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Community Notes Putt-putt place wins parade

The winners of the The 2017 Daytona Beach Shores Christmas Parade, which benefits the local charity Operation Changing Lives, have been named.

The first place winner was Pirates Island Golf. Winning second place was Blue Coast Shop. The Marine Science Center took third Place. The parade theme for this year was "Daytona Beach Shores Goes Hollywood."

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Annual National Day of Remembrance observed

By Diane M. Carey dcarey@hometownnewsol.com

"It's not the number of years in a life that counts. It is the life lived in those years that really matters," a crime survivor once told Volusia County Sheriff Mike Chitwood.

Such poignancy was abundant at the National Day of Remembrance observance of the Halifax Health– Hospice Traumatic Loss Program and Victims' Services Coalition of the 7th Judicial Circuit Dec. 14 at Lakeside Community Center in Port Orange.

The event honors victims and survivors of homicide and traumatic loss as a way for them to remember, reflect and heal.

The standing-room-only crowd also heard from State Attorney R.J. Larizza.

"It is not easy to face the reality of the loss of a loved one and to accept the fact that they are physically gone," said Mr. Larizza, the keynote speaker. "But they are not gone in your memory or in your heart. I meet all the time with families that have suffered a loss. Your life is forever changed and you can't pretend that it's not.

"But I am so energized when I come here. When I walk out that door tonight there will be some sadness. But the overwhelming feeling I will have is the courage and the feeling of love and hope I feel in this room. That is what I take away and that is what I hope you take away. Know that you are not alone. Embrace all the emotions that you feel and share those with other people."

Other speakers were Halifax Health CEO Jeff Feasel, Assistant Attorney General Wesley Heidt,



Flagler

Beach Police Chief

Matt Doughney, Deltona Fire Rescue Chap-lain Anthony Alvarez, Flagler County Sheriff's Office Undersheriff Jack Bisland, Port Orange Police Chief Thomas Grimaldi, Judge Brian Feigenbaum and numerous Halifax Health Hospice staff members.

The speakers took turns reading over more than 500 names of people that passed away this year or in years past. Also, the names of the Orlando Pulse vic-

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This is a test woof- woof, woof-woof

By Gina McKee gmckee@hometownnewsol.com

Everyone is familiar with the concept of test driving a new car to see how it handles, or trying on a pair of jeans to check the fit.

This holiday season, Halifax Humane Society is encouraging prospective pet owners to find the perfect fit of a new, furry family member with its Home For The Holidays program, which allows area residents to "test drive" becoming a pet parent.

"A lot of times, people say 'Let's get a puppy for Christmas' on a whim, but it's a big commitment and they really have to plan ahead to recognize what's involved," said Barry Kukes, community outreach director for Halifax Humane Society. "We recommend that they foster first and, with 'Home For the Holidays,' they can bring home an animal at no cost and keep them through the holidays to determine if it is a true fit for them."

The program, which runs annually, applies to dogs, cats, puppies, kittens, bunnies, hamsters, any animal in residence at the shelter, he said. The holiday program is an extension of the yearround Beach Buddies program, which allows for up to three days with an animal. That program has some nominal fees involved, but the Home For the Holidays program is free to the foster pet parent.

In addition to the fostering program, from which about 50 percent of animals fostered for the holidays end up adopted by either the foster

New reindeer

Friday, Dec. 22, 2017



Randy Barber/staff photographer

Scarlett Saunders, 4, of Port Orange gets her face painted like Rudolph by Hannie the Clown during a visit to the annual Halifax Health Winter Wonder Day at The Pavilion at Port Orange on Thursday, Dec. 14.

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One Daytona adds to area entertainment scene

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Home has a great display of lights

By Diane M. Carey dcarey@hometownnewsol.com

OK, so we don't have real snow.

That hasn't stopped the Wilson family at 1121 W. Willow Run Drive in Port Orange from going all out to make sure their property is a magnet for adults and children to enjoy a fabulous light display. And it is for charity.

The family consists of Brian, his wife, Michelle, their younger children, Heather, Elizabeth and Russell, three children who have moved out on their own, and Michelle's mother, Virginia Arsenault. They have only been in the home since August, but they are passion-



Randy Barber/staff photographer

The Wilson family at 1121 W. Willow Run Drive in Port Orange has transformed their home into an incredible light show.

ate about bringing the Christmas spirit to Port Orange like they did so many years in New England.

Mr. Wilson designs the elaborate display, but everyone pitches in to put it up.

"I've got roughly 20,000

lights," he said. "We have numerous blowups. I have made a couple of Christmas trees by hand and some stars along with the wishing well that Santa Claus is in. Part of the lights are synchronized to music as well as the large 120-inch movie screen. As the music is playing, there also are videos playing in the background that are synchronized with the music."

The garage door also has a screen that plays New Year's See HOME, page A10

Kids in the club give as good as they get

By Gina McKee gmckee@hometownnewsol.com

More than 200 children, volunteers and administrators celebrated every aspect of giving back at the annual Christmas for a Cause of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Volusia/ Flagler.

"Our kids, who do not have very much, are giving back," said Robin Markus, development director for the Boys & Girls Club. "That in itself says a lot."

While it is the annual Christmas party for the children, they don't merely show up to receive gifts, including \$20,000 worth from the Mid-Florida Jeep Club.

Prior to each annual event, See CLUB, page A5

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tims were remembered as well as members of law enforcement that have died. The latter this year included the names of K9 Officers Forrest and Caesar.

Jan Williams of Port Orange, a Hospice supervisor, received a plaque for her husband, Jimmy Williams, who died in a freak water accident Aug. 20. He was an admissions nurse for Hospice.

"He was larger than life" Ms. Williams said. "He loved to do mission trips. It's been very surreal. Working for Halifax Hospice, we know how important it is to do these things to help heal. I have that support from my work family. The traumatic loss program has been so helpful and I have learned so much. People need to take advantage of bereavement services when they lose a loved one. You think you are handling it but you learn so much."

Chief Matt Doughney lost his sister in a freak accident "that never should have happened" Sept. 11, 2016. "Not only do I stand up here as the chief of police for the City of Flagler Beach, I get to stand up here as a family member that's a survivor of a tragedy," he said. "To be asked to read off names of victims and have my sister included in this list is a pleasure I can never pay back." Debbie Mitchell Williams lost her 21-year-old daughter Brandy to suicide.

"She was beautiful, fun-loving and she had a big heart" she said. "She had everything except the will to live. She had given up on a broken mental health system. Finding her is the worst thing a mother can endure. That vision will never leave my mind. I cried so much I forgot who I was. Everything reminded me of her. I had to start over and find a new me."

She credited hospice programs with helping her and added "each of us has a gift within us to help each other. We need more kindness in this world."



Photo by Diane Carey

State Attorney R J Larizza addresses a capacity crowd at the National Day of Remembrance held in Port Orange on Thursday, Dec. 14.



Photo courtesy of the Halifax Humane Society Hardy, a two-year-old male American Staffordshire Terrier mix, is playful, active and fun-loving. He's staying at the Halifax Humane Society Animal Shelter, but is looking for a home for the holidays.

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parent or a friend or family member, Mr. Kukes said the society makes every effort to help residents find their perfect pet match.

While puppies and kittens are small, young, cute and popular in adoptions, older animals offer bigger benefits for long-term pet family success.

"When someone comes in to adopt or foster a dog (or cat), they go through what's called 'Meet Your Match,' where we match animals personalities and traits to the lifestyle and personality of the (human)," he said. "But, with puppies, for example, they're still growing. They haven't developed their personalities yet and you really have no idea what you're going to get."

There also are increased costs and training necessary for young animals, which older animals do not require.

In addition to increased costs and unknown size and personality factors, older dogs and cats who have been surrendered to shelters or abandoned by their former families tend to show great appreciation to their new humans, he added.

"Older dogs that are here in most cases were abandoned or homeless, or sometimes their

owners surrendered them," he said. "Most people that give an animal a second chance will see that the animal seems to be extremely appreciative and caring toward the owner."

When families take the time to get to know the dogs and cats before adopting, it greatly reduces the chances of the animal ending up back in the shelter.

The society still has more than 20 dogs from St. Croix, which were taken in after Hurricane Maria decimated the area. Some are still too young to be weaned from their mothers, but others are ready for new homes and a fresh start with a loving family Mr. Kukes said.

Another program is giving a head start in adoption to dogs with slight challenges or may need additional training beyond the basic commands. Through the 12 Dogs of Christmas, these animals are offered without any adoption fees to new homes willing to put in a little extra work for a lot of extra rewards, he said.

"None Of these animals is aggressive or mean. We don't adopt out mean animals," he said. "They just may need to stay on heartworm treatment or need an extra behavioral class, because they don't like to come when you call them."

For more information, call (386) 274-4703 *or visit* halifax-humanesociety.com.



Photo courtesy of the Halifax Humane Society

Choo-Choo is a five-year-old male American Shorthair mix. He's cuddly, up-to-date on veterinary appointments, neutered and waiting for a second chance at a loving family and a forever home for the holidays.



The evergreen smell of Christmas

t my house the Christmas tree was always up to me.

Not to decorate (heaven forbid), but to find. When our children were young anything less than a natural tree was totally unacceptable to me. Each year I would visit Scotty's Home Improvement Store to select the perfect tree and each year I would fail miserably. The dried out trees I found there were cut weeks or maybe even months before and some employee had spray painted it green to try and neutralize the brown.

Still, bringing home the tree was always a happy time and our kids, Shayla and Landan, always knew their job. They had to ask me where I found such a great tree. That would launch me into an outlandish tale about how I went up a snow covered mountain with a sled and an ax. I talked about frostbitten fingers and frozen toes and the great peril I endured in my quest until finally there in the moonlight



I would come upon the perfect tree, chop it down and pull it down to the truck on the sled. The kids always loved that story and now they repeat it each Christmas to their own children.

Most of us here in Florida adhere to some sort of a natural tree ritual, but in truth the whole idea of having a northern fir tree at Christmas is a bit ridiculous. Actually we do have our own type of evergreen that grows here, but the Florida cedar does not measure up to our preconceived notion of what an Alpine tree should look like. Still, every now and again when the kids were still home I did put up a Florida tree.

