



Mission

To serve the Deaf, DeafBlind, DeafDisabled, Hard of Hearing and Late Deafened Communities

Purpose

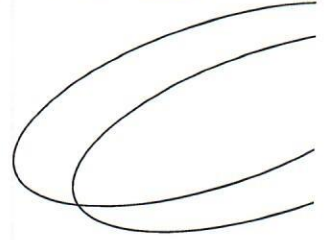
To meet individuals' needs for education, guidance, support, and socialization

Vision

To promote effective open communication within our communities

Monthly Newsletter

TO OUR JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY...



A Message from President Elzbieta Kaminski!



Greetings from Elzbieta Kaminski!

There is less than a week until we change the clocks forward one hour; then, we'll have more daylight hours. A friendly reminder to set your alarm. Otherwise, it will mess your day up. I'm joking!

The month has already arrived here with not much snow. I am very pleased with it because I enjoyed it during my winter season. I am very excited about this month because it is my birthday month, and I have a 4-leaf clover that I found a long time ago. Not only that, but I also carry it with me all the time. I love green because it represents nature. I'd like to know why every bill has the color green. Does it represent luck? I will be sure to paint all my debit cards or other cards green. Am I going too far? Superstitious perhaps?

Hey everybody! Have you done your homework? Yeah, back to school? You all, including myself, learn new things every day. How about the crossword puzzle? Have you done it since last month? Whoever reports to me immediately with a screenshot will get a prize from me that includes last month's crossword puzzle. Drum rolling, rolling up your sleeves.

Hands waving to the ADA doors committee for their hard work corresponding with different companies. I will share photos over the next few months, from day one to the end, once the old doors are thrown away. The buildings and ground committee are ready for yellow hard hats to wear very soon. Enjoy reading through many pages; meanwhile, please click the Google doc to fill it out.

Enjoy to the fullest the 4-leaf clovers. 🍀

Warm regards, Elzbieta Kaminski



Unveiling Jacksonville's Hidden History: The Enigmatic Tale of John Doe No. 24

By: Paul Pyers

The Jacksonville Journal Courier published an article about the book titled 'Unexplained Mysteries of Jacksonville' on October 9, 2008. Intrigued, I purchased the book and skimmed through it, discovering an article on page 132 that piqued my interest: 'Jacksonville's John Doe.'

According to information from Wikipedia, in the early hours of October 11, 1945, two police officers found an African American teenager wandering in an alley near the south of Jacksonville Square, rummaging through trash. Despite the chilly fall weather, he was underdressed and communicated to the officers through pantomime that he was “deaf – mute.” He could write “Wilson,” possibly indicating his name. Assuming he was missing from the Illinois School for the Deaf, the officers contacted the school, only to discover that none of the students were missing. Their efforts to locate his relatives proved futile, leading to his appearance in court and eventual placement in the Illinois mental health system.

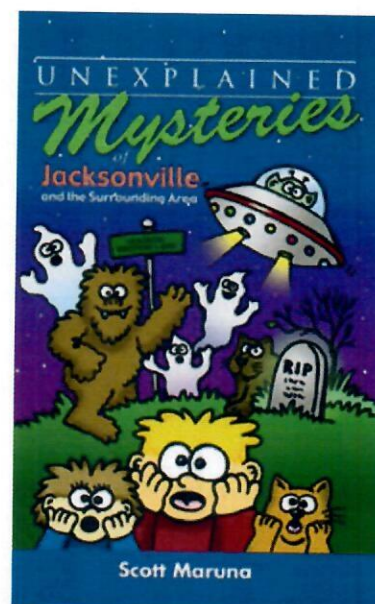
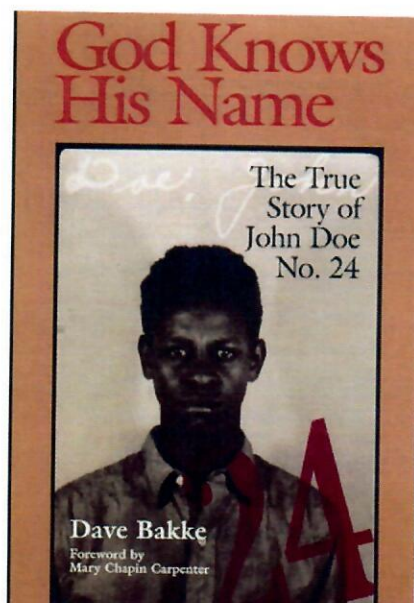
The Jacksonville Developmental Center was unable to accept him due to his classification as “feeble-minded,” though he briefly stayed there in later years before being transferred to the Lincoln State School and Colony. Described during wartime as a "Hell-Hole," the institution was marked by suicides, fights, and murders among mentally challenged patients, overlooked by understaffed workers who also practiced slave labor.

