The Honeybee Quilters Guild will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Mandarin Presbyterian Church in the loft on the County Dock Road side of the church at 2501 Loretto Road. The guild will celebrate with a holiday party. Masks are optional. New members/guests welcome. Visit honeybeequilters.org for more information.

The All Star Quilters Guild

will meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 13 (different week due to the holidays) at the First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd. The program is the group's Holiday Extravaganza. Guests are welcome, but masks are required. Christmas quilt raffle tickets are available for \$1 each. Visit www.allstarquilters.org for more information.

The Mandarin Women's Club will host a holiday luncheon and raffle on Dec. 16 at the Ramada Inn Mandarin. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Reservations are due by Dec. 9; email spm104@aol.com or (904) 262-8981.

The historic buildings of the Mandarin Museum, including the 1875 Webb/Jones farmhouse, 1876 Barn, 1898 St. Joseph's Mission Schoolhouse for African-American Children, and Losco Winery log cabin will be open from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Dec. 18 in Walter Jones Historical Park, 11964 Mandarin Road. The Mandarin Museum, also in the park, is closed for construction and renovation, but Gift Shop items (books, Mandarin Frogs, art prints) will be available on the front porch when the park buildings are open. The 1911 Mandarin Store and Post Office will also be open on Dec. 18 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at 12471 Mandarin Road, just a mile west of the Walter Jones Historical Park. This building is on the National Register of Historic Places. Visit www.mandarinmuseum.net for more information.



Photo courtesy Mandarin Museum & Historical Society
Barn in Walter Jones Historical Park.

Historical buildings open on Dec. 4

By NewsLine Staff
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In December, the historic buildings operated by the Mandarin Museum & Historical Society will be open on the first and third Saturdays. Below is the schedule for Dec. 4.

The 1875 Webb/Jones farmhouse, 1876 Barn, 1898 St. Joseph's Mission Schoolhouse for African American Children, and Losco Winery log cabin will be open from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Walter Jones Historical Park, 11964 Mandarin Road (weather permitting).

Also, on Dec. 4, the 2021 Miss Aggie Day Award recipient, Oren "Bo" Phillips will be honored posthumously, as he passed away unexpectedly in 2020. Bo had his hand on everything in Walter Jones Historic Park; he moved the Losco Winery and sawmill and sugar cane grinder to the park and restored them. He was

an amazing craftsman and man and he gave countless hours to the Mandarin Museum & Historical Society and the community through his volunteer service. The event will be held at the Losco Winery in the park, at 10 a.m.

The Mandarin Museum, which is in the park, is closed for construction and renovation, but Gift Shop items (2021 history ornament, books, Mandarin Frogs, Mandarin artists art prints) will be available on the front porch when the park buildings are open. Included is a newly expanded collection of the "Mandarin Series" prints by artist Brenda Council, featuring many Mandarin landmarks.

The 21st annual Winter Celebration originally scheduled for Dec. 4 has been cancelled.

Visit www.mandarinmuseum.net for more information about these buildings and the park.

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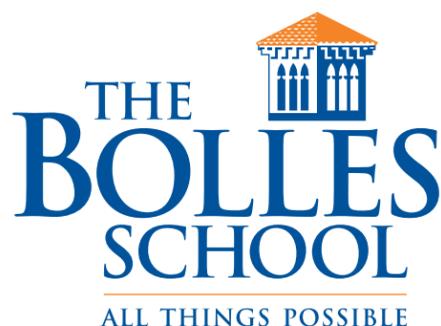


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with Jacksonville City Council Member Michael Boylan, District 6

Q: Would you like to share your thought process for your recent vote against moving the Women of the Confederacy statue?

A: During the discussion at the City Council meeting, I shared that I could not support the use of CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) funds for this purpose. The foundation of my position was based upon the recommendations of the Working Group the mayor had put together in August of 2020. I agree with the group that the future of Jacksonville’s monuments to the Confederacy currently located in James Weldon Johnson Park, Springfield Park, and the Old City Cemetery should be determined as part of a comprehensive plan, building on the work of the Civil Rights History Task Force and other groups and partners that are already engaged in preserving, restoring, and interpreting the history of Jacksonville’s people and public spaces, rather than take down the statues individually.

Q: What is upcoming on the City Council calendar?