Many years ago, after our

kids had left home, I put up a seven-foot natural tree I decorated entirely with fishing lures. That prompted my editor to send staff photographer Randy Barber to our house for photos. Some of you may remember seeing it in the paper. I can't do that anymore for fish hooks and young grandchildren do not go together.

Actually these days a Christmas tree is not nearly as important and we usually put up a fake one. That mercifully keeps me from telling my story of the snowy mountain, but I just don't care for a fake tree. After some thought, I came to realize it is mostly the smells I miss.

With that in mind, I told my wife, Lana, that this year I was going to get one of those sad, shiny all aluminum trees and decorate it with around 60 of those little green trees we hang from our car mirrors. What a plan! A tree decorated with trees and what great pine scent that would put out. I told Lana

that if I could pull that off, we could expect another visit from photog Randy. No sale! I love that girl to death, but sometimes she has no sense of humor.

Oh well, Christmas should still be fun this year. We now have three grandchildren with the newest a little girl just arriving in mid- November. Delayna, Oliver and now Lucy will bring me much joy even though I can't have a tree decorated with trees.

I do hope that each and everyone of you has the perfect tree and a safe and happy Christmas.

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Votran will provide holiday bus service

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Votran will operate on a limited service Christmas and New Year's days.

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•West Volusia routes 22, 24 and 60 will not operate.

SunRail •Connecting Routes 31, 32 and 33 will not operate, as there will be no SunRail service.

•Route 20 will operate every two hours. The bus leaves Walmart on the odd hour between 7:19 a.m. and 5:19 p.m. The northbound trips leave the Orange City Marketplace on the even hour between 8:25 a.m. And 4:25 p.m. Routes 21 and 23 will operate on a Saturday schedule.

•Route 21 will operate every two hours. The westbound trips leave Walmart in Osteen on the odd hours between 7:19 a.m. and 5:19 p.m. The eastbound trips leave the Orange City Marketplace on the even hours between 8:25 a.m. and 6:25 p.m.

•Eastside routes 1, 3, 4, 10, 15 and 17 will operate on a Sunday schedule.

•Buses will operate out of the Intermodal Transfer Facility at the Ocean Center, not the Transfer Plaza.

•Routes 40 and 41 will operate every two hours. The first Route 40 southbound trip will depart Dunlawton Avenue and U.S. 1 at 6:30 a.m. Northbound trips will depart Julia and Sams Transfer Point every two hours beginning at 7:46 a.m. through 5:46 p.m. Since there will be no buses on Swallowtail Drive for Route 40 to transfer passengers, the Route 40 will meet the Route 4 and 17 at Dunlawton Avenue and Orange Avenue to transfer passengers going north on US1 and A1A. Route 41 southbound trips will depart Julia and Sams every two hours from 6:46 a.m. through 4:46 p.m. Votran will now serve

10th St. and turn around at the entrance to Daytona State College. The 2:46 p.m. trip departing Julia Street and Sam's Avenue Transfer Point will be the only trip serving Oak Hill.

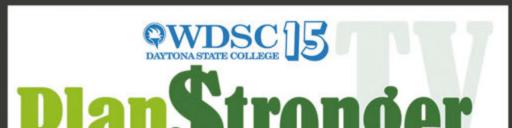
•All other routes and New Smyrna Beach Flex Service will not operate.

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money and it is an important

project for us," he said. "This

portion of money is going to

come out of the MSD. A lot of

"It is a significant amount of

and how it's spent.



Tim Burman

City names community development director

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Tim Burman has been named City of Port Orange Community Development Director.

Mr. Burman has been serving as the interim director since October, after Wayne Clark, former community development director, announced his departure and relocated back to North Carolina to further his career.

Mr. Burman has been in many positions with the city, including assistant planner, planner, principal planner and planning manager. He came to the city in May 2004 after graduating from Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in natural resources and earning a master's degree in urban planning from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

"I'm very excited to have Tim on board to serve as a director for this department," City Manager Jake Johansson said. "He has made some great decisions in community development over the past few months internal and external to the organization that will move our city forward. I look forward to his fresh set of eyes and innovative ideas."

Mr. Burman is a member of the American Planning Association and Urban Land Institute.

Council walks fine line on facility funds

Although the Volusia Coun-Council unanimously tv approved financing \$7 million of the new \$13.5 million evidence facility for the Sheriff's Office, the portion financed could impact future budgets.

Approved in May 2015, the new facility will house evidence collected in both incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county, which means the funds must be balanced between the general fund for incorporated areas and the Municipal Service District Fund for the unincorporated areas.

'There's some reasonable allocation to be made, but the (state) Constitution provides that you cannot tax municipal residents for services rendered exclusively in unincorporated areas," explained Daniel Eckert, county attorney. "You cannot shift the usage."

The MSD, however, is dangerously depleted due to delays in reimbursements for hurricane debris clean up in the unincorporated areas of the county. Those reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency have not been received for either Hurricane Matthew or Hurricane Irma.

"The MSD is just on life support now," Volusia Vice Chair Deb Denys said. "This

"The idea was to get the lowest overall rate that we could get."

Donna DePeyster Volusia County Chief Financial Officer.

"The idea was to get the lowest overall rate that we could get," will have direct impacts in the next budget year. When we look at budgets and reserves next year, there's going to have to be a tax increase."

With just \$1.5 million available in the MSD, the \$7 million of the \$8.5 million portion of cost for the evidence facility, which will serve the county's unincorporated areas will be financed through a bank loan. The council's vote at the regular meeting Thursday, Dec. 7, allowed for the loan to be finalized and marked for the facility expenditure.

Although the general fund is much healthier and could likely absorb the cost without bank financing, the tax money collected in incorporated areas cannot be used to pay for services in unincorporated areas with services agreements with the county.

"I think a lot of times people wonder why we do it this way, but that way you don't have people arguing 'What are you

doing subsidizing other people's services with other areas' tax money?" said County Manager James Dineen. "I would say we made a judgment call. It's a difficult balance."

Financing for the MSD's portion of the funds was sought through several qualified banks, with CentraState Bank providing the best rates, said Donna DePeyster, county chief financial officer.

"The idea was to get the lowest overall rate that we could get," Ms. DePeyster said. "Six proposals were received and CentraState bank provided the best rate — 2.87 percent loan over 20 years. We are able to draw down those funds over a 12-month period, and we have no pre-payment penalties."

In addition, the project does not affect the go to zero plan for the general fund, she added.

Regardless of which fund needs help financing a portion of the facility, Mr. Dineen said he wanted to be clear where

people think we have one big giant pot of money, we do not. These funds are earmarked for how and where they can be spent." The project already is antici-

pated in the five-year forecast and will not exceed the maximum budget allowable, said Gerald Brinton, county engineer. "The maximum guaranteed

price cannot exceed \$11.5 million. It will not go over the budget," Mr. Brinton said. 'We've been working hand-inglove with the Sheriff's Office throughout the whole process to ensure that everything that's in the scope of this project is what is expected."

The building also will be used for evidence collected in areas that are incorporated, but that portion will be picked up by the (other) \$5 million (which comes from the generfund), Mr. Dineen al explained.

'This financing is for the proportionate share of the evidence and the work that would be conducted in the unincorporated areas (of the county)."

Company donates roof to Volusia family

For Hometown News newsdy@hometownnewsol.com

Just before Thanksgiving, local businesses connected during the Ormond Beach Riverfest Seafood Festival with the idea to donate a roof to a deserving family.

My Affordable Roof, Ormond Insurance Agency and Realty Pros Assured worked together on the plan.

Involved in the charitable act were Terri Shurdom, a

senior associate of Ormond Insurance Agency, and Jessica Melton, a top producer at Realty Pros Assured, who was working with a woman, who was in an abusive situation and broke herself and her special needs child away from it.

As a result of her special needs child and their financial situation, renting was not an option, according to Ms. Melton. "She has worked very hard and sacrificed so that she could buy a home that she and her son can call their own. The home needs significant work to make it livable. Currently there is hole in the roof along with many other challenges."

Also, homeowners insurance cannot be obtained for the house because of the condition it's in.

When Realty Pros heard My Affordable Roof was donating a roof, they immediately thought of this family in need. When My Affordable Roof spoke to the woman purchasing the home to tell her she had been nominated by Realty Pros, she became overwhelmed, saying "Oh my goodness, you have no idea how much of a blessing this is."

The Ormond Beach, Daytona Regional and Deland Area chambers of commerce aided the effort. Daytona Beach Mayor Derrick Henry presented the gift to the family Dec. 15 at the offices of Realty Pros Assured, 900 W. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach.





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Police Report

Editor's note: This is a list of arrests, not convictions, and all arrestees are presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty in a *court of law.*

Port Orange **Police Department**

•Melissa Robyn Stokes, 46, of Port Orange, was arrested Dec. 8 and charged with leaving the scene of a crash with injury. Bail was set at \$1,000.

•Mark T. Sellas, 54, of Port Orange, was arrested Dec. 10 and charged with possession of cocaine. Bail was set at \$2,500.

•Danny F. Taylor, 71, of Port Orange, was arrested Dec. 10 and charged with dealing in stolen property. Bail was set at \$7,500.

•Matthew West Locke, 30, of Port Orange, was arrested Dec. 10 and charged with possession of paraphernalia and heroin. Bail was not set.

Volusia County Sheriff's Office

•Robert Max Ketchersid, 48, of South Daytona, was arrested Dec. 12 and charged with possession of paraphernalia and amphetamine. Bail was not set.

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the clubs choose to give back to others who have suffered and undergone difficult times, Ms. Markus explained. This year, members collected items for hurricane victims in Puerto Rico as well as hard-hit areas of Florida.

Even Santa, who made the rounds to each child seated in rows of long tables at St. Peter's Catholic Church activities center in DeLand Wednesday, Dec. 13, said he is proud of the spirit of giving from the young club members.

The lessons don't stop at giving and receiving during the holidays. The club, which served 1,555 Volusia and Flagler children in 2016, the latest available statistical year, is a safe haven and best chance for many of the underprivileged and at-risk youth it serves.