In order to receive social security benefits, his name was legally changed to John Doe Boyd. Over time, he lost his sight and became deafblind. He passed away from a stroke in 1993 at the age of approximately 64 at the Smiley Living Center in Peoria.

Since 1945, John Doe had a penchant for storytelling, often pantomiming elaborate and detailed circus and tavern scenes.

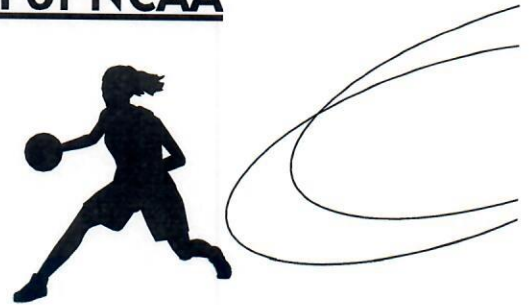
The same Wikipedia article mentioned that American singer Mary Chapin Carpenter learned of John Doe No. 24's life and purchased a tombstone to mark his previously unmarked grave. She also wrote a song titled "John Doe No. 24," which appears on her album "Stones in the Road" released in October 1994.

Other sources referenced include 'God Knows His Name,' by Dave Bakke of the Springfield Journal-Register (2000), and 'Unexplained Mysteries of Jacksonville and the Surrounding Area,' by Scott Maruna (2006).





March Madness: The Thrill of NCAA Basketball



"March Madness" refers to the frenzy surrounding the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, which typically takes place during the month of March. The term originated in the 20th century and has become popular due to the excitement and unpredictability of the tournament games. It encompasses the intense competition, numerous upsets, and the overall enthusiasm of fans during this time. The tournament involves 68 college basketball teams competing in a single-elimination format to determine the national champion. The nickname "March Madness" captures the chaotic and thrilling nature of the event, which often leads to unexpected outcomes and dramatic moments, making it a highlight of the sporting calendar each year.





Job Opportunity.



Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PERSONAL ASSISTANT

JACIL is offering a free Orientation
@ 15 Permac Road Jacksonville, IL 62650
March 4th 8:30 AM-10:30 AM

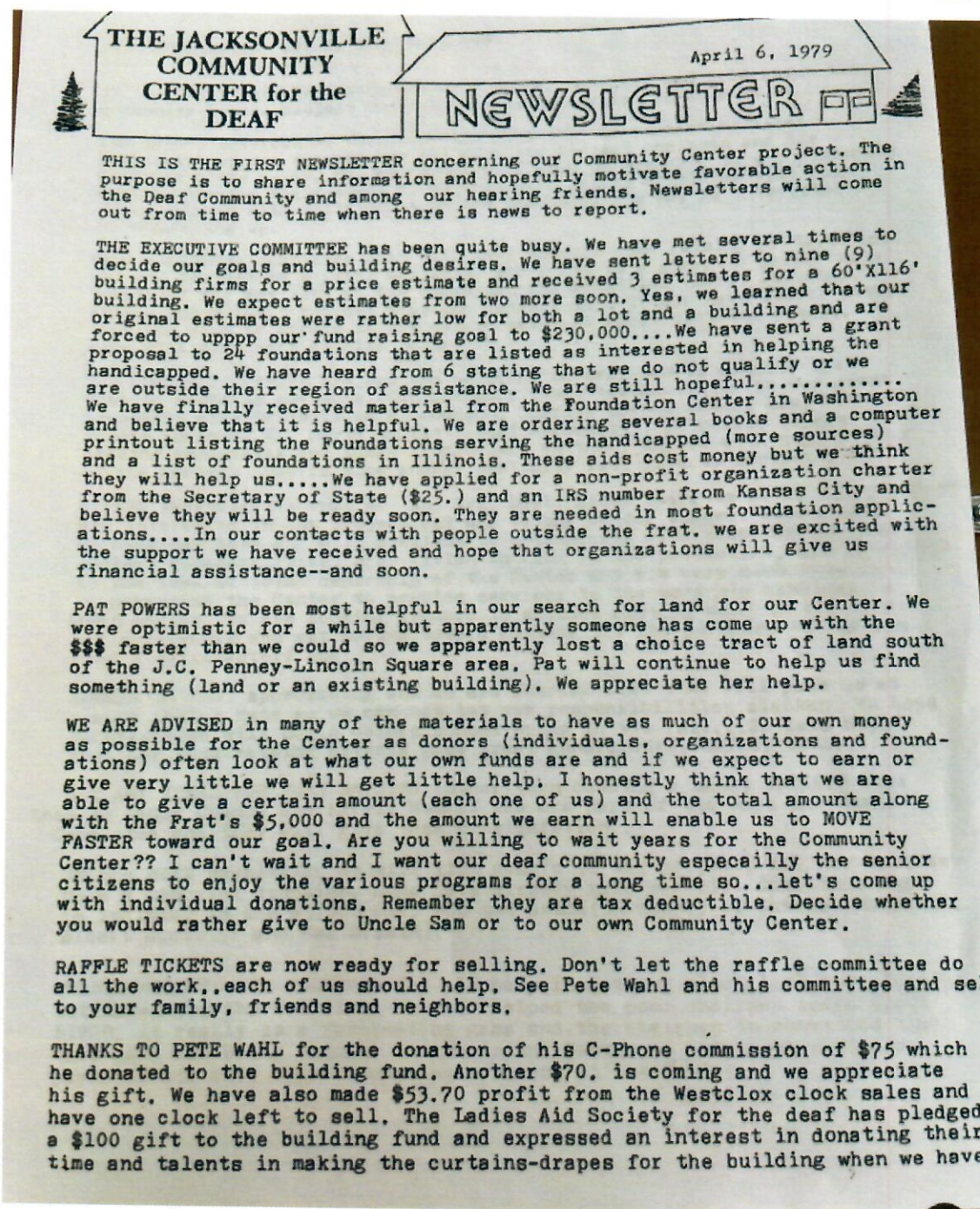
JACIL maintains a referral list and provides applications when a person with disabilities contacts JACIL seeking a PA. JACIL does not hire PA's, we only refer potential applicants to individuals seeking to hire a PA.