A: The council is embarking on some strategic planning for one, three and five year plans and as part of this, I am proposing a comparative analysis of the structure, resources and processes of our city’s Public Works Department to see how we compare to similarly sized cities. My concern is how do we get the needs of all of our constituents addressed in a timely fashion in light of a number of upcoming public works projects coming online due to the Local Option Gas Tax?

Q: Do you have any proposed rezonings in the Mandarin area to share?

A: As of today [interview date of Nov. 16], the Aladdin Road/Julington Creek Road parcel of a little more than 39 acres, roughly half which is wetlands, for the development of 54 homes has been deferred until Dec. 7. This application was denied one year ago due to an access issue off Aladdin Road, but it’s now back up for consideration.

Q: What is the latest on curbside recycling?

A: I have no new updates regarding the resumption of the recycled waste services. While we have received little to no complaints regarding missed yard waste, we are hearing about instances where both garbage and/or recycled cans are not being collected as they should. Contact my office to let me know about those situations and we will be sure to follow up

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

A: The City of Jacksonville has federal funds available to provide rental, mortgage and utility assistance to qualifying families. Visit www.coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/social-services/emergency-financial-assistance-program for more information. To date more than \$28 million has been provided for rental and utility assistance and \$2.8 million in mortgage assistance.

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.

Rotary Club members judge science fair



Photo courtesy Marsha Peacock

In late October, two members of the Rotary Club of Northeast Florida Duval Dinner Team volunteered as science fair judges at the North Florida School of Special Education. They were there the entire school day and judged every grade level. Pictured are Marsha Peacock and Peggy Lawrence. Seven months ago this same club donated 10 laptops to the school that are used by the upper school students for science fair research. The school, located at 223 Mill Creek Road in Jacksonville, is hosting a two-day shopping event on Dec. 3 and 4. The products sold are produced by the students at the school. Older students especially learn hands-on skills by making these items. Items sold will be from the Pet Bakery (both dog treats and horse treats), Berry Good Farms (fresh produce, starter plants and teas), Art with Soul (student-made art) and Culinary Creations (holiday treats, coffee and jellies).

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with Duval County School Board Member
Lori Hershey, District 7

Q: Do you have a follow up from last month's article regarding the traffic situation at Mandarin High School?

A: Yes. Chief Gregory Burton, executive director of the Duval County School Police Department, has posted two officers to help direct traffic at Mandarin High School. Additionally, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office has assigned a traffic complaint officer at the site, who is present to address and enforce dangerous traffic patterns, potentially by writing citations. So far, people who have contacted me seem pleased by the addition of these officers. I'd like to thank Chief Burton for his work in coordinating with the city, JSO, and the school police to resolve the heavy traffic issue at Mandarin High School. One point of interest is that this year, Mandarin High School has had a nearly 50 percent drop in bus riders and an increase (nearly double) in car drivers, which has surely contributed to the traffic situation.

Q: Do you have any upcoming community meetings?

A: I'd like people to mark their calendars now for Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. at Mandarin Oaks Elementary and Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. at Bartram Springs Elementary, when I will host my annual Chat with the Superintendent. This is a great opportunity for community members to be in a small setting with Superintendent Dr. Diana Greene, to hear what's happening

in District 7 as well as get to know her better and of course ask any questions. I encourage the community to attend.

Q: Do you have any school board news to share?

A: At its recent meeting, the Duval County School Board elected a new chair and vice chair for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Darryl Willie will serve as chair and Dr. Kelly Coker will serve as vice chair.

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

A: I'd like to congratulate Mandarin High School swimmer Gage Hulbert, who won the FHSAA Class 4A state championship in the 100 butterfly at the state meet in Stuart.

The 2022 School Choice Expo will be a virtual event on Jan. 8. This event brings all public schools together in order to highlight the strengths of each school. To learn more about school choice options or ask questions about the expo, contact the school choice office (school_choice@duvalschools.org).

I'd also like to wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season.

Q: How can our readers contact you?

A: They can email me at HersheyL@duvalschools.org or call me at (904) 390-2375.

Crown Point celebrates Red Ribbon Week

By Mary J. Eyler
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Crown Point Elementary school held several activities to celebrate Red Ribbon Week during the week of Oct. 25 – 29. Red Ribbon Week was a time to promote a drug free and healthy lifestyle with daily themes.