"They keep me out of the streets. I go after school, so I'm not out hanging out with people who could influence me badly," said Richiana Franklin, 15, Volusia/Flagler Boys And Girls Club Youth of the Year. "They even help with homeknew doing homework could be fun, but they make it fun." The club also helps form lasting bonds and relationships based on caring, love and trust that some kids don't have at home, or just need "The Boys and Girls Club taught me that family doesn't have to be blood,"she said. "It's taught me that if I actually try and work for what I want, I For more than a decade, the club has given De-Terionna Padgett, 14, of DeLand, skills

life to achieve success, both personally and professionally. "I've been going to the club for 10 years now," said the aspiring professional communicator. "Before that, I didn't

have a growth mindset. It helped my reading skills, it helped my communications levels." Of the more than 1,500

she will use throughout her

work, and before that, I never

more of, she added.

can achieve it."

youth the club served in 2016, 60 percent were from single parent and nontraditional homes; 90 percent received free or reduced lunch; 95 percent received academic assistance; and 95 percent attended prevention programs, accord-



Photo by Gina McKee

D'Terrionna Padgett, 10, of Holly Hill, gets a surprise from Santa Claus at the Boys and Girls Club of Volusia and Flagler Counties' Christmas For A Cause event at St. Peter's Catholic Church in DeLand on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

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The club is comprised of eight clubs serving separate areas of Volusia and Flagler communities, including Edgewater, Harris Saxon, Holly Hill, Lake Helen, DeLand,

Ormond Beach, Rymfire and Daytona Beach.

For more information regarding membership, donations or services, visit the club's web site at BGCFC.com.



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Bird walk at Tomoka

Tomoka State Park will host a guided bird/nature walk

from 8 to 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 1, at Tomoka State Park, 2099 N. Beach St., Ormond Beach. Meret Wilson, the long-time

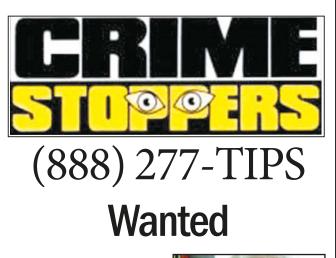
Tomoka birding expert (Federal Master Bird Bander) for a guided bird/nature walk. All experience levels are

welcome, although children must be supervised at all times. Bring sunscreen, bug spray, water, dress for weather conditions and don't forget your binoculars and camera. Park at the Tomoka recreation hall building then walk across

to the Tomoka Outpost campstore.

The bird search will start there at Tomoka Basin then travel to various types of terrain (minimal-difficulty level) over primarily paved and

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It's been about one year since Carl Husfeld, 87, was fatally injured when he interrupted a burglary of his home near DeLand.

Around 7 a.m. Dec. 8, 2016, an unknown suspect attempted to burglarize Mr. Husfeld's home on Oak Circle. The unknown male suspect was confronted by Mr. Husfeld, who sustained injuries, which ultimately resulted in his death. (The information the Sheriff's Office previously provided is below.)

Mr. Husfeld was a longtime resident of the DeLand area, owned a farm and employed several people there over the years. He was a father to two sons and one daughter who live in California. He enjoyed traveling with his girlfriend and spending time with his children and grandchildren. We hope anyone who has any information on this case will for a reward up to \$5,000.

Victim Carl Husfeld

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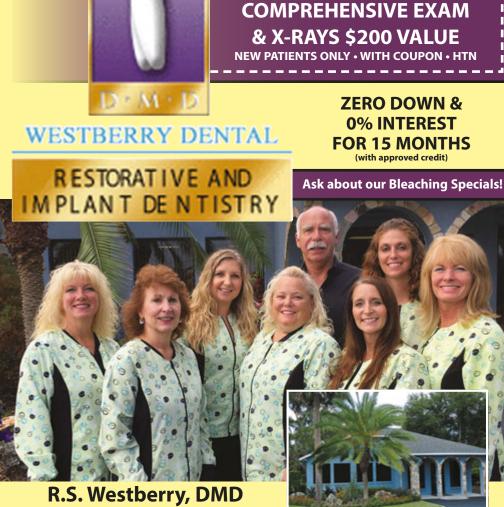
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Please limit your submissions to 250 words, so that we can include more entries. Readers are asked to refrain from making slanderous or libelous statements.

Higher gasoline prices

I would like to know why the gas prices in Volusia County are so high?

Down in Orlando, it is 20 cents less. Why are we paying more for gas than Orlando? This county is getting worse every day.

(Editor's note: 20 cents less may be a bit much, it was 9 cents Dec. 18, according to AAA. But Orlando's gasoline tax is 6 cents lower than Volusia, where there isn't a toll road in sight.)

Too much development

The vicious cycle ... local governments allow developers to overbuild our towns in the name of progress.

While this takes place, traffic gets horrible. "I didn't realize traffic could be so bad at 7:30 in the morning," joked Ed Kelly, County Chair referring to the over-crowded streets of our cities. Yet he, along with his cronies, are responsible for this traffic after agreeing to development. Now he is suggesting a tax increase?

Weren't these developers granted permission to destroy our environment so we would get more tax dollars? What am I missing? I say it is time for the citizens of this county to take a stand and vote these people out of office and put a stop to this crazy runaway building before it becomes impossible to get out of your driveway every morning.

Thankful, but disappointed

With a small 2 percent increase coming in our Social Security checks in 2018, I was looking forward to a few extra dollars in my bank account. When the Social Security statement for 2018 came I opened it anxiously to see what the increase would be for the monthly check.

Unfortunately with the 2 percent increase in my gross monthly check also came increases in the Medicare medical insurance and the Medicare prescription drug plan, which are deducted monthly from my check. These increases left my net monthly income \$2.50 less than the monthly check that I received for 2017. There is definitely something wrong with this picture.

This is probably affecting many seniors besides myself that are living on their Social Security income. We all need to write our Congressmen to make them aware of the problem and hopefully to help resolve this issue. If there is only a 2 percent increase in income, then there should be a cap on the amount these premiums can be raised. I am just one person, but if my "Rant" brings some attention to this situation, then it is a beginning to a solution.

Women United gives back



Photo courtesy of Cynthia Ramirez

The Take Stock in Children Program of the FUTURES Foundation for Volusia County Schools recently received a \$2,500 grant from the Women United Volusia Chapter. From left are Grant Committee Member Amanda Lasecki; Grant Review Chairwoman Laura Reece; FUTURES Executive Director Cynthia Ramirez; Grant Committee Members Rachel Buchanan and Erika de la Paz; Chapter Member Melissa Chieppa; and Membership Chairwoman Allison Miller.

Disgusted with city

For all the disgruntled Spectrum customers, please call the FCC at (888) 225-5322 or email at FCC.gov and voice your complaints, because now, with deregulation of Internet companies, Spectrum can raise your rates on a whim and cut off your phone service without warning, which is what happened to me.

My high cable bill is always paid early, but two weeks ago some guy from Spectrum called me and said my number was a business number although no business was attached to my number. I explained to him I have had this number for more than eight years and had just broken my wrist and was involved in calling doctors, insurance companies, etc. He told me he would call me back but never did.

When I got home from the hospital Dec. 11, after extensive surgery, I found my phone service disconnected with no warning. It took five days for a group of technicians at Spectrum, who had to go to upper management, to get my service turned back on with my original phone number. This should never have happened because my phone number had not been assigned to a business and I should have never received that call.

If people stop complaining and start acting, hopefully change will come to Spectrum. All of us thought Brighthouse was bad and look what we got.

Yield to pedestrians

In regards to the sidewalks where you have the flashing lights for pedestrians, I keep seeing cars flying through these areas.

The other day, I saw a man trying to cross the street with two ids. I stopped, but some of the cars didn't. Someone needs to

I am disgusted with the City of Edgewater, especially at Christmas time.

I remember a few years back they had the lane open on State Road 442. They had trees and flags up. Now they only have one flag up, but they can build a bridge what is useless.

There are no decorations. Not even trees lit up, but they can build a useless bridge. They ought to be ashamed of themselves.

TV bad news all day?

Does the news on the television depress you? Every channel tells us about the robberies, shootings, car accidents.

We know bad things are happening and to a certain amount we wish to be informed, but how much?

How much can we take? We are still living our daily lives and raising our children and some of us just growing old.

One or two hours a day of this can really be depressing so what do we need?

One channel that could start an answer is NBC at 6:30 p.m. with Lester Holt. I may not agree with a lot of their priorities, but for the last few minutes of their broadcast they present something nice that has occurred in the world and at least they leave us with a "nice feeling" for the day.

How could we get other major broadcasters to start to add something after all the bad news of the day to ease our emotions or at least show us that something good also happened in the world today.

Two Good Samaritans

On Sunday, Dec. 3, I stopped at the convenience store on corner of U.S. 1 and Hand Avenue to pick up the Hometown News from the box that is outside the store.

While walking to my car, I fell in the parking lot and injured myself quite badly.

Lo and behold, two Good Samaritans saw me on the ground as they were stopped at a red light and pulled into the parking lot and called 911. I want to thank Miss Debby and Miss Cristina for stopping and helping me and for calling my husband and staying with me until EVAC arrived to take me to the hospital.

As a result of this fall, I had 17 stitches in my head, pinky and knee. I would also like to thank the Ormond Beach Fire Department and EVAC for their quick response.

Be careful with Spectrum

DEADLINES

The deadline for submissions to Hometown News in Volusia County is 5 p.m. Thursday for the next week's issue, except for Rants & Raves, which is 5 p.m. Friday. Deadlines are adjusted for holidays. For more information, call (386) 322-5924.



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put something in the paper that it is a law and you should stop.

In response to the: 'Way people drive'

You hit the nail right on the head.

I personally used to think it was the older generation that drove like that. Boy, was I wrong. They have now proven to me that they are the better drivers on the road.

I'll give you an example of the younger generation. This happened to me the other day at the corner of Dunlawton Avenue and Nova Road in Port Orange. I was in the right lane with my signal on at a stop light. There were three cars in front of me. The first two made the right turn. The person in front of me stayed at the light with her head down. I beeped my horn but she waited until the light turned green before she took the right turn

After I took my right, I passed her on the left and she had her hands up, gesturing "Who cares?" I told her she needs to go back to driving school and she flipped me the bird. This is what driving has turned into. Stupid, immature, "all about me and I'll drive the way I want to" people. It's just going to get worse and we have to get used to it.

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packed earth surfaces. Reservations are required, so call (386) 676-4050 to reserve one of the 20 available spaces.

Trash collection schedule

There will be no trash collection in Ponce Inlet on Monday, Dec. 25 and Monday, Jan. 1. Other trash service days will remain as scheduled.