To be placed on our referral list, an applicant must complete our orientation course in person or by Zoom. Applications will only be made available to those who complete the orientation session. If you are in need of an interpreter, contact JACIL 7 days prior to the class, also a 48-hour notice if cancelled.

For more information, Contact **Joseph** at (217)245-8371. Deadline to register is two days prior to class date.



Introducing Our Vintage Newsletters [1979]





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it. We thank you. The Jacksonville Club for the Deaf was told about the Community Center project and seemed very interested in helping us.

TED HUBER, chairman of the committee that will be contacting local organizations for support has met with the project chairman and has definite plans ready. His committee will soon be speaking to our community friends seeking their support. We hope BILL FLATT's committee will soon make contacts with individuals in the community who may be interested in supporting us.

MARY ANDERSON's committee that will have special fund raising projects has met and decided on several projects. The first is a gigantic garage sale scheduled for May 12th at the Jacksons. The Committee (Mary, Julianne, Arlene and Wilmer) request that you contact them if you have useful items that you wish to donate to the garage sale--no adult clothing please. Mary will give more details later.

THE COMMUNITY CENTER project has selected several people outside the Frat to serve as advisors. Our advisory committee as listed in our grant proposals are: Dr. William P. Johnson, Charlie Martin (DVR), Mrs. Pat Powers (parent) Mr. David Mudgett (deaf community). Of course we are seeking assistance and ideas from others in town. Anyone with suggestions on the Center, fund-raising and/or publicity feel free to contact us.

WE ARE APPRECIATIVE that Mr. and Mrs. David Eades (parents of an ISD student) are interested in our project and may be one of our biggest supporters. We have met them and will continue to communicate with them through their contact representative, Mrs. Vivian Johnson on the project. We are agreeable to the idea of joint ownership of the Center and are very much interested in expanding the Center to provide services to the severely handicapped (deaf) adults. We are looking forward to another meeting soon to tie in all our agreements and get moving toward perhaps the lot purchase--if we can find a satisfactory one.

SUMMER IS FAST approaching and we are fearful that time will pass us at a much faster rate so we can not let our responsibilities slacken. We hope construction will begin before school opens in the fall...so let's hope that our fund raising effort goes great gun...GIVE, RAISE, SELL....

GOT ANY IDEAS FOR FUND RAISING (other than robbing a bank) IDEAS?? Give them to Pauly Chance and Karyly Hummel who are part of the Ways and Means Committee and they will give them consideration..

In the next newsletter we will list donors to the project. You may want to make a memorial donation. Some have already made memorial donations that is included in the \$5,000 Div. #88 set aside (in memory of Charles Marshall, Albert Buettner and Max Dramin).

THANKS ALSO TO KEN KOLBERER for his help in getting electrical and plumbing estimates for the building. He also helped the poor chairman learn about BINGO. It really is a fascinating game and the chairman is convinced that this game can bring regular income to the Center to help with mortgage payments and also support ongoing programs at the Center.



THE JACKSONVILLE
COMMUNITY
CENTER for the
DEAF

September 21, 1979

NEWSLETTER

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the JCCD has experienced frustration in its efforts to find a suitable lot for the JCCD. At times we thought we had a place which could be ours but presto..it was gone. The committee feels that we need at least ONE ACRE for the building, parking area and a small area to be set aside for a playground-picnic area.

