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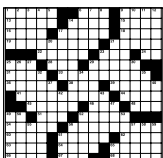
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PEDAL POWER



Photo by Emily Delaney
Cyclists wave to onlookers as they ride together during the Duval Day Bike Tour.

year's event, the 11th annual, took place July 11 at Clanzel T. Brown Park (formerly Moncrief Park) and drew thousands of attendees for live DJs, musical performances, local food vendors, games and activities for all ages. Backed by Lil Duval, the festival aims to promote community unity while giving local entrepreneurs and small businesses a platform to reach new customers.

Nearly 30 cyclists were seen cruising along Moncrief Road the morning of Duval Day. The Duval Day Bike Tour is a new cultural tourism initiative developed by Northside Pride of Jacksonville founder Dana Maule.

Bike Walk Jax provided bicycle safety and helmet training, and ZenCog, a local bike rental company, supplied bicycles for participants who needed them.

The guided bike ride showcased historic and cultural destinations along the Moncrief Road corridor, like Eartha White's historic coquina cottage and Holley's BBQ, Jacksonville's oldest Black-owned barbecue restaurant. Riders learned about the legacy of owner Jack Holley, who is credited with introducing curly fries to Jacksonville more than 80 years ago. The business is now owned and operated by Holley's daughter.

The ride concluded with the unveiling of the new "Jack Holley Legacy" mural, a 278-square-foot public

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Bike tour riders explore Jacksonville's northside

By Dana Michelle Maule

For the first time ever, people experienced Duval Day on bikes. Local nonprofit Northside Pride organized a

bike tour designed to introduce people to the history and culture that define Jacksonville's Northside. Duval Day is a local food and music

festival launched by comedian and recording artist Lil Duval, most popular for his 2018 viral rap anthem "Smile (Living my best life)"

featuring Snoop Dogg.

Duval Day is an annual community block party and cultural celebration held in Northwest Jacksonville. This

Girls on the Run launches fall season, registration opens Aug. 17

By Stacie Southall

At Girls on the Run of Northeast Florida, we're thrilled to launch our fall season. Beginning Aug. 17, we'll welcome girls in grades 3-8 across 12 counties for another season of empowerment, confidence-building and personal growth.

Girls on the Run combines physical activity with engaging lessons that help girls develop life skills and healthy habits. Over our 10-week program, participants prepare for a celebratory 5K while learning how to set goals, overcome challenges

and make a difference in their communities.

"Since 2004, we have been on a mission to help girls in our community activate their limitless potential and boldly pursue their dreams," said Laura Lasko, our executive director. "Through movement-based activities, group discussions on relevant topics and coach mentorship, participants gain the confidence to stand up for themselves and others. And with girls' confidence declining at age 9, they need a program that

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Photo courtesy Girls on the Run
Girls on the Run teammates sit together during a program session at the park.

Adventure, learning and fun Y camps

By Emily Delaney

Looking for a way to keep your child engaged and active this summer? The Williams Family YMCA offers a wide variety of Specialty Camps designed to inspire creativity, build confidence and introduce children to new interests while making lifelong memories.

Held Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon, the Williams Family YMCA's Specialty Camps provide



Photo by Emily Delaney
Campers work together during a Williams Family YMCA Specialty Camp session.



Photo by Emily Delaney
Students in the Williams Family YMCA's Homeschool PE program play a parachute game together.

children with hands-on experiences in a safe, welcoming environment led by caring instructors who are passionate about helping kids discover new talents. Members and non-members can sign up for the fun!

Camp offerings include:

- **Tennis Camps:** Learn the fundamentals of tennis while developing coordination, sportsmanship and confidence on the court.
- **Y Goes to Med School:** A unique camp that introduces children to the

exciting world of medicine through interactive activities, anatomy lessons, first aid and hands-on exploration of healthcare careers.

- **Culinary Camp:** Young chefs will discover kitchen safety, nutrition and cooking techniques while creating recipes they can recreate at home.
- **LEGO Builders Camp:** Creativity comes to life as campers build imaginative structures and solve engineering challenges through collaborative projects.

• **Robotics Camp:** Campers can explore the world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) by designing, building and programming robots through engaging activities.

Unlike traditional summer camps, the Williams Family YMCA's Specialty Camps allow children to dive deeper into subjects they love while developing teamwork, critical thinking and leadership skills.