Lohman Family commits \$200,000 to humane society

Lowell and Nancy Lohman announced at the Halifax Humane Society Fur Ball that they would match donations

from the community on a \$2 to \$1 ratio of up to \$200,000 to generate a grand total of \$300,000 by the end of 2017.

"Lowell and I are committed to helping the Halifax Humane Society attain their goal of \$3.6 million for the Capital Campaign. These funds are used to renovate and create an animaland people-friendly facility for the community to embrace," said Ms. Lohman, who is the capital campaign chairwoman. The Halifax Humane Society is at 2364 LPGA Blvd., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 274-4703, ext. 320 or visit halifaxhumanesociety.org.

West Virginia **Club meets**

The West Virginia Club of Daytona is a social club whose members reside in the Volusia County area, or spend their winters here.

The group meets at 3 p.m.

What wake rules?

In regards to the boat manufacturer on the Intracoastal, is that minimum wake or maximum wake?

Do they have to follow the rules or are they exempt? I was kind of curious.

What are the expenses?

Looking back at the \$5 million approved budget for the construction of the Brannon Center, it was easy for the city to say it has met our \$5 million budget.

The way it was easy was you leave out expenses.

All theses expenses were paid through the general fund. They should have been included in the actual cost of the Brannon Center. It is about time that the city of New Smyrna Beach officials owned up to the truth, rather than put these stories in front of the tax paying public in New Smyrna.

Go to the city and asked to see all the expenses involved with the new Brannon Center. You will never see the report.

each Monday at the Golden Corral, 907 Taylor Road, Port Orange.

For more information, check out the group's Facebook page at WVClubFL.

Tree of Remembrance available for shoppers

The Halifax Health-Hospice 28th annual Tree of Remembrance Holiday Collection of ornaments and collectibles is available to holiday shoppers through Dec. 23.

Items can be purchased with a donation varying from \$10 to \$500. Proceeds will support the Hospice Patient Memorial Fund.

In recognition of each purchaser's donation, by their request, a loved one's name will be placed on a signature memory/honor tag and put on the Tree of Remembrance at Volusia Mall in the Macy's corridor.

Hospice offers four ways to

place ornament orders:

•The Volusia Mall site from noon to 6 p.m. through Dec. 23

•Online at halifaxhealth. org/hospice/TOR

•By phone at (386) 425-4747.

For more information on Hospice programs and services, call (386) 425-4701 or visit halifaxhealth.org/hospice.

United Way gets relief supplies from **New Jersey**

United Way Volusia-Flagler Counties received hurricane relief supplies from New Jersey resident Steve Humphrey, who drove the supplies down in a large truck from the northeast and delivered them.

The supplies included walkers for the elderly, diapers, water, mattresses, children's beds, pet food and toys, new clothing, backpacks filled with See NOTES, page A8

A lower price home-buying option

or first-time homebuyers, or anyone who wants a little less hassle with their home, the townhouse market is heating up in Volusia County, and providing more choices.

One of the most interesting projects is Halifax 100 on the beachside in Ormond Beach. It can give you a little lower price on entering one of the nicest areas in the county, with Oceanside Country Club across the street and the ocean around the corner. Developer Ed Schwarz said he has gotten reservations on three of the 12 units and hopes to break ground on the project March 1.

SVN Alliance recently negotiated the sale of a much bigger development, the remaining 60 townhouse lots at the Gardens at Addison in Ormond Beach for \$1.5 million. The project is just off U.S. 1 near the intersection with I-95, behind the MBA Business Center. The Gardens was originally developed in 2006 as a 72-lot condominium project but stalled during the Great Recession. The property was recently replatted through the City of Ormond Beach into fee-simple townhouse lots.

Chris Butera, Principal at SVN Alliance, negotiated the transaction representing both



the seller, Silver Creek Development, and the buyer Landon Homes. Landon Homes is a Jacksonville-based residential builder and developer, which intends to start construction immediately on townhouse units of 1,600 to 1,800 square feet.

The price was the eye-catching note. While from the \$170,000s may not sound that low, when you consider most of the new houses getting built in Volusia County these days start at over \$200,000, it's a little more affordable. Of course, with townhouses you also must consider the monthly association fees. Also, you need to be pretty tolerant of your neighbors since they will be a lot closer to you.

There are other townhouses going up in the county, including ones Vanacore Homes is building at Halifax Plantation, and even more on the drawing board, so it's a building segment worth watching.

A big Biketoberfest and hurricane refugees helped

push bed tax collections up more than 18 percent in October from October 2016 in Volusia County as the hospitality industry seems headed to one of its best years ever in the county.

Some area apartment dwellers can count on their complexes staying in good shape. Tzadik Management Group reported it got \$64.5 million in refinancing for a 1,244-unit portfolio of apartment communities across Central Florida. The communities, acquired in August 2016, span include two in Orlando and Tzadik Ridge at 2050 S. Ridgewood Ave, South Daytona; Tzadik Bay at 1225 S. Beach St. and Tzadik Park at 1049 Brentwood Drive, both in Daytona Beach; and Tzadik Rose at 200 Robert St., New Smyrna Beach. The refinance will allow for an equity return for all investors while putting aside a large sum for spending on the apartments, according to CEO and Founder Adam Hendry.

Florida Window was looking to expand its market area and indicated it would keep all of Indian River Glass' workers.

On a final note, here are some odds and ends. Believe it or not, plans have been submitted for a new Burger King next or RaceTrac on Howland Boulevard in the northwest corner of Deltona. When was the last time you saw a Burger King built in the county? Signs are going up on Billy Bob's Beach Bar at Atlantic and Flagler avenues in New Smyrna Beach. Construction is starting on the replacement Honda dealership at 752 N. Tomoka Farms Road, Daytona Beach. A Miami couple bought the old motel at 1915 N. Atlantic Ave. in Daytona Beach for \$510,000.

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Speedway hosting hiring events

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Guest Services Fan Crew hiring events will take place inside the Speedway:

•8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4

•9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6

Applicants can enter the Speedway at the intersection of NASCAR Drive and International Speedway Boulevard and park in front of the Axalta Injector. Applicants can also apply online. Positions available include ushers, ticket takers, guest services representatives and tram drivers.

Americrown, a subsidiary of DIS's parent company International Speedway Corp. and provider of catering services and food and beverage concessions during Speedweeks, has hiring events at:

•10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Jan.

•10 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 11-13 •10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16

•10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20

•10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30

Americrown hiring events will be at 525 Fentress Blvd., Daytona Beach. Positions available include supervisors,

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cooks, bartenders, servers, suite attendants and runners. For more information, visit daytonainternationalspeedway.com.

Allstate agencies get grant for domestic violence centers

Allstate agency owners from across Florida recently secured a \$17,000 Allstate Foundation See BUSINESS, page A8

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Owner Ida Ancona, left stands next to 82 year old resident Theresa Rzegocki at her facility, Harbor Oaks Elderly Care Home, in Port Orange recently.



Elderly care center creates a home for clients

By Diane M. Carey dcarey@hometownnewsol.com

Harbor Oaks Elderly Care Home at 158 Farmbrook Road in Port Orange is just that, a loving home for seniors who are well cared for and clearly happy to be there.

The full-service assisted living facility is a family business, owned and operated by Ida Ancona and her son, Lenny Ancona Jr., who started helping out in the facility as a child along with brothers, Vincent and Peter.

"I started this 33 years ago when it was only licensed for 14," Ms. Ancona said. "It is an assisted living facility now licensed for 40. Recommendations (to stay there) come from other families and doctors. We have every kind of convenience you could have, includ-

ing our own van." Harbor Oaks helps with all activities of daily living, including bathing, dressing, showering, grooming, walking, diapering, toileting, self-administration of medicines and securing assistance with healthcare. It also provides cleaning, linen care, laundry services and, according to Mr. Ancona, "homemade meals that would make any Italian proud to serve."

There is entertainment daily, exercise classes, church services, parties, singalongs, bingo, movie days and ice cream socials.

Ms. Ancona, 76, originally started the business with her husband, Leonardo, who died five years ago. Both were born in Italy and both met in the same orphanage. In a fairy tale ending, both were adopted by the same people but had to remain in Italy into their late teens, according to Ms. Ancona. Upon finally arriving in the United States, they married shortly after. Ultimately they brought their parents from New York to Florida, and bought the facility as a way to care for them, which they did until they died.

Prior to opening the business, Ms. Ancona had a career with an investment banking firm in New York and her husband was a Mercedes-Benz mechanic. Ms. Ancona started an accounting practice in Florida but decided to take care of her parents herself. She took relevant classes at Daytona State College and found out what was required, and Harbor Oaks Elderly Care Home was born.

Ms. Ancona stated that Harbor Oaks started with her parents and two weeks later she was full. One resident is still there after 20 years.

"I get very attached to these beautiful people," Ms. Ancona said. "Each one is unique. I have learned a lot. I love being here every day. There is a lot of love and caring here. We know exactly what is happening to a person."

She mentioned how one of her residents was a pilot who piloted Mother Teresa for vears.

tantly I love to help people," he said. "Many of our residents need special care and I know that we can help them continue to live great lives.

"Our staff and I all realize that many of residents do not have families that visit or maybe they have outlived their sons or daughters, and we fill in as their family, Mr. Ancona said. "This is especially true during the holidays. Some of my most cherished moments are those where I am dressed as Santa handing out gifts to bright- eyed residents and their families."

He added, "Our goal with every resident is to provide an incredible quality of life through love, compassion, and competent care. Each resident and their families really do become part of our family. For 33 years we have put our hearts and souls into taking care of our friends and neighbors in need. In some instances, we have taken care of multiple generations of the same family."

Harbor Oaks is a staple of the Port Orange community, Mr. Ancona said. "We have created a home-style feel in our building, which is much different than the corporate or investor owned facilities in our area. This is truly our residents' home and we take pride in our work and care about every resident, staff member, or vendor we work with. Many of our staff members and vendors have been with us for 30 years."

Theresa Rzegocki, 82, has lived at Harbor Oaks for 20 years. "I like it here," she said.

Lillian Cochran, 97, another resident, said "It is wonderful. I am happy here. It is quiet and they take very good care of you. It is immaculate and the food is good. We have people that come to entertain us. We have mass on Sunday and bingo. Everybody has a birthday cake on their birthday. Nobody put me here, I put me here. I came to visit and I saw what they do for you and I said this is where I am going."