On Monday, Oct. 25, Crown Point Panthers wore their hats for "Hats off to being drug free." On Tuesday, the students wore their craziest socks to "Sock it to drugs." On Wednesday, the students wore red shirts to "RED-Y to make healthy choices" and Thursday was wearing the brightest color day since "We are TOO Bright for drugs." Friday was Mad Scientist Day. During the week, the PTA sponsored the annual door decorating



Photos courtesy Mary J. Eyler
Air Cannons demonstrations.

contest, with a theme of "Drug Free Looks Like Me!" The top three winners received a cookie party.

Mad Scientist Day was a blast. Third graders made their own Nebulae Spirals. They looked up three facts and drew their favorite Nebula. Kindergartners in Andrea Gore's class performed the Mentos/Coke explosion. Also, throughout the day on Friday,

Pamela Adams and Deborah Bickle performed several educational and fun science experiments, such as Hovering Beach Ball, Pumpkin Toothpaste, Mentos/Diet Coke Explosions, and Air Cannons. Crown Point families were invited to attend. The children were able to join their parents in the outside area facing the track during allotted times following their grade level schedule.



Crown Point administrators Kayla Devenburg, Brett Hartley, and Elisha Carr in their brightest colors to show, "We are TOO Bright for drugs."

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By NewsLine Staff
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During this year's season of hope and giving, Wreaths Across America Radio invites troops from across the country and overseas, as well as their loved ones at home, to send a holiday greeting to one another in the form of an internet radio greeting. This is called the "Remembrance Ring" program.

The "Remembrance Ring" provides American military families the opportunity to extend holiday greetings and thanks to service members and veterans through Wreaths Across America Radio, a stream you can listen to anywhere, 24/7 at www.wreath-sacrossamerica.org/radio, and via the iHeart Radio app, or download it at the App Store or on Google. Last year the

program connected many families from all over the globe.

"The United States currently has 1.3 million active duty members, reservists and guards serving within our borders and abroad. Additionally, more than 24 million veterans have faithfully served our country in the past," said Karen Worcester, Wreaths Across America executive director.

dio will play that message on-air during the holidays to help bring families, loved ones, members of our military, and Americans closer together for the holiday season. These special Messages will be broadcast between Nov. 22 and Dec. 31, 2021.

You can sponsor a wreath for \$15 at www.wreath-sacrossamerica.org/. Each sponsorship goes toward a fresh balsam veteran's wreath that will be placed on the headstone of an American hero on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020, as part of National Wreaths Across America Day.

Anyone can participate by calling (888) 348-3352 to record a short holiday greeting. Wreaths Across America Ra-

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Choose Your Nutcracker cont. from pg. 2
principal dancers, the area's finest young dancers, and Tchaikovsky's best-loved melodies performed by the Jacksonville Symphony. Educational performances are offered on Dec. 16 – 17 in an effort to introduce school children to the symphony, the ballet and how to be a good audience member.

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The Florida Ballet's Nutcracker features swirling snowflakes, waltzing flowers, and dancing bonbons. From the captivating dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy to the iconic snow scene, this enchanting classical ballet is set to the beloved music of Tchaikovsky and features more than 100 local dancers.

The Nutcracker 2021 by the Florida Ballet
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Get to Know ...

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Mariam Feist

With her career largely in the fundraising sector of the non profit industry, Mariam Feist brings her considerable expertise to her new position as CEO of the Jewish Federation & Foundation of Northeast Florida. She was born and raised in Cherry Hill, NJ and said her family, which included two older brothers, was always very involved with the Jewish community. She said that her synagogue's youth group and overnight camp helped form her Jewish identity. She first visited Israel in 1973 and was there at the start of the Yom Kippur War, which she called a huge influence on her passion and commitment to Israel. After college, she worked in multiple leadership positions with various non profits, but always found herself coming back to the organization of the Jewish Federation system. She and her husband Bob have two grown sons and now share their home with two rescue dogs, Archie and Hawkeye.

Q: How did you come to work in the nonprofit sector?

A: I earned a degree in social psychology from Goucher College in Maryland and upon graduation decided to be a buyer for Bloomingdale's or Macy's. My father said he didn't send me to college to go into that business and so I became a youth director at the local Jewish Community Center. Eventually, I worked while going to grad school at Yeshiva University in New York City. After earning my master's in social work, I had the opportunity to return to Cherry Hill and work for a Jewish Federation.



Photo courtesy Jewish Federation & Foundation of Northeast Florida
Mariam Feist

Q: How did you meet your husband?