"Our goal is to provide experiences that help children discover their passions while having fun in a supportive environment," said Julie Pickard, Family Programming Coordinator at Williams Family YMCA. "Whether they're learning a new sport, creating a robot or discovering how the human body works, every camper leaves with new skills and greater confidence."

Parents are encouraged to register early, as camp sizes are intentionally kept small to provide a quality experience for every participant.

For more information about Specialty Camps or to register, contact Julie Pickard, Family Programming Coordinator, at JPickard@fcymca.org.



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artwork created by Jacksonville artist Metamorphic. Northside Pride and LISC Jacksonville funded the mural. It honors Holley's lasting contributions to Jacksonville's culinary and cultural history.

"This was more than a bike ride," said Dana Maule, Founder and Executive Director of Northside Pride. "It was an opportunity to experience Jacksonville's Northside through the lens of history and public art. Tourism should tell the stories of every neighborhood, and this tour demonstrates the Northside's value as a cultural destination."

Organizers called the bike tour a success and confirmed the Duval Day Bike Tour will return in 2027. The next bike tour will be in Historic Durkeeville along the Emerald Trail S-Line in February 2027.

Dana Michelle Maule is the Founder and Executive Director of Northside Pride.



Photo by Emily Delaney
A rider waves to the crowd along the route during the inaugural Duval Day Bike Tour.

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BFF Best Furry Friend of the month

Meet Honey!



Breed:

Poodle mix

Favorite Activity:

Racing with friends at the dog park.

Favorite Food:

Pup Cup from Jeremiah's

Favorite Friends:

Golden Doodle friend, Goku.

How did your BFF get their name:

I wanted to name her after someone with a sweet personality. One of my favorite movies is "Matilda," so I named her after Matilda's teacher, Miss Honey.

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@floridanewslines.com to enter your pet.

Answers to our Puzzles PG 6

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empowers them to embrace who they are, teaches life skills and sparks joy."

Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based, positive youth development program with a research-based curriculum and trained coaches. A recent survey of more than 12,000 of our program participants found that 98% felt included, 95% felt more confident and 93% said they liked doing physical activity because of the program.

Online registration opens Aug. 17, and practices begin the week of Sept. 14. The deadline to register is Sept. 4. The program fee includes 20 sessions led by trained volunteer coaches, curriculum materials, a Girls on the Run T-shirt and water bottle, registration for the Celebration 5K, a finisher medal and a keepsake. Learn more at www.gotrneff.org.



Photo courtesy Girls on the Run
Girls on the Run participants run arm-in-arm during a program session.

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Community Calendar

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August 4
Honeybee Quilters Guild meeting

The Honeybee Quilters Guild meets Tuesday, Aug. 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mandarin Church of Christ, 12791 Old St. Augustine Road. Doors open at 6 p.m. to the right of the playground in the back. The program is the guild birthday party. New members and guests are welcome. Visit honeybeequilters.org.

August 7-8
Mandarin Garden Club clothing and jewelry sale

The Mandarin Garden Club hosts its clothing and jewelry sale Friday, Aug. 7 and Saturday, Aug. 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2892 Loretto Road. Gently used clothing and accessories for women, men and children are available for 1 dollar. Boutique items and jewelry are priced slightly higher. Plants will also be offered on the club grounds. Visit mandaringardenclub.com.

August 8
North Florida Genealogical Society meeting

The North Florida Genealogical Society hosts an informal conversation about DNA led by member and expert Terri Sellers Saturday, Aug. 8, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Watson Realty Office, 4194 San Juan Ave. The event is free and open to the public. Bring questions.

August 11
Guest Speaker on Space and the Universe

River Garden hosts guest speaker Eddie Whistler from the Museum of Science and History Tuesday, Aug. 11, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Cohen Auditorium, 11401 Old St. Augustine Road. Whistler will lead a discussion about worlds beyond our solar system and how to find habitable ones. The event is free but preregistration is required at shorturl.at/NgGOs or by calling 904 288 7855.

August 21-22
Great Southeast Pollinator Census Palooza

The Mandarin Garden Club hosts a pollinator census Friday, Aug. 21 and

Saturday, Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2892 Loretto Road. The event features vendors, a garden cafe, plant sales, face painting for children and educational seminars. Visit mandaringardenclub.com.

August 27
Mandarin Republican Club meeting

The Mandarin Republican Club meets Thursday, Aug. 27, at St. Mary's Seafood, 11290 Old St. Augustine Road. The meeting is held in the meeting room from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Ongoing Activities

Monthly Sundays Mandarin Parkinson's Support Group
Support group meets monthly on Sundays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Church of Eleven22, 4911 Losco Road. Contact Katheryn Donaldson at 904 710 1449.