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Helping Hands grant to benefit the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

The grant will support the nonprofit organization's mission to empower women and children to create a violence-free world.

The Allstate volunteers earned \$17,000 for the coalition by collecting much-needed items during a domestic violence nonprofit supply drive in November in various cities across Florida, including Daytona Beach, Deltona and Port Orange.

The Domestic Abuse Council of Volusia County was one of the beneficiaries.

Participating Allstate agency owners included Vicki O'Donnell, Daytona Beach; Kerry Ravi, Port Orange; Nanette Rosevear, Daytona Beach; and Denise White,

Deltona. Holiday travel expected to hit record numbers

'Tis the season to spend with family and friends, and this year Americans are traveling in record numbers.

AAA forecasts 107.3 million Americans will take to planes, trains, automobiles and other modes of transportation during the year-end holiday period Saturday, Dec. 23, to Monday, Jan. 1. This will be the highest year-end travel volume on record and a 3.1 percent increase in volume compared with last year.

2017 marks the ninth consecutive year of rising yearend holiday travel. Since 2005, total year-end holiday travel volume has grown by 21.6 million, an increase of more than 25 percent. Across the board this year, travel has increased year-over-year for every major holiday weekend.

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school supplies, microwave ovens, portable air conditioners, toys, household items, toiletries, canned food and medical items.

The backpacks were delivered to Friendship Elementary and Heritage Middle schools in Deltona to give Puerto Rico residents, who evacuated their country because of Hurricane Maria.

All other items were donat-

ed to the Neighborhood Center of West Volusia to distribute to other organizations.

Memorial ride Jan. 6

The 10th annual Kailynne Quartier Memorial Ride will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at the South Daytona Police Department, 1672 S. Ridgewood Ave.

Stops will be made at New Smyrna Beach Harley-Davidson, DeLand Police Depart-See NOTES, page A12

Are insurance companies and casinos alike?

ust over a year ago, the restoration of water service in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew caused thousands of dollars in damage to my home.

My family and I had gone out to eat and, when we returned, several rooms of the house were flooded. What would we have done without insurance? When we bought our homeowners policy, my wife and I essentially transferred the risk (of major damage to our home) to the insurance company. And that same risk transference is what all of us rely on when we buy automobile, disability, life, long-term care or similar insurance policies.

How are insurance companies able to bear all that risk?



They are able to do so because large numbers of people (the insured) become members of one big pool. Actuaries figure out, through metrics and mathematics, the level of risk the insurance company is able to assume and at what cost.

Let's look at a fictitious example for life insurance. "Marty" had a 20-year term life insurance policy. In year 18, at age 68, Marty died, and the insurance company had to pay Marty's beneficiaries \$250,000. For every

"Marty," there may be thousands of "Dans," "Bills" and "Sams" who pay into the same policy, but who don't die during the 20-year term. Consequently, their beneficiaries don't collect any money. Dan's, Bill's and Sam's premium payments "fund" the payout for the policyholder who was not so lucky ("Marty").

It's the job of the actuary to figure out, based on life expectancy projections and a host of other factors, the amount of risk the life insurance company can assume - the "risk" of that risk — and the appropriate premium costs. It's a little like the Las Vegas casinos. The odds are all figured out ahead of time, so the "House" (the insurance

company) always comes out on top. And that's a good thing because, when you choose an insurance company, you want one that is financially stable and well-rated.

Aside from ratings, you should also consider: 1. the size of the insurance company; 2. how long it has been in business; and 3. how long it has been selling the product you are about to purchase.

Don't be shy about asking questions of your adviser or insurance agent: "If an incident occurs, will you be available to help me? If so, how will we engage with the insurance company? What steps will be taken? How does the insurance company pay out?" Shopping carefully, and knowing the answers to

ERAU gets grant for research facility

For Hometown News newsdy@hometownnewsol.com

A new project at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, funded by a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce through its Economic Development Administration, is expected to create 387 new jobs and spur \$1.6 million in private investment, the trade journal Aviation Pros reported.

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross announced Dec. 11 that a \$1 million award to Embry-Riddle will be used to establish a new aviation and engineering research center in Florida.

Specifically, the grant will "help build the Applied Aviation and Engineering Research Hangar in Volusia County," the U.S. Department of Commerce reported in an official news release.

"Embry-Riddle has a 90-year legacy of innovation, and our research is shaping the future of human mobility."

Dr. P. Barry Butler President **Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**

The new facility will serve as the new home for Embry-Riddle's Eagle Flight Research Center, a hub for engineering research and development.

"Embry-Riddle has а 90-year legacy of innovation, and our research is shaping the future of human mobility, said University President Dr. P. Barry Butler. "We are pleased and honored to receive this research award to advance innovation, economic development and job growth in Florida."

Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross said: "This project is the product of local leader's efforts to spur economic jobs." opportunities in Volusia County. "The completion of this project will help strengthen the region's aeronautical sector, making the community a potential destination for both domestic and foreign

investment." The Commerce Department news release continued: "The Eagle Flight Research Center will help to foster innovation in the state's aeronautical cluster and increase its attractiveness to the private sector. This project was made possible by

the regional planning efforts led by the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council. EDA funds the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council to bring together the public and private sectors to create an economic development roadmap to strengthen the regional economy, support capital investment and create

Established in 1998, the Eagle Flight Research Center continues to guide aviation technology into the future. "Our continuing research will encompass aviation innovation projects such as alternative propulsion systems, electric and hybrid-electric aircraft, and electric vertical takeoff and landing, or eVTOL aircraft, as well as new fuels," said Center Richard "Pat" Director Anderson.

these questions ahead of time, will keep you from making an imprudent "bet" with your insurance premium dollars!

David D. Holland, a Certified Financial Planner practitioner, hosts a weekly TV show Mondays on WDSC Channel 15 at 7 p.m. He has also authored two books in

his Confessions of a Financial Planner series. Mr. Holland offers investment advice through Holland Advisory Services Inc., a registered investment adviser in Ormond Beach. He can be contacted at (386) 671-7526. Email financial questions to questions@planstronger. com.

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Owner Julie Pruitt opened Florida State Hearing Aids Inc. in 2004 "in order to bring a more affordable and wider variety of hearing aids to my clientele," she said.

Ms Pruitt is assisted by Patient Care Coordinator Samantha Carpenter whose job is to schedule patients' appointments, pre-authorizations, billing, and assist with the cleaning and maintenance of hearing aids. She has been with Florida State Hearing Aids for six years, working an additional eight years with Ms Pruitt before that.

When asked what makes her business unique, Ms. Pruitt said, "My business gives individual one on one service to every client. You won't walk in two weeks after you purchase your hearing aids and get a random person that doesn't really care about you at all, they don't know you, they didn't test or fit you, and you feel left out in the cold.

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Diane Johnson, left, of the Song of The Coast Chorus directs Dr. Val Hoffman and Melanie Tewes, right, during the City of South Daytona's annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at City Hall on Friday, Dec. 1.



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Embassy of Hope fed 100 families for Christmas

For Hometown News newsdy@hometownnewsol.com

Vince Carter's Embassy of Hope Foundation, in partnership with Publix Supermarkets, distributed boxes of food and warm Christmas wishes for more than 100 families Dec. 21 in front of the Vince Carter Athletic Center at Mainland High School in Daytona Beach.

"It's tough for many people to provide a big Christmas meal for their families. These food baskets will help make their Christmas brighter," said Mr. Carter, an NBA Sacramento Kings basketball player.

Employees from Publix Supermarkets, Embassy of Hope board members and Mainland High School students helped Mr. Carter's foundation load them into cars, vans and trucks.

The feasts were bound for the tables of families that have

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Day and Christmas-themed videos and you can see numerous animated characters spread throughout the property as well.

There is a large barn on the property, but Mr. Wilson said he didn't have time to decorate it this year, but will next year.

"I have been doing something with lights probably 40 vears. My father got me into it and showed me how to do it," he said. "Then he stopped doing it and I took over. About five years ago we started talking about doing a larger display."

And a plus for this year, he said. "All the wood I have used

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been identified by local churches and non-profit agencies, including the Children's Home Society, Council on Aging and PACE Center for Girls.

Mr. Carter's foundation began distributing baskets in 1999. Dubbed "Believing in Christmas," the event strives to provide a holiday dinner basket for economically disadvantaged families. However, the

• 10 pound Turkey

• Ham

• Five pounds of white potatoes

• Five pounds of sweet potatoes

- Dozen eggs
- Celery
- Four cans of vegetables • Three pounds of onions

is all recycled from the hurricane."

He added a big reason they do it is seeing how much children enjoy the show. They also are doing a charity drive for Ravenwood Veterinary Clinic and are asking the public to drop off cat and dog food in the box they have provided out front. They will take the donations to Ravenwood and the staff will in turn donate the food to local shelters. Donations are optional. (The Wilsons are dog lovers with four dogs of their own).

Michelle Wilson said, "(Brian) enjoys it. It is his hobby. I support him in it. I love seeing the kids run around and everyone 'oohing and aahing.' This is an all-year process. He is always thinking-new ideas, songs, programming."

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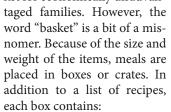
Ms. Arsenault said, "I enjoy it. I like to keep the curtains open and I sit there and watch it. I like to listen to the kids laughing. That is what I really enjoy."

Mr. Wilson said for every minute of airplay, it takes four hours to program. This year's show runs over 100 minutes. You can tune your radio to 100.1 FM or the music is broadcast on speakers outside.

The public is welcome to view the display 6-9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 6-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday through Jan. 2, which happens to be Brian Wilson's birthday.

The Wilsons plan to have both Halloween and Christmas displays, and charity drives in 2018.





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Coyotes becoming a big concern in Ormond Beach

By Diane M. Carey dcarey@hometownnewsol.com

These coyotes have nothing to do with the bar or the movie "Coyote Ugly," but are the real deal.

And they creating a concern in Ormond Beach, but they don't have to be.

"We are starting to see an uptick in covote calls, especially from Ormond Beach" said Ćatherine Kennedy, Wildlife Assistance Biologist of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. She gave a presentation to residents Dec. 12 at the Ormond Beach Police Department.