Two areas may meet our needs. One is just off Walnut Street and would be part of a Commercial Park but we do not want to purchase until there is a road. The owners have a problem getting funds to build the \$300,000 road at this time. Another lot may be available later behind the Lincoln Square Shopping Center. Let us keep our fingers crossed. We are, indeed, happy that the Eades Foundation is ready to buy the land for us.

It is true that land is available outside the city limits but we want the Center easily accessible to the deaf citizens who may have transportation problems. We want the Center located where we may not have vandalism problems.

The committee has decided that we should go for a metal building that would last a hundred years rather than a pole building that may last 40 years. We have two attractive plans we are considering.

WE HAVE A LAWYER that will represent us. Ted Rammelkamp, Jr. has been secured to serve us. He is knowledgeable in several matters and is with an outstanding firm. He will represent both the JCCD and the Eades Foundation in drawing up the Co-ownership agreement, the purchase of land, an application for recognition of exemption and other tax matters and will help us prepare proposals for foundation help.

TED HUBER's committee has communicated with organizations in town regarding financial assistance and response has been good. More publicity and follow-up may reproduce a response from others. Keep up the good work Ted.

A HAM SUPPER is scheduled for Saturday, September 22 (Homecoming) from 5-8 PM in the Vocational Building. There is a limit of 150 tickets and the price is \$3.50 for the complete meal. We appreciate the privilege of using the Vocational facility. Mary Anderson's committee is working hard and hopes that all tickets will be sold. If this supper goes well then we will have a FISH FRY in October or November. You all know that Mary's husband is always willing to go fishing for a super cause...

A SUPER THANKS to the organizations and individuals who have donated to the JCCD (tax deductible). See the treasury report on back..Comments have been made on the delicious rye bread that Tillie Ravn donated and about Bill Flatt's mini-marathon that have helped our fund grow.. Every little bit helps--have you done your share??



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JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE DEAF

Treasurer's Report January 1, 1979-September 3, 1979

INCOME

Donation from Jacksonville Div. 88, N.F.S.D.	\$ 5,000.00
Clock sales (Anderson)	42.00
C-Phone commissions (Wahl)	180.00
Max Dramin Memorial donations	70.00
Doris Orman Memorial Donations	295.00
John Houser Memorial donation	100.00
Anderson's donation	100.00
Ravn's donation	100.00
Campbell's donation	250.00
Ladies Aid Society donation	100.00
Dr. Umsted donation (honoring Johnson's baby boy)	10.00
Jacksonville Moose #865 donation	50.00
American Legion Post 279 donation	50.00
V.F.W. Ladies Aux. donation	25.00
Bill Flatt 13 mile run sponsorship	126.75
Garage Sale (spring 1979)	264.35
Raffle sales	410.00
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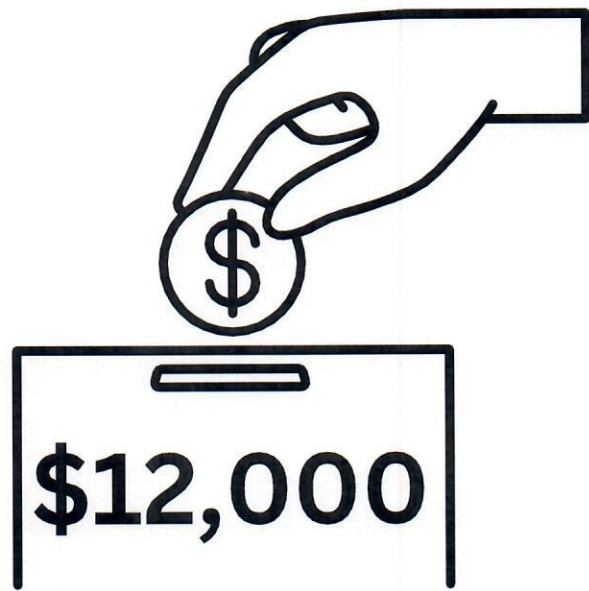
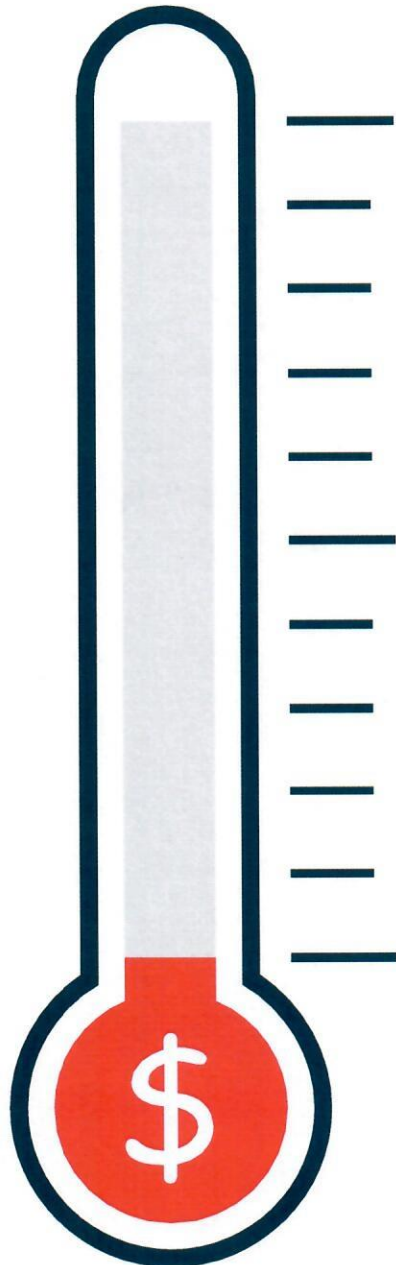
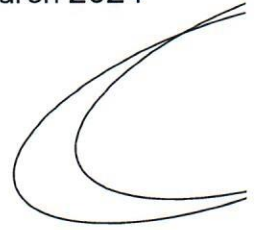
EXPENDITURES