Tuesdays Shuffleboard
Shuffleboard is played Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at Tommy Hazouri Park. Beginners are welcome. Meet at the park entrance next to the tennis courts.

Wednesdays North Florida Genealogical Society Library

The library at 6215 Sauterne Dr. is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 904 778 1000 or visit nfgen.org.

Second Thursdays American Legion Post 372

The group meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. on the second floor of the Williams YMCA, 10415 San Jose Blvd. All veterans are welcome.

Third Thursdays Friends of Mandarin South Library

The group meets at 1 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the foyer meeting room to sponsor library programs and activities.

Saturdays Toast of Jax Toastmasters
Meets every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the Baha'i Community Center, 5034 Greenland Road. Visit toastmastersclubs.org.



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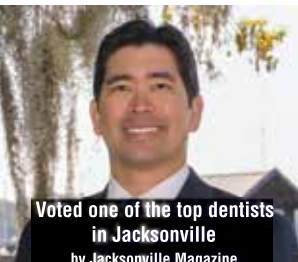
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August at the library: Authors, books and robots

By Jeremy Yates,
Marketing Specialist, Jacksonville Public Library

Local writers and aspiring authors: Get on the WRITE track! Hone your craft, make connections and find the publishing path that's right for you at Jax Book Fest



Photo courtesy Jacksonville Library
New York Times bestselling author Madeline Martin will lead a workshop at Writer's Day on Aug. 22.

presents: Writer's Day. This full day of free workshops takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 22, in the Conference Center at Main Library in Downtown Jacksonville.

Writer's Day attendees can choose between 12 different workshops including "How to Craft Characters that Connect with Readers" with New York Times best-selling author Madeline Martin. Between sessions, they are encouraged to network with local writers' groups, editors, book launch coaches and other exhibitors. For more information or to sign up, visit jaxlibrary.org/WritersDay.

Jax Book Fest, Jacksonville Public Library's big annual book bash, returns from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Main Library. This year's event features more than 90 local authors and talks with #1 New York Times bestselling authors John Patrick Green, Jennifer Lynn Barnes and Emma Straub. Readers of all ages are invited! Meet and support local authors, purchase books, attend free author talks and participate in other fun "bookish" activities.

It's a celebration of reading, local authorship and the power of the written word.

There will be free face painting for the kids, balloon artists, a fun photo booth, button making, scavenger hunts and so much more. Sign up to meet your favorite authors at jaxlibrary.org/BookFest.

Ravenous Readers Book Club is reading "Daughter of the Moon Goddess" by Sue Lynn Tan. Join the discussion from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at Mandarin Branch. As the Page Turns Book Club is reading and discussing "Hello Beautiful" by Ann Napolitano. Their meeting is scheduled for 1-2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13. For more book recommendations for adults, check out the Jax Stacks Reading Challenge at jaxlibrary.org/JaxStacks.

Families: Drop in and explore the latest tech at South Mandarin Library. Turn Up for Tech from 4-5 p.m. on every other Thursday (Aug. 6 and 20) for new games, challenges and activities where you'll learn robotics, basic circuits, coding, animation and more.

Homeschool teens (ages 12-17): Prepare for the ultimate Robo Battle at South Mandarin Library! Join Teen Lab: JAX-Bots Robotics Club from 11 a.m.-noon on all four Fridays in August (Aug. 7-28).



Photo courtesy Jacksonville Library
Madeline Martin's "The Last Bookshop in London" is a New York Times bestseller.

Each week, there will be new robot challenges including a robot driving course, coding and robot design.

Find more at jaxlibrary.org/events.

Jeremy Yates is a Marketing Specialist for Jacksonville Public Library.

Garden club announces summer sale, Pollinator Census

By Michele Alex

Clothing and jewelry sale

Mandarin Garden Club will host the semi-annual clothing and jewelry sale Aug. 7 and 8, each day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2892 Loretto Road inside Club House.

Gently used clothing, shoes and accessories for men, women and children will sell for \$1, while boutique and jewelry items will be priced separately.

A pop-up plant sale will run concomitantly in the gardens, featuring bargains on plants. Shop early for the best selection, take advantage of the Master Gardener available on premises for answering gardening questions, or just stroll in the garden and enjoy the flower beds and visit the new bridge we just installed.