Ms. Kennedy stressed the need for people to coexist with these animals, which live in every county in Florida and every state in the country. She emphasized how coyotes do an incredible job eating rodents; insects, such as cockroaches; other pests; and smaller predators, helping balance the ecosystem. Their notorious song is natural Florida at its best. The average size of a coyote in Florida is 28 pounds.

On the negative side, given the opportunity, coyotes can include endangered species as part of their diet. The biggest concern, though, is human

conflict and dangers to small dogs and cats.

"It is never easy to lose a pet," Ms. Kennedy said. "I personally have lost a cat to a coyote. We are here to talk about what you can do to keep your pet safe. It can be a real issue in Florida, but it is important to put that into perspective.

"Domestic dogs are responsible for 1,000 emergency room visits per day," she said. "Coyote attacks on humans total 3.5 attacks per year from 1960 to 2006. Yet, there are 5 million cases a year that require medical treatment from domestic dogs. Attacks by coyotes on humans is extremely rare. The risk is extremely small."

Coyotes can carry rabies, but, according to Ms. Kennedy that also is rare.

What is crucial, she said, is never feeding coyotes, which is illegal in Florida, and securing any human or pet food at your home. Cleaning up pet food, not leaving garbage out and cleaning up fallen bird seed are recommended interventions. Coyotes won't eat bird seed, but they will seek out the mice that do eat the seeds.

Cats should be kept indoors and dogs kept on leashes, while also supervising them when they are outdoors. Never run from a coyote, but rather make noise and frighten them away.

Ms. Kennedy told horror stories of dogs that were let out to "use the restroom in the middle of the night and never came back."

A fenced yard won't keep them out as a coyote can jump over it, so it is important to survey the yard before letting a pet out. One option is to rattle bells or something noisy to scare away anything that might be in the backyard.

Hazing is an effective technique that basically scares coyotes by making noise through any number of methods, including "coyote shakers." You can also buy water hose attachments for the yard (water scarecrows) that trigger a water stream when approached by an unwanted animal.

"Are coyotes good, are they bad, are they ugly or are they just trying to make it in a cruel world," Ms. Kennedy asked. "They have shown that they are willing to live with us and we can do some things to try and live with them."

June Small, an Ormond Beach resident, saw a coyote



Photo courtesy of June Small

Ormond Beach resident June Small recently spotted this covote near John Anderson Drive in Ormond Beach.

trotting off John Anderson Drive at 10 a.m. one day and was able to get a picture.

"I am in love" she said. "They are a wild animal and how often do you get to see an animal like this."

Ms. Small doesn't like the negative comments she sees about coyotes.

"Supervise your dogs outside and watch what your children are doing," she said. "I have three dogs and two cats. I keep my cats in the house and my dogs on a leash when I walk. I am worried about people doing harm to these animals when they are not here to hurt us. People have to be edu-

cated."

For more information, call (352) 732-1225 or visit http:// myfwc.com/conservation/ you-conserve/wildlife/coyotes.

By the way, so far, there have not been any reports of coyotes at the new bar on Seabreeze Boulevard in Daytona Beach.



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ment and Destination Daytona. The final stop is the Piggotte Community Center, 504 Big Tree Road, South Daytona. After the ride, lunch will be provided.

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Out & about

Friday, Dec. 22

• Cinematique: Now playing is "The Tribes of Palos Verdes" When teenager Medina (Maika Monroe) moves with her family to the picture-perfect paradise of Palos Verdes, Calif., they seem headed for a happy new chapter in their lives. But old troubles soon catch up to them as Medina's parents' marriage disintegrates, her mother (Jennifer Garner) spirals into an emotional freefall and her twin brother (Cody Fern) turns to drugs. Cinematique is at 242 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach. Tickets are \$7 general or \$5 members. The Friday Night Pitcher Show at 5 p.m. includes two tickets, two popcorn and one pitcher of beer for \$25. For more information, call (386) 252-3118.

Monday, Dec. 25

Merry Christmas

Tuesday, Dec. 26

• Kwanzaa: The Mary S. Harrell Black Heritage Museum in collaboration with Peace Arts by Shy will present a celebration from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Babe James Community Center, 201 N. Myrtle Ave., New Smyrna Beach. Admission is free.

Kwanzaa is an African American cultural celebration from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1. At the celebration, the public can learn about the principles of Kwanzaa and share a Kwanzaa feast.

For more information, call Jimmy Harrell at (386) 478-1934 or (386) 631-5551.

• Live Comedy: Live Interactive Improv Comedy presented by Random Acts of Insanity is at 8 p.m. at the Cinematique Theater, 242 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach. Tickets are \$5. All ages welcome. For more information, call (386) 252-3118.

 Lighthouse: The Ponce Inlet Lighthouse will hose a winter holiday event from 10 a.m.-2p.m. at Ponce Inlet Lighthouse. 4931 S. Peninsula Drive. Take a break from all the holiday hustle and bustle and enjoy a fun-filled day of family-oriented activities, explore historical exhibits, climb the tallest lighthouse in Florida, journey back 100 years when the keepers and their families lived at the lighthouse, and visit with the "Old Lighthouse Keeper" as he describes his duties at the historic Ponce Inlet Lighthouse.



One Daytona continues its live entertainment program this weekend with Nashville Recording Artist Johnny Reed Foley from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22 on the Front Lawn.

One Daytona adds to entertainment

For Hometown News newsdy@hometownnewsol.com

Throughout December, One Daytona, the new center across from Daytona International Speedway, will celebrate the holidays with entertainment, décor and family fun.

With a calendar filled with live entertainment and activities, and restaurants and stores opening throughout December, One Daytona visitors will be able to stroll the center, take in the unique offerings and enjoy the holiday festivities, decorations and family fun on The Front Lawn.

Live entertainment continues this weekend with Nashville Recording Artist Johnnu Reed Foley.

Mr. Foley is a seasoned entertainer, who has opened for Jason Aldean and Tyler Farr, and has performed at NASCAR tracks around the U.S.

He has written hundreds of songs since age 11. His song "Who's Turning You On" has been highly acclaimed by his peers.

The One Daytona live scheduled entertainment includes:

•Friday, Dec. 22, 5-9 p.m., Johnny Reed Foley, Nashville **Recording Artist**

•Saturday, Dec. 23, 6-9 p.m., Billy Buchanan Band Rock n' roll soul review

•Tuesday, Dec. 26, 6-9 p.m., Firewater Tent Revival, Roots music band from Atlantic Beach

•Wednesday, Dec. 27, 6-9 p.m., MJ Baker Quartet, Jacksonville singer/songwriter •Friday, Dec. 29, 3-6 p.m.,

Chelsea Saddler, high-energy,

A December to Remember in Daytona Beach receive a T-shirt and the four-

For Hometown News

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Horoscopes

It is time to take a relationship to a new level, Aries. You are confident you know just the way to accomplish this. Enjoy the excitement that comes with this new beginning.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, many things are on your plate, but you don't feel overwhelmed at all. In fact, you're ready to lend a helping hand to anyone who needs one.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Recreation is the name of the game this week, Gemini. Coming off of a busy period, you are anxious to put your feet up for a few days. Book that vacation right now.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Use your intuition in regard to others' feelings this week, Cancer. Give someone who needs it a little leeway, and your thoughtfulness will be appreciated.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, if you think change will do you some good, then it is time to make it happen. Embrace the excitment that comes with making changes.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Thanks to a spark of creativity, your plans may change this week, Virgo. Grab someone who is up for an unexpected adventure to join the journey.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, a financial windfall has given you some extra spending money. While you may want to splurge, the practical side of you knows some saving is in order.

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•Friday, Dec. 29, 6-9 p.m.,

•Saturday, Dec. 30, 3-6

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Wednesday, Dec. 27

• Walk: AVA Happy Wanderers will host a 5K fun walk at 6 p.m. at Halifax Marina, 125 Basin St., Davtona Beach. Bring a flashlight. For more information,

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Photo courtesy of Maximum Bands

Jason Webb and Caribbean Chillers will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, at A December to Remember at the Bandshell in Daytona Beach.

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The fifth annual A December to Remember in Daytona Beach continues through Sunday, Dec. 31, with weekend a wide variety of holiday festivities.

Did you ever want to get a photo with Santa and your pet? Well, now you can at the Santa Paws Pooch Parade and Walk at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23. Registration will start at 4 p.m.

Head to the Daytona Beach Boardwalk with your furry friend dressed in the holiday spirit for a chance to win prizes. Human walkers will

legged walking partners will receive a special bandana for finishing the walk. Santa will be onsite from 3 to 6 p.m. for photos.

Text "WOOF" to 40691 for more information and to pre-register or visit DecemberDaytona.com or pre-register at runsignup.com/santapaws. Registration fee is \$15. The event is sponsored by the City of Daytona Beach and presented by Southern Stone Communications.

A December to Remember features a variety of tribute bands. The concerts offer a \$10 VIP ticket, which gives See DECEMBER, page B3

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, some things may be beyond your control this week, and that is okay. The measure of success will be how well you can adapt to the changes ahead.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Home improvements may be in your future, Sagittarius. Projects could be just what the doctor ordered to chase away any feelings of cabin fever that may develop.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20 See SCOPES, page B3



The Club Scene

• Amalfi's Italian Restaurant: The Tres Bien Duo will perform from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 424 Luna Bella Lane, (Venetian Bay), New Smyrna Beach. For more information. call (386) 957-4988.

• Bank and Blues Club: Rusty Wright Band will play at 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, at 701 Main St., Daytona Beach. Cover charge is \$5-\$8. For more information, call (386) 252-9877

• Bahama Breeze Island Grille: Live entertainment is from 6-10 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday at 1786 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach. For more information, visit bahamabreeze.com.

 Black Sheep Pub and Eating House: Happy Hour is 3-7 p.m. and 9 p.m.-close daily. Weekly specials include \$4 "CuervoRitas" Mondays; Locals Night with happy hour all night and Pub Trivia at 7 p.m., gift card prizes,

Wednesdays; Ladies Night with live music, drink specials and \$4 three-olive martinis. Thursdays. Live music is every weekend at 890 S. Atlantic Ave. in Ormond Beach. For more information, call (386) 673-5933 or visit theblacksheep.com.

 CorkScrew Bar & Grille: Upcoming performers are smooth jazz guitarist Robert Harris noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22; pop and standards with Joe Calabrese, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26; old -time rock 'n' roll with Bob Kissell, 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27; and singer-keyboardist Eddie Uzzle, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, at 235 Canal St., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 957-3955.