Postage	\$ 35.70
Foundation material	44.95
Secretary of State Charter application fee	25.00
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	\$ 105.65

BALANCE ON HAND \$ 7,102.45



Donation: The ADA Doors



Want to make a difference?
You can! You can donate online.
Here is the link

ADA DOORS FUNDRAISING



Introducing the Newest Member of the Lowry Family: A Furpup!



Erica rescues Daisy!



Daisy with her new playmate, Nala!

If you're interested in rescuing a dog, here's where the Lowry family found theirs.



Greg King Canine Recovery

484 Farren Rd
Texarkana, TX 75503
[Get directions](#)

Gregking9recovery@yahoo.com

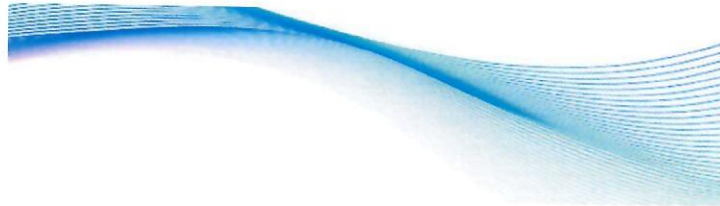
(903) 280-4233

Feedback



What is Deaf Women Herstory Month?

[Deaf Women United]



WHAT IS DEAF WOMEN HERSTORY MONTH?



DID YOU KNOW...



Juliette Gordon Low, Founder of
The Girl Scouts of America

Tamika Catchings, 4-time Olympic
Gold Medalist and WNBA player

Amy Wong, compositor, visual
effects artist, and pageant queen

Teresa de Cartagena, a nun in
1453 known as Spain's first
feminist writer

@deafwomenunited

...THAT ALL THESE WOMEN ARE DEAF?



Ruth Benedict, first female leader of anthropology in the United States in the 1930s

Gertrude Ederle, first woman to swim the English Channel

Florita Allen Tellez, traveling Hispanic dancer during WWII

Henrietta Swan Levitt, American astronomer who provided us the key to measuring the universe

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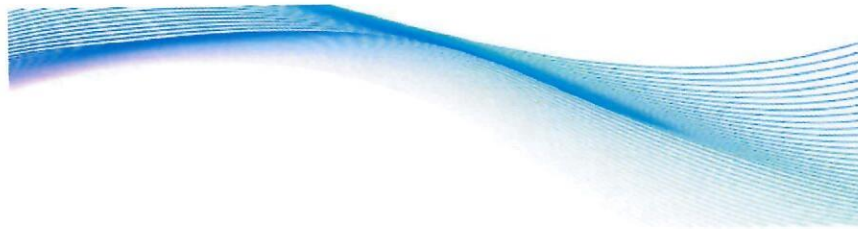
So many Deaf women have *changed the world...* without being recognized.



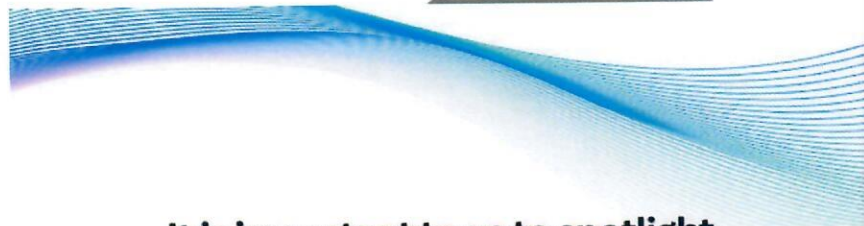
In 2014, DWU declared March as **Deaf Women Herstory Month.**



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This month, we celebrate the remarkable contributions of Deaf Women throughout history and contemporary society.