Great Southeast Pollinator Census

Join us for two days of pollinator education, community fun and citizen science!



Photo courtesy Mandarin Garden Club
Shoppers browse clothing, jewelry and accessories at a previous Mandarin Garden Club sale.

Aug. 21 and Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32223, in coordination and partnership

with Duval County Extension Service, we will host the Great Southeast Pollinator Census Palooza. You can participate in the Great Southeast Pollinator

Census (instructions are given at 9:30 a.m., please dress appropriately since the actual count will be conducted outside); additional educational seminars at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. with topics on bees, birds and butterflies. Bring your curiosity and celebrate pollinators with us, have fun at the garden cafe, vendors and food trucks, pop-up plant sale and face painting.

For more information visit www.mandaringardenclub.com.

Club Craft Fair

Club Craft Fair, on Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. located at 2892 Loretto Rd, Jacksonville, Fla. There are outdoor 10 x 10 ft spaces available for \$40. There will be a variety of crafters, cafe with homemade baked goods, food vendor and a plant sale. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail mgccraftyladies@gmail.com or Joyce Datz at 954-980-0713 or e-mail jdatz@bellsouth.net.

Michele Alex is the Mandarin Garden Club publicist.

Mandarin Women's Club welcomes you back for a new year

By Gail Packard

After enjoying your summer vacation, it is time to join or renew your membership in the Mandarin Women's Club. Luncheons are held the fourth Thursday of each month, September 2026 through May 2027. Our next luncheon will be on Thursday, September 24, at the Ramada Inn in Mandarin.

We are looking forward to an exciting year of activities. Last month several members played Bunco while sporting their red, white, and blue in honor of our country's 250th birthday (photo courtesy of Anita Owens). There is no luncheon in August, but active members still enjoy Bunco, Hand & Foot, Mah Jongg, Mexican Train, and other events. If you would like to participate in these activi-

ties, please visit our website for more information.

To join or renew your membership, please complete a Membership Form and mail it to Andrea Braun along with your check. The Membership Form and instructions can be downloaded at www.mandarinwomensclub.com

Gail Packard oversees publicity for Mandarin Women's Club.



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Mandarin Women's Club members enjoy getting together over the summer.



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Clue: Fun outdoor gathering

B. 5 3 15 23 14 22 3 8
Clue: Event with rides and attractions

C. 15 14 17 7
Clue: Amusement

D. 22 7 23 17 1 15
Clue: Sells something

Word Search

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1. Bleated
6. Snakelike fish
9. Database management system
13. Social evolution anthropologist Service
14. American rocker Grohl
15. Greek personification of compassion
16. Negatives
17. Rescued
18. Self-immolation by fire ritual
19. Assigns tasks
21. Popular type of cigar
22. Discounts
23. The whole quantity
24. New York Giants legend
25. Indicates before
28. Lentils
29. Extremely angry
31. Body part
33. "North Star State"
36. David __, US playwright
38. Lower and raise one's head
39. Private rendezvous
41. In a way, improved
44. A place to play
45. Astronomical period of 18 years
46. Automobile
48. Something you can take
49. A radio band
51. Jaws of a voracious animal
52. Short-billed rails
54. Chinese province
56. Shameless
60. Horizontal passage from the surface into a mine
61. Indian respectful titles
62. Fail to entertain
63. Dried-up
64. Central Utah city
65. Southern U.S.
66. German river
67. Necessary for breathing
68. Put into play

CLUES DOWN

1. Curved segment
2. Wings
3. Yellowish volatile liquid
4. Makes less severe
5. Debit note
6. Overhang
7. The nights before
8. Type of light
9. Lacking enthusiasm
10. Tattle
11. Some is "heavy"
12. One who is canonized
14. Indicates date and place of writing
17. "Peace" in Arabic
20. "Olaf" actor Josh
21. Fragmented rock
23. They __
25. Advanced degree
26. Backside
27. Influential architect and design couple
29. An act of undue intimacy
30. Words from which later words are derived
32. 10 meters
34. Neither
35. Fungal sacs
37. The law of God revealed to Moses
40. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
42. A promise
43. Challenges
47. British Air Aces
49. Large bank
50. Served as an omen
52. Cavalry sword
53. Vaccine developer
55. Belgian WW2 resistance leader Jules
56. Italian Seaport
57. Hip joint
58. __ Clapton, musician
59. Insect repellent
61. Constrictor snake
- 65 "The First State" (abbr.)

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