 Daytona Beach Brewing Co.: Taproom hours are 4-8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and noon to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 482 Fentress Blvd., Unit N, Daytona Beach. For more

information, call (844) 352-2337 or visit daytonabeachbrewingcompany.com.

• Down the Hatch: Jimmy Z. will perform 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22. Silvercreek will perform 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Sam Church will perform 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., both on Saturday, Dec. 23, at 4894 Front St., Ponce Inlet. For more information, call (386) 761-4831 or visit downthehatchseafood.com.

• Frappes Italian Grille: "Happiest Hour" is in the bar nightly from 5-6:30 p.m. First Tuesday of the month is wine tasting, two whites, two reds and an appetizer for \$25. Frappes is at 123 W. Granada Blvd. in Ormond Beach. For reservations, call (386) 615-4888.

• The Garlic: Upcoming performers are Mark "Muddy Harp" Hodgson, 7-11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, and Saturday, Dec. 23, and 6-10 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 27, and Thursday, Dec. 28; Johnny Mag Sax, 5-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, and 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26. Closed Christmas Day.

In The Blu Bar, performers are Amy Alysia and The Soul Operation, 7-11 p.m. Friday, Dec.

22 and Saturday, Dec. 23; Joe Harrison, 5-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, and 5:30-9:30 p.m, Wednesday, Dec. 27; Closed Christmas Day; Christie Beu, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26 and Amy Alysia Duo, 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, at 556 E. Third Ave., New Smyrna Beach, For more information call (386) 424-6660 or visit thegarlic.net.

• Grille at Riverview: Upcoming performers are Mark Venneri, 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, and Dave Capp with France Neil. Saturday, Dec. 30, 6:30-10:30 p.m. The Beu Sisters play New Year's Eve from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, at 101 Flagler Ave., New Smyrna Beach. Dinner reservations required, For more information, call (386) 428-1865.

· Jason's Corner: Standards with Ron Gilotti and Jim Bryer will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m, Friday, Dec. 22, at 135 Canal St., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 424-9878.

• Lagerheads Bar & Grill: Upcoming performers are; Reuben Morgan, Friday, Dec. 22; Don Hill, Sunday, Dec. 24; Eddie Wolford, Monday, Tuesday Dec.

26; Reuben Morgan, Wednesday, Dec. 27; and Don Hill, Thursday, Dec. 28. Weather permitting, live music is at 2986 Ocean Shore Blvd., Ormond-bythe-Sea. For more information, call (386) 265-1977.

• Louie's Pizza House: Karaoke with TNT from 5:30-9 p.m. every Friday and Saturday at 1347 Beville Road, South Daytona. For more information, call (386) 788-6172.

• Merk's Bar & Grill: On Tuesday, there is Texas hold 'em: Wednesday is trivia challenge night and Thursday night is karaoke, all at 7:30 p.m. There is live acoustic guitar music at 7:30 p.m. Fridays at 193 North Causeway, New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 427-1177 or visit merksbarandgrill.com.

• Mr. Dunderbak's: Sponsors a monthly beer tasting. Cost is \$12 per person. Seating is limited to the first 70 prepaid reservations. If interested, call (386) 258-1600 to reserve a spot at 1700 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach.

• Mulligan's Family Sports Grille: Karaoke with Just George will be 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 22. The evening will include toy drive culmination for local underprivileged children with Ugly Sweater contest. Rock Star Karaoke will be at 9 p.m. Saturday. Closed Christmas Day. Eddie Uzzle will perform rock oldies at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Open mike hosted by Linda Janisse of String Shine at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Karaoke with Just George is 9 p.m. Thursday at 3830 S. Nova, Port Orange. For more information, call (386) 788-3268.

 Norwood's Restaurant and Wine Shop: Free wine tastings are from 5-7 p.m. each Friday on the deck and Saturday in the shop with complimentary cheeses at 400 Second Ave., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 428-4621.

 Ocean Deck: Morning Buzz plays at 9:30 p.m. Mondays. Orange Avenue plays at 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Caribbean Posse performs from 9:30 p.m.-2 a.m. Thursday through Sunday. Robert Keele plays acoustic guitar from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesdays. Tom Redmond performs classic rock from 5-8 p.m. Fridavs. Karaoke with Stormin' Norman is from 4-8 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday, at 127 S. Ocean Ave., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 253-5224 or visit oceandeck.com.

• Ohana Luau Dinner Show: This dinner show spectacular and family-style feast will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The show has a 6:30 p.m. seating, dinner at 7:15 p.m. and show at 7:30 p.m., at the Hawaiian Inn, 2301 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores. For more information. call (386) 255-5411, Ext. 186, or visit myohanaluau.com.

• Ormond Brewing Co.: Craft beer tastings are 4 to 11 p.m. Thursday and Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday. Live music and food are featured Friday evenings at 301 Division Ave., Unit 15, Ormond Beach. For more information call (386) 256-3904

 Peanuts Restaurant & Sports Bar: Wednesday is open mike night and ladies night starting at 8 p.m. Thursday the Pirates perform at 8 p.m. at 421 Flagler Ave., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 423-1469.

• The Smokehouse Saloon: Rockin' Blues Jam is from 2-6 p.m. Sunday. Chance and the Blues Daddies perform at 144 S. Ridgewood Ave., Holly Hill. For information, call (386) 265-5998

Stonewood Grill and Tavern:

Mark Venneri will perform from 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 2150 LPGA Blvd., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 317-0097.

• Tiano's Italian Restaurant: Mark Venneri from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, at 1000 Wayne Ave., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 423-0330.

• 31 Supper Club: Mark Venneri will perform from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, at 31 W. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach. For more information, call (386) 275-1625.



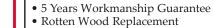
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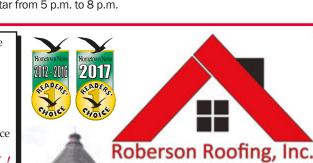
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Photo courtesy of Daytona International Speedway Toby Keith, is set for the third annual Country 500 The Great American Music Fest at Daytona, to be held May 25-27, organizers announced recently.

Music festival names more performers

For Hometown News newsdy@hometownnewsol.com

Toby Keith, Chris Stapleton, Dierks Bentley, Billy Currington, Tyler Farr, Randy Houser, Midland, A Thousand Horses, 38 Special, Frankie Ballard, Colt Ford, David Nail, Craig Campbell, Michael Ray, Runaway June, High Valley and DJ Dirty are set for the third annual Country 500, The Great American Music Fest at Daytona, May 25-27.

Daytona International Speedway, the "World Center of Racing," will again become the World Center of Entertainment over Memorial Day weekend. Country 500 attracted 75,000 country music loving fans from across North America for last year's celebration.

Three-day weekend passes, VIP packages, camping and travel packages are on sale now at Country500.com. The special early-bird pricing (\$185) for three-day weekend general admission passes available now through Jan. 23. In addition, guests that purchase their Country 500 tickpower hookups.

Country 500 also offers travel packages, including hotel accommodations, roundtrip transportation to the festival grounds and official T-shirts plus festival admission.

For more information, VIP benefits, camping, festival details and flexible payment plan options, call (844) 500-FEST or visit Country500. com.

Dining & Entertainment

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reserved seating in front of the stage and a chair. General admission tickets are free.

The Sand Sculpture Trail, featuring the award-winning artwork of Grand Master Sculptor Suzanne Altamare, is also open until Dec. 31. Visitors will be invited to use a map for business locations where Ms. Altamare's holiday sand artwork will be from noon to 6 p.m. The trail will be at the Bandshell, the Ocean Walk Shoppes and Movies, Joyland Amusements and other locations. The trail tour is free.

The Bandshell also is a drop-off location for Big Ds Rock The Cradle Toy Drive. Last donations will be collected at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22. A December to Remember

schedule at the Bandshell:

Saturday, Dec. 23:

•Noon, Seaside Gift Market opens

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Capricorn, although the digital age has taken over, this week you might be ready to unplug for a while. Stock up on some books that can fuel your imagination.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Lend an ear to someone

•3 to 6 p.m., Santa Photo Jason Aldean Tribute Spot

•1 to 5 p.m., inflatables •2 to 6 p.m., remote control

cars •2 to 5 p.m., "BigDs Rock

The Cradle Toy Drive" giveaway

•3 p.m., Holiday music

•4 p.m., Santa Paws registration and photos with Santa (until 7 p.m.)

•4 to 8 p.m., trackless train •5 p.m., Santa Paws Parade/ Walk

•5:45 p.m., Santa Paws door prizes and awards

•6 p.m., Earl Harris •7 p.m., Caribbean Chillers,

Jimmy Buffett Tribute •8:30 p.m. fireworks

Friday, Dec. 29:

•Noon Seaside Gift Market opens

•1 to 5 p.m., inflatables •2 to 6 p.m., remote control cars

•3 p.m., Holiday music 4 to 8 p.m., Trackless Train •6 p.m., Gabby Barrett •7 p.m., Ultimate Aldean,

who has to get a few things off of his or her chest, Aquarius. You do not have to offer solutions. Just being there will be assistance enough.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Don't leave any stone unturned when seeking a solution this week, Pisces. The least expected avenue may be the right one.

Saturday, Dec. 30:

•Noon, Seaside Gift Market

opens

•1 to 5 p.m., inflatables •2 to 6 p.m., remote control cars

•3 p.m. Holiday music •4 to 8 p.m. trackless train •6 p.m., Tad Jennings •7 p.m., Cowboy, Kid Rock

Tribute •8:30 p.m., fireworks

Sunday, Dec. 31:

•Noon, Seaside Gift Market

•1 to 5 p.m., inflatables •3 p.m. Holiday music •4 to 8 p.m., trackless train •4 to 5 p.m., Tinfoil Hat contest •7:30 p.m., Clayton Sturgeon

•2 to 6 p.m., remote control

opens

cars

•7:30 p.m., party favor distribution

•8:30 to 10 p.m, Jaded, Aerosmith Tribute •10 p.m., family fireworks

•Midnight, fireworks Dates, times and entertainment subject to change.

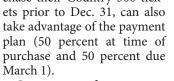
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Choo, choo!