It is important to us to spotlight outstanding Deaf Women who have made an impact, as advocates, artists, athletes, educators, entrepreneurs, and trailblazers.





MARCH



SAT **2**

9am : JCCD Meeting

MON **4**

9:30am: Mexican Train
10am : ISDAA By-Laws
2pm: 185th Meeting

THU **7**

6pm: Omega Poker


MON **11**

10am : ISDAA By-Laws
2pm: 185th Meeting




 **13**


10am: JCSD


 **15**

5:30pm: JCCD Board Meeting

 **16**

7pm: March Madness



 **20**

7pm: Bingo with Leo



MARCH



What is the true story of St. Patrick's Day?

St. Patrick is the national apostle of Ireland and lived during the fifth century. He was born in Roman Britain and kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at 16. He escaped from Ireland but returned and was credited with bringing Christianity there.



Following his death, a lot of mythology about him became ingrained in Irish culture. The most well-known story is that he explained the Holy Trinity – father, son and holy spirit – using the three leaves of an Irish clover, or shamrock, according to [History.com](https://www.history.com).

St. Patrick's Day commemorates the death of St. Patrick but has evolved into a celebration of Irish culture with parades, food, music, dancing, drinking and the color green.

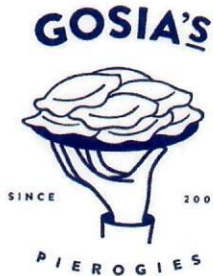
Why are leprechauns tied to St. Patrick's Day?

The original Irish word for Leprechauns is lobaircin, which means small-bodied fellow.

The belief in leprechauns stems from Celtic ideas of fairies, tiny men and women who could use their powers for good or evil, according to [History.com](https://www.history.com).

Leprechauns were known for mending the shoes of other fairies and using trickery to protect fabled treasure.





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LAST DAY TO ORDER: APRIL 15, 2024

Orders will NOT be final until payment is received.

All pierogies are frozen. \$10.00 each dozen (12 pierogies per order). You will pick up your order at Tiger Den on May 11, 2024. If you need to make a different pick-up arrangements, please contact me at tigerdensecretary@gmail.com.

You do not need to boil the frozen pierogies, just saute.


If you have questions, please contact Elzbieta Kaminski at tigerdensecretary@gmail.com.

Pick-up location: Tiger Den 2166 South Jacksonville Lake, Jacksonville, IL 62650

MAKE AN ORDER VIA ONLINE: [Handmade Gosia's Pierogies](#)



GOSIA'S PIEROGIES
 Our pierogies are handmade from a secret family recipe which originated in Poland.



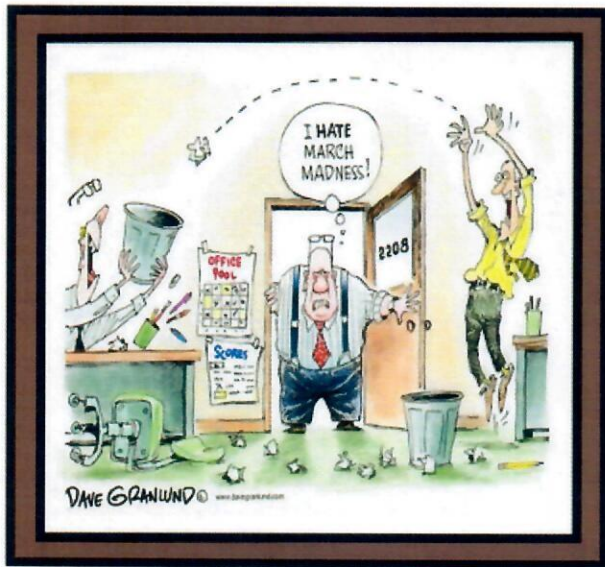
- Locally sourced
- Made from scratch
- High quality ingredients
- Real potatoes
- Chemical-free dairy
- Nothing artificial



2024



Affiliated with:
Jacksonville Community
Center for the Deaf
907 W Superior Ave
Jacksonville IL 62650



WED, MARCH 13th, 2024

JCSD MEETING AT 10:00 AM

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Birthdays & Anniversaries

B: Mary Anderson: 03/07
B: Elzbieta Kaminski: 03/23



NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, INJURIES, & LOSSES



Saturday, March 16, 2024

7:00 p.m. (Doors Open at 6 p.m.)

at

Jacksonville Community Center for the Deaf

907 W. Superior Ave., Jacksonville, IL

Poker player and Fan Admission: \$5.00

Poker Fee: \$25 Buy-In

\$30K in chips

Please bring some munchies/side dishes to share

BYOB

There will be some games for those non-Poker players!