A: My father's wishes came true while I was working in Cherry Hill. My now husband, Bob, was getting his master's in social work from the University of Pennsylvania and he worked in the building. There were a couple of older women I worked with who also wanted me to get married, and they made sure he came by our office regularly. We just celebrated our 28th wedding anniversary.

Q: What made you decide to move to Jacksonville?

A: I most recently worked for the past 10 years as president and CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas. During this time, three natural disasters, one of which was COVID, made me reassess my priorities. Our children were grown and I knew I didn't want to end my career in Dallas. I missed being in the same time zone as my children and I missed the water. We actually never considered Florida, but as soon as we got to Jacksonville, it didn't feel like "Florida" to us, but rather more like Cherry Hill, with its sense of community.

Q: Can you give some insight into exactly what the Jewish Federation and Foundation does?

A: There are 147 Federations in North America. I used to explain it to people by saying we are kind of like United Way ... and then found out that United Way was actually formed 18 years after the Jewish Federation. So now I say that the United Way is like us. We fundraise and then disburse funds in this community and also in Israel and around the world. We also convene community leadership and development programs. We work with many agencies to help people get the services they need. Our role is to work at representing all of the community, not just the Jewish community. We are not a political or religious organization.

Q: What do you like best about visiting Israel?

A: I call it the "magic of Israel." It's hard to explain, but I love seeing how it's flourished and grown over the many years that I have been visiting. I love the people and the food. I think Israel is so critically important for the survival of Jewish people and I believe that in order for Northeast Florida to be vibrant and strong, so does Israel.

Q: What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

A: I love football; I'm a huge Philadelphia Eagles fan and also a Mizzou Tigers fan. I love to walk, eat, watch movies and spend time with my family. I also just started taking golf lessons.

[Editor's Note: Visit www.jewishjacksonville.org for more information about the Jewish Federation & Foundation of Northeast Florida and how you can help.]

Community Tree Lighting cont. from pg. 1

20 foot Fraser fir tree that will be the centerpiece of the tree lighting event on Friday, Dec. 3 beginning at 5 p.m. — in the heart of Mandarin on historic Mandarin Road.

"Join us on the Mandarin Community Club grounds for food, live music, a visit with Santa and of course the lighting of the massive Christmas tree," said Mandarin Community Club president, Susie Scott. "The tree will brighten the night with hundreds of sparkling lights and is topped with a custom handmade giant orange tree topper to represent the Mandarin name and tradition."

Gates will open at 5 p.m. and a food vendor will be available for those that want to arrive early to park and grab some light dinner. For safety of all, the gates will close just prior to the 6:30 p.m. tree lighting.

"And kids, bring your letters to Santa to drop into Santa's Mailbox for delivery to the North Pole," said Scott.

The club is also selling luminary kits and encouraging everyone to Light the Night and show their love for Mandarin.

"LUM means 'Light Up Mandarin' with your luminary kit for sale before and during the Tree Lighting event," Scott said. "And get ready for Santa's visit on the night of Dec. 24 by buying a pack of Reindeer Food, which will also be sold as a fundraiser for the community club."

To purchase luminary kits, call Mark at (904) 704-6787 or the Mandarin Community Club at (904) 268-1622 with the number of kits requested — while supplies last. Each kit consists of 10 white bags, 10 battery operated tea lights and sand for only \$10.

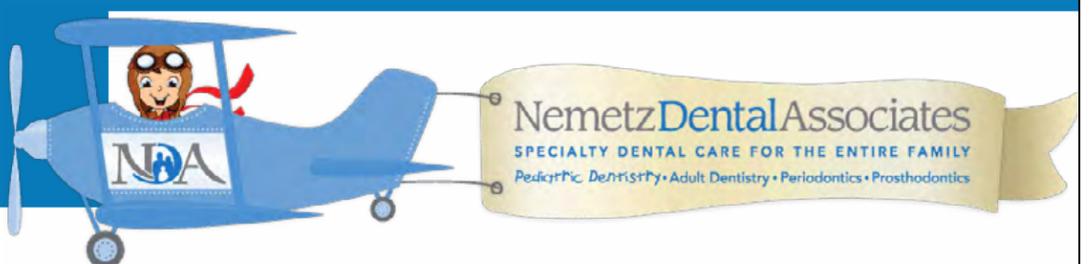
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Mandarin Community Club honors veterans

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The Mandarin Community Club hosted a wreath laying ceremony at Billard Park on Nov. 7. This ceremony has been performed each year since 2007. Pictured is the American Heritage Girls FL Troop 1512, who led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.