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Pamela Wilkins of the Democratic Womens Club of Volusia County waves to the crowd during the annual Port Orange Christmas Parade along Dunlawton Avenue on Sunday, Dec. 3.







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Cooking for Christmas and feeling the spirit

Ywas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring except me, the chef of the house.

Everyone else was in bed after celebrating the coming event, drinking lots of eggnog and cheer. In homes everywhere, the cook of the house is preparing and getting things ready for that great Christmas meal.

As children, we couldn't stand going to bed early, waiting for Santa to come. Then we all grew up and started our own families and began creating holiday traditions. As I got older and the children became adults, the excitement of cooking was not the same for me. Special days with the grand kids were fun, but many times it wasn't at Christmas.

One holiday I was driving by a local shelter that had a sign out front asking for help to serve the holiday meal they were planning. I stopped in and met with the director. He told me they were short of kitchen staff and could I help cook. I asked what was on the menu.

They needed to cook six 25- pound turkeys, make cornbread dressing, mash potatoes and green beans for around 150 people. I finally told him who I was and that if he could let me in early in the morning the day of the holiday, I would cook the food and have it ready in his



CHEF COSTA'S COOKING CORNER COSTA MAGOULAS

warmers that morning. I know that sounds like a lot

of food to prepare, but that is a typical day in a restaurant for a chef. I asked that his people peel the potatoes and have them in water ready to cook. I would take care of the rest.

I showed up at 2 a.m. and started preparing the meal. At 7 a.m., everything was ready. All they had to do was slice the turkey and serve.

I came home and started cooking breakfast for my small family; no one was up early since there were no small children running around. It was quiet and I found I was full of the Christmas holidays spirit.

The giving of yourself to others; it reminded me why I became a chef in the first place. We, as chefs, share every day. We prepare food that is safe, pleasing to the palate, and we get our joy and fulfillment from seeing the satisfaction on the faces of others. You know what I mean. When you prepare a meal and everyone is happy, it makes you happy. Try volunteering at your

local church or food bank and be ready to be touched by the holiday spirit. It will change your life and recharge it.

Here is a recipe for the best eggnog ever to also lift your spirits. I suggest you only make it once a year. It has enough fat and cholesterol to last that long, but tastes so very good.

EGGNOG

Ingredients 10 egg yolks

10 ounces granulated sugar 1 quart half and half cream

2 tablespoons pure vanilla extracts (or one vanilla bean split)

1 cup spirits of your choice, I like Eagle Rare Bourbon

Directions

•Combine the egg yolks and sugar in a mixing bowl whip until light and fluffy.

•In a pot, bring the half and half to the scaling point with vanilla or bean. Do not burn.

•Gradually add the hot cream to the egg mixture while stirring rapidly.

•Place the mixture pot over a simmering pot of water and heat slowly stirring constantly until it starts to thicken. Remove from heat-don't overcook or it will curdle. Place in refrigerator to cool.

•When cooled, add two tablespoons heavy cream for more richness and add 1 cup of your favorite spirits.

•Top with nutmeg or cinnamon before serving.

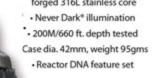
Costa Magoulas is dean of the Mori Hosseini College of Hospitality and Culinary Management at Daytona State College. Contact him at (386) 506-3578 or magoulc@ daytonastate.edu.

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call (386) 256-2160, (386) 214-3890 or visit happywanderersfl.org.

Upcoming Events

• Dawn of Daytona: Bellywood Studios is hosting a New Year's Eve celebration Sunday, Dec. 31, at the Ocean Center, 101 N.





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Christa Murphy prepares to lead a group through the gate as she is stopped by Roman guards during the Walk through Bethlehem at CrossRoads Church at Big Tree Road and Clyde Morris Boulevard in Daytona Beach on Saturday, Dec. 9. The free event runs Dec. 15-17 between 6-9 p.m.

Poetry and music at Thank You Five

Creative Happiness Institute and Thank You Five Theater have scheduled the New Year a day early with an evening featuring a band, comedy, poetry and slam from 7 to 10 p.m., Saturday, Dec, 30, in Unit 2N at 4606 Clyde Morris

Blvd. in Port Orange. Singer Emily Snodgrass will entertain with John Collins on guitar and Keith McGrane on drums.

Dr. David B. Axelrod, Volusia Poet Laureate, will play both parts — Father Old Year and Baby New Year, hosting an open mike for singers, comedians, poetry and slam.

Art Notes

A \$50 prize will be given for the best performance.

Admission is \$5. Refreshments are available. The event is made possible in part by funding from the Volusia County Cultural Council.

For more information on the event, email axelrod@creativehappiness.org, or call (386) 337-4567. To contact the theatre, call (386) 295-5699.

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• Walk: AVA Happy Wanderers will host a walk at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, at Riverwalk Park, 3431 S. Ridgewood Ave. Port Orange. The cost is \$3. For more information, call (386) 256-2160, (386) 214-3890 or visit happywanderersfl.org.

• Main Street Block Party: The 12th annual Politis & Matovina Law Firm New Year's Eve on Main Street Party will start at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, from A1A to Peninsula Drive. This section of the street will be pedestrian only. There is no admission charge and the celebration features six stages of entertainment, street performers, drink specials and lots of tasty food choices. A fireworks display over the Atlantic Ocean and the live New Year's Eve Ball Drop Ceremony at midnight top off the celebration. The Ball Drop Ceremony will be at the corner of Main and Wild Olive.

For more information, visit newyearseveonmainstreet.com. Volusia County Home and

Garden Show: The seventh annual show will be Friday, Jan. 5, through Sunday, Jan. 7, at the Ocean Center, 101 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach.

The show features hundreds of vendors with the latest in home renovation, décor, and remodeling products and services. Other event highlights include a children's zone, raffles, giveaways, contests and tutorials.

Celebrity guest author and public speaker Boyce Thompson will have several presentations during the weekend. Mr. Thompson curates a Life-Changing Products exhibit that appeared at 10 of the largest American home shows in 2017.

Hours of the Home Show are 2 to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, and and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7. For tickets and more information, visit volusiacountyhomeandgardenshow.

• Daytona Playhouse: "The Ladies Man" will be performed select nights Jan. 5-14 at 100 Jessamine Blvd., Daytona Beach. In Paris, the recently married Dr. Hercule Molineaux tells "one, tiny, little, hardly noticeable lie" to cover an innocent, but embarrassing indiscretion. From

that single untruth tumbles a cascade of convoluted deceptions, misunderstandings and mistaken identities. A hilarious zany and charming farce. For ticket information, call (386) 255-2431 or visit daytonaplayhouse.org.

• Ron White: Comedian Ron White will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 at Peabody Auditorium, 600 Auditorium Blvd., Daytona Beach. Ron "Tater Salad" White first rose to fame as the cigar-smoking, scotch-drinking funnyman from the Blue Collar Comedy Tour. But now as a chart-topping Grammy-nominated comedian and a feature film actor, he has established himself as a star in his own right.

For tickets or more information, visit peabodyauditorium. org.

• Athens Theatre: Artists for MS presents a Tribute to Led Zeppelin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at 124 N. Florida Ave., DeLand.

Tickets are \$30 preferred reserved seating or \$25 general reserved seating, plus taxes and surcharges.

For more information, visit athensdeland.com. • Shoestring Theatre: "The

Cemetery Club" will be performed select nights Jan. 4-14, at 380 S, Goodwin St, Lake Helen.

Three Jewish widows meet once a month for tea before going to visit their husband's graves. Ida is sweet tempered and ready to begin a new life, Lucille is a feisty embodiment of the girl who just wants to have fun, and Doris is priggish and judgmental, particularly when Sam the butcher enters the scene. He meets the widows while visiting his wife's grave. Doris and Lucille squash the budding romance between Sam and Ida. They are guilt stricken when this nearly breaks Ida's heart. Funny, touching, emotional trio will bring tears of joy! Tickets are \$18 for adults. \$15 for seniors and \$10 for students.

For more information, visit shoestringtheatre.com or call (386) 228-3777.

• Rat Pack - Together Again: TS Productions presents this concert, starring Tony Sands as Frank Sinatra, Johnny Petillo as Dean Martin and Geno Clark as Sammy Davis Jr. at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, 399 N. U.S. 1. Tickets are \$25. For more information, call (386) 676-3375.

• Concert: Country singer Clay Walker will perform at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Peabody, 600 Auditorium Blvd., Daytona Beach. Mr.Walker first topped the Billboard country singles chart in 1993 with "What's It to You" and followed with his second consecutive No. 1 hit "Live Until You Die." Tickets are \$23, \$33, \$33 plus applicable charges. For tickets, call the Peabody box office will be (800) 982-ARTS, or visit PeabodyDaytona.com.

• Little Theatre of New Smyrna Beach: "Moon Over Buffalo." The madcap comedy by Ken Ludwig will be performed selected nights from Jan. 12-26 at 726 E. Third

St., New Smyrna Beach. The play centers on George and Charlotte Hay, fading stars of the 1950s who are playing Private Lives and Cyrano De Bergerac in rep in Buffalo. On the brink of a disastrous split-up caused by George's dalliance with a young ingénue, they receive word that they might just have one last shot at stardom: Frank Capra is coming to town to see their matinee, and if he likes what he sees, he might cast them in his latest movie.

For more information, call (386) 423-1246 or visit nsbplayers.org.

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Gold Star Ballroom

Every Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. is ballroom dance practice. The cost is \$5. Wednesday is group ball-

room dance from 7 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$8.

Thursdays is Bolero lessons. The basic lesson starts

at 7 p.m. The intermediate lesson starts at 8:15 p.m. The cost is \$10 for both classes.

Dance

A semi-formal New Year's Eve dinner and dance will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31. The cost is \$65.

Swing in the New Year with the dance only from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Dec. 31. The cost

of the dance only is \$25. For a reservation, call (386) 315-4258.

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Ongoing Events

(Editor's Note: Some events or activities may be canceled because of the Christmas holidav)

 25 percent solution to save our cities: This group will demonstrate from 4 to 5 p.m. each Tuesday outside the Port Orange Regional Library, 1005 City Center Circle. For more information, email paf1222@bellsouth. net.

 All Aboard Flea & Farmers Market: The market is open from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday to Sunday at 5005 S. Ridgewood Ave. Port Orange, rain or shine. Free admission and free parking. More than 120 vendors. For more information and reservations, call