Hint: UNO, LCR, Switch, SkipBo, Bunco, etc.

Come on everyone and have fun!

For info by TEXT:

Bob Dramin 217.883.2643

Elzbieta Kaminski 217.416.6236



This is a COED affair meaning both men and women play together on same tables.



Tidbits!



Three presidents, all Founding Fathers—John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe—died on July 4. Presidents Adams and Jefferson also died the same year, 1826; President Monroe died in 1831. Coincidence? You decide.

[LINK HERE](#)

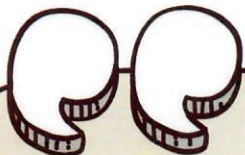


Meet Our Board: Introducing Members and Their Visionary Goals

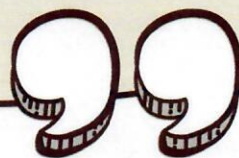


Secretary: Lisa Dramin

As the secretary for my first year, my responsibilities include sending out emails regarding the minutes and agendas of both board and general meetings, as well as taking notes during meetings. Additionally, I mail out hard copies of papers to those who request mail-only communication. This is the first position I have accepted within this organization. Previously, I served as president of the Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) for several years. My goals for this year include organizing a cooking class. I aim to invite individuals from local restaurants or chefs to teach these classes, and I am also capable of leading cooking classes myself. One of my favorite events is March Madness, where we play poker and enjoy potluck snacks.



For the past two years, I've been the Corresponding and Membership Secretary for JCCD. My job is to send out emails about events and information from the JCCD president to members. I also collect membership dues and keep track of members' email and home addresses. Before this, I was the JCCD Treasurer for two years. My main aim is to encourage young people to join JCCD so it stays strong. I like going to all the events because I get to see both old and new friends.



Board Member: Greg Lowry



Meet Our Board: Introducing Members and Their Visionary Goals



Board Member: Linda Kuhn

I have been a board member of JCCD for 2 years now, marking my first position within the organization. Prior to this role, I have been a member of JCCD for quite some time. Within JCCD, I fulfill duties across two different committees: the Kitchen/Cleaning Committee and the Fundraising/Social Events Committee. Notably, I served as the chairperson for the Thanksmas event in 2022 and 2023, as well as for the Steak and Chicken event in September 2023. My goal for JCCD is to witness its membership grow larger. I am particularly enthusiastic about the prospect of bringing back the Bingo Game and hosting events that cater to children. Among the various events that JCCD hosts, I particularly enjoy New Year's Eve, the Super Bowl Party, March Madness, the Steak and Chicken Event, and Thanksmas. I always find great pleasure in socializing with fellow members at these gatherings.

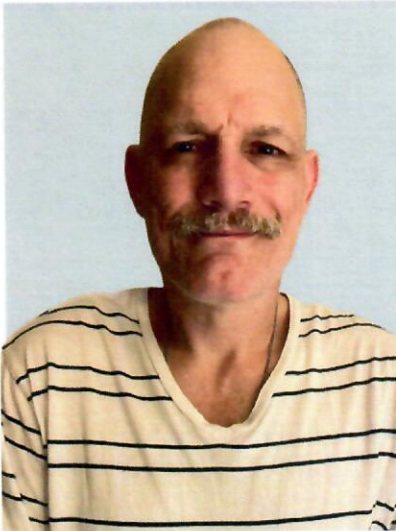
This marks my third year serving on the Board for JCCD. I currently contribute to the Social/Activities committee, where we organize Member Jackpots during General Meetings. Additionally, I am proud to be part of the JCCD 40th Anniversary committee. Having been a member of JCCD for four years now, this marks my third year serving on the Board. My primary goal for this year is to increase JCCD's membership. Recognizing that there is a sizable deaf community within a 30-mile radius of Jacksonville, comprising approximately 400 individuals, I believe that by uniting together, we can strengthen JCCD. As for selecting a favorite event, it's a tough choice! What I truly cherish about any event is the opportunity for us to come together and enjoy each other's company, creating unforgettable memories.