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Ryan Vogel at his Eagle Board of Review receiving the Eagle Scout rank.

Eagle project of new slant steps for obstacle course benefits swim school

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Planning for an Eagle Scout project sometimes takes a few months, but due to the COVID pandemic, some projects were delayed for much longer. Ryan Vogel had already completed all of his required merit badges and qualifications and was in the process of deciding on his Eagle project at the end of 2019.



Troop 136's build project day for Ryan Vogel's Eagle project.

Vogel is part of the club swimming program at Splash Jax Swim School, where he swims five times a week, a couple of hours a day. He is also involved in swimming for Wolfson High School, and has done so for the last four years. One day in June 2021, Chris Oliver, the owner of Splash Jax, was talking to Vogel about a new obstacle course he was planning to build at his facility to give his swimmers something fun and challenging for strength training. Vogel, still seeking an Eagle project idea, offered to build part of the obstacle course. A set of slant steps, which are those steps people jump on, going back and forth, normally seen as the first challenge on the American Ninja Warrior show, were decided upon for Vogel's project.

Vogel was excited to now have the project decided, and with an organization that

means so much to him. He designed the steps at home with some 3-D modeling software. The design called for a total of

six steps, the first two with a 26-degree angle, the next two with a 28-degree angle, and the final with a 30-degree angle. Once the design plans were completed, with the help of his father, Vogel built a single step as a sample. The design was approved by Oliver and Vogel organized a build day with members of his Scout Troop 136 to build and paint all the steps. He wanted to include a technology-type element into the project, so he 3-D printed a plaque for each step identifying it as his Eagle Scout project.

The completed slant steps were installed at Splash Jax in August 2021. Vogel completed his Eagle Scout conference on Sept. 13, 2021 and has been awarded the rank of Eagle Scout as a part of Troop 136, which is a small troop out of All Saints Episcopal Church in San Marco.

Group holds donation drive for Jacksonville Humane Society



Photo courtesy Jackie Wright

During the first week of November, the St. Therese chapter of the Junior Daughters of the King at Episcopal Church of Our Saviour held a drive to collect items and cash for the Humane Society. They were able to collect a lot of items, including dog and cat food and treats, toys, linens, bed, even a large cage, as well as \$200 cash. On Nov. 7, three of the members gathered the donations together and delivered it all to the Humane Society. Pictured are Doria Wright, secretary/treasurer, Alexis Gentry, president, and Clara Turvey, music director.



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Fishing

Capt. David's Fishing Report

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As we are about to enter the coolest part of the year, fishing our area waters becomes much less predictable. One reason is, fish are a lot like us. Some species head south for the winter to enjoy warmer waters. Others suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder ("S.A.D") where they don't feel like eating, don't have much energy, and hunker down somewhere warm and deep waiting for warmer weather to return. And then there are some that seem to enjoy the cooler temps and continue with their normal activities.

As many species of fish head south for the winter, the end result is much slower fishing for these fish in our area waters (especially nearshore and off-shore species). The good news is that fishing just a few hours south of here really picks up during the winter months. If you just happen to be one of those folks that suffers from winter anxiety, or lack of fishing depression, a weekend or even longer fishing trip can easily be accomplished with a quick trip to most anywhere in South Florida or the Keys, where you can enjoy warmer weather and some pretty good fishing.

For the species that are still around but suffer from S.A.D., the good news for us is, they are still around. Trout, reds, flounder, sheepshead and others remain available all year long, and like many of us, they prefer to come out of their winter retreats when mild and warmer days come up. During these days they may be out to enjoy a dinner or two which hopefully happens to be on a hook tied to the end of our fishing line.

We also have some species of fish that apparently don't mind winter weather too much. As a matter of fact, these fish are probably targeted more over the winter than the rest of the year. Striped bass on the freshwater/saltwater side, and speckled perch (also known as crap-pie) on the freshwater side are renowned

for their winter bites.

Striped bass or stripers often like poor, damp, cool, and cloudy days. They are most commonly caught at the deepest depths or somewhere in-between. From any of the downtown Jacksonville bridges to all the other bridges as far south as Shands, working plugs or lures at various depths or cut bait or a live shiner will catch them.