Board Member: Barb Riordan



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Vice President: Jerry Glen

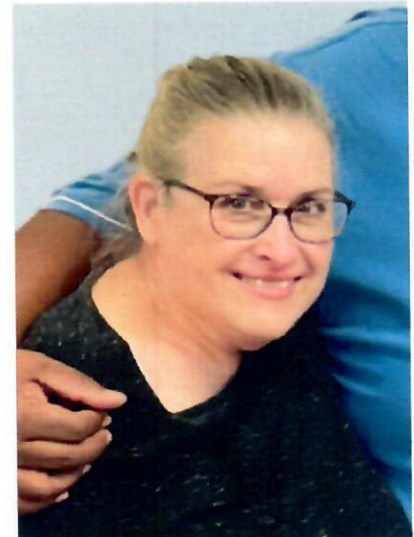
As the Vice President, it is my responsibility to ensure transparency in the By-laws and guidelines. Additionally, I provide assistance to the president and serve as the chair of the Grounds and Building Committee. Our upcoming major project involves installing ADA doors for both the front entrance and back door. Furthermore, I envision enhancing the landscaping of JCCD with the addition of flowers.



Board Member: Tara Cook



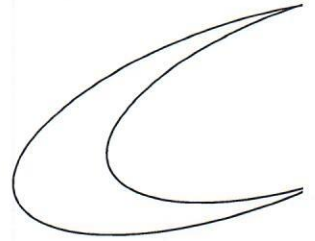
Treasurer: John Brennan



Board Member: Becky Prill



Who is Katie Lancaster?

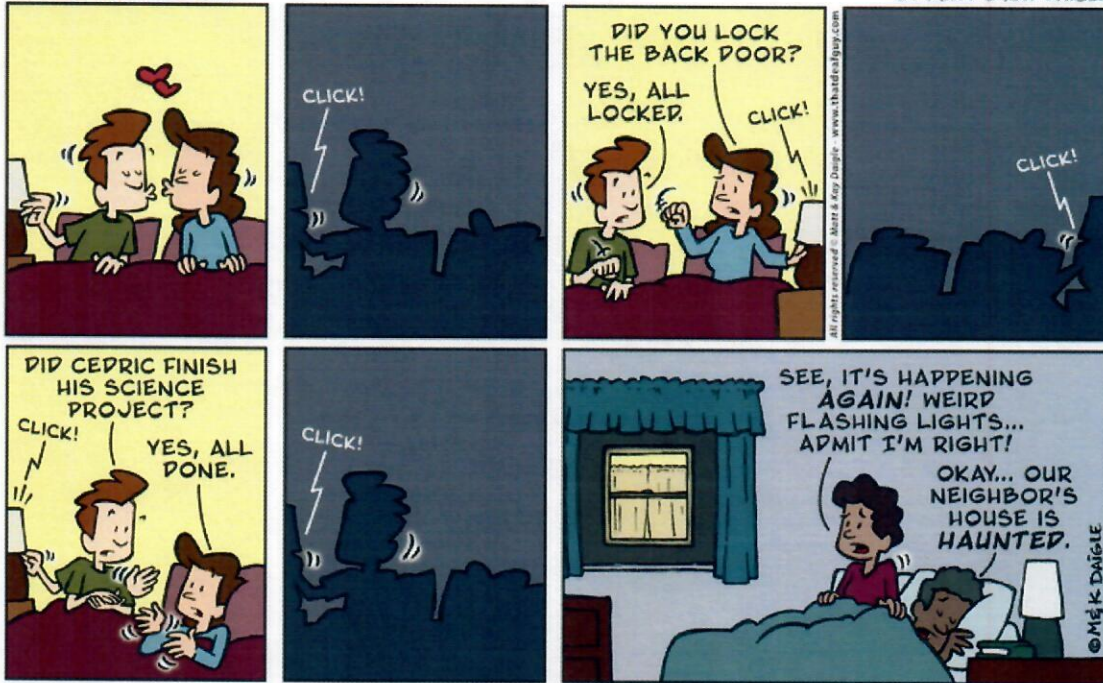


Katie Lancaster has been working with JCCD/SUPR since the summer of 2023. Before this, she was an Accounting Services Associate with Eck, Schafer, & Punke, LLP for 10 years. Katie's introduction to the deaf community came at a young age through family and friends. Interested in alternative means of communication, she enrolled in basic sign language classes during grade school. Some of these classes even involved learning choreographed signs to songs. While she has maintained her knowledge of fingerspelling and some basic signs, Katie is eager to develop her skills through her work with JCCD, recognizing the significance of identity and representation in the deaf community. In her email correspondences, Katie often signs off with “any questions, never hesitate to ask”—and she truly means it!

Laughing Circles: A Playful Blend of A Game and Comics

THAT DEAF GUY

BY MATT & KAY DAIGLE



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March

WORD SEARCH

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|---------------|------------------|
| ASH WEDNESDAY | PARADE |
| LEPRECHAUN | ST. PATRICKS DAY |
| PANCAKES | FAT TUESDAY |
| SPRING | MASKS |
| BIRDS | SHAMROCK |
| MARDI GRAS | TIME CHANGE |

Contact Information: jccdpresident@jccd.org

Whoever completes the word search **first** and sends an email to the JCCD president **first** will receive a surprise prize!