For many an angler, the speckled perch is what North Florida winter fishing is all about. They own boats that are specifically rigged for speck fishing with multiple rod holders mounted from bow to stern, with rods and reels that are designed to catch just speckled perch. Arguably the best tasting freshwater gamefish in these parts, these

fish are known to bunch up during winter months on lake and creek beds providing excellent catches for those who go after them. Slow trolled or drifted speck jigs or live minnows are used to catch them. Area creeks, but especially inland lakes in the Keystone, Palatka, Ocala, and Gainesville areas of the state should provide enough fishing to get anyone suffering from a lack of fishing deficiency through the winter.

Fishing Report: The river is slowing down; fishing docks for reds and trout are always worth a try. Bass and bream in area freshwater locations still provide decent catches.

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

Email your Catch of the Month photo to catchofthemonthpictures@gmail.com. Be sure to include the name of the person(s) in the photo, the name of the person who took the photo, the type of fish and date and location of the catch. We will select a photo each month for publication.



Photo courtesy Marc Herbert
Jameson holding one of 13 fish caught on a private dock at Mandarin Point.

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Gardening

Gardening for diversity

By Master Gardener Volunteer Lesley Arrandale
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Some years ago I found a small tree growing in my yard. Larry Figart, our Extension Urban Forester, identified it as a southern hackberry or sugarberry (*Celtis laevigata*). I dutifully read about

it and was pleased that it had found a home here. Since it produces small berries, clearly a bird had deposited the seed, and a self-sown seed of anything that survives without my intervention

ultimately does well.

The tree grew. Birds found insects in the canopy, hummingbirds used the thin, sometimes sparsely foliated twigs as resting places, butterflies came and went, and squirrels made it their playground. Current inhabitants include lady beetles. I enjoyed seeing the knobbly bark develop and its weeping form is very pleasing to the eye. But all things must change. Although I knew, intellectually, that it could become a large tree (<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/ST/ST13800.pdf>), I couldn't visualize the impact it would have in my relatively small yard. It has grown to take up about a quarter of the air space and has done that in a mere 10 – 15 years. It's just in the wrong place.

According to Terra Freeman, Horticultural Extension Agent in St. Johns County:

This fast grower ultimately reaches 50 to 80 feet tall by 40 to 50 feet wide and forms a rounded to vase-shaped crown. Hackberry's greatest attribute lies in its wildlife value, serving as a larval host plant for Question Mark, Mourning Cloak, and American Snout butterflies. The sweet fruits are consumed by many birds, including cedar waxwings, woodpeckers, pheasants and quail.

So — how could I miss that!? My research merits a failing grade, but I

bring up my lack of judgement to illustrate how we can really impact our immediate environment by choosing the wrong tree. I can't stress this enough. The wildlife Terra mentions is soon to be deprived of their home and food source. (No, I don't see pheasants in my neighborhood, although years ago I was astonished to see a few quail!)

A living tree will go. To compensate, in a small way, I'm waiting for the leaves to fall. They will make a valuable soil amendment, spread around as mulch. Maybe there will be some insects that survive among the leaves. I'll keep as much of the rest of the tree as is reasonable in a small yard. I'll make some brush piles from branches and twigs, hoping that any insects hunkered down in bark crevices will have a chance at survival. Larger branches placed in out of the way places in the yard will make good habitat for other wildlife. Fungi and wood-boring insects will help the wood to decompose, adding nutrients back into the soil. Lizards, snakes, and small mammals might use the brush piles as shelter. I already know there are legless lizards, garter snakes, and black racers here. (Skinks have been absent for quite a while — probably because of the local feral cats — which is disappointing. Maybe they'll return, now that we've installed some fencing to thwart those darn cats.)

If I leave the trunk standing as a snag, cutting through the living layers of bark near the ground to hasten its demise, it could also host some of the diverse wildlife we need. It's not enough to encourage hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies into our yards. We need to help support a species-rich web of life, from the tiniest microbes in our soils to the tallest trees, in all our yards.

Now I'm looking for one or two smaller native trees or shrubs that would be wildlife friendly, and more in keeping with the yard. Candidates include Walter's viburnum (*Viburnum obovatum*), Florida privet (*Forestiera segregata*), and flatwoods plum (*Prunus umbellata*) — and it's a good season for planting!

Happy holidays, to one and all.

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Travel

Birmingham surprises

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I'd made the mistake of overlooking Birmingham, Ala., until a recent trip. I found the city packed with delightful surprises ranging from an extraordinary culinary scene to the poignant Civil Rights history to a mammoth statue of Vulcan.

Birmingham earned the title "Dining Table of the South" for a good reason. James Beard Award winners and nominees are everywhere, and their creations taste yummy. Chef Chris Hastings, a most hospitable man and owner of the Hot and Hot Fish Club, creates innovative dishes such as the Fish in a Fish in a Fish. Trust me — just try it. Frank Stitt, known as the iconic "Godfather of Southern Cuisine," appeared as a caring, dedicated, and soft-spoken chef. He and his wife own and manage four top city restaurants, including the Highlands Bar and Grill, known for its exceptional service. Stitt employs award-winning pastry chef Dolester Miles, who makes the super scrumptious coconut



Birmingham: Dining Table of the South.

cake at Bottega Café. Another vivacious foodie, Becky Satterfield, makes magic happen at Satterfield's Restaurant. Pick any of these dining establishments for dinner and you won't be disappointed.

The city attracted many Greek residents over the years, and they tended to start breakfast and lunch eateries. Don't miss Demetri's Barbecue for breakfast. Yes, you can order BBQ in the morning, but I preferred the feta and tomato-filled Greek omelet. For lunch, try Johnny's Restaurant in Homewood for their beloved Greek-inspired brunch/lunch menu run by Chef Tim Hontzas.

Sadly, Birmingham's past includes horrific civil rights conflicts, including the tragic 16th Street Baptist Church bombing that killed four young African American girls in 1963. I toured the site studying the educational timeline, and watching the documentary film in the church basement. Directly across the street, you'll find the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, a must-see modern museum. The facility houses interactive displays, archives, and videos, so plan on spending a few hours. Kelly Ingram Park fronts both sites,



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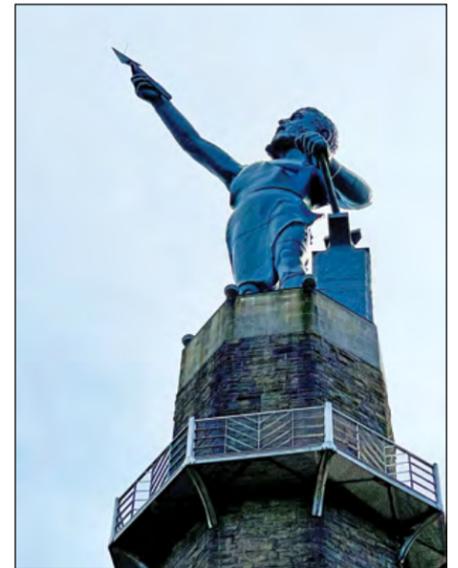
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16th Street Baptist Church.

the former staging area for non-violent demonstrations where participants were besieged by police dogs and powerful fire hoses.

For a calm respite, head to the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Roam the 67 acres, free to the public, or bring children and let them run. The Japanese Garden, a highlight, contains a traditional tea house, waterfall, bamboo groves, and Japanese maples. The seasonal changes make return trips to this tranquil setting worthwhile.

One of the fun spots in the city, at least for me, was Vulcan Park. I was astounded to learn that Birmingham was founded after the Civil War. The abundance of limestone, coal, and iron ore provided jobs and made steel manufacturing possible. These industries attracted so many workers that the population grew quickly; indeed, so fast that the Magic City nickname arose as Birmingham appeared on the map almost overnight.

The city wanted to make its presence known at the 1904 World's Fair so they commissioned sculptor Giuseppe Moretti to create the largest cast-iron statue in the world. Vulcan, the mythological Roman god of fire and forge, was such a hit the city kept him, and the burly, bearded statue now overlooks downtown. Tour Vulcan Park Museum to learn about Birmingham's and the statue's history. You can also ride an elevator to the top of the



Vulcan, the blacksmith.

monument for a panoramic view; however, the only picture of the 56-foot tall casting you can see from on high happens to be his rearview!

On Saturday morning, I took in the Farmers Market. I enjoyed many murals and Civil Rights markers downtown. Still, I did not have time for the McWane Science Museum or the Museum of Art. Like a magician, the Magic City brought me surprises and if you haven't been, put it on your list. For more information: www.birminghamal.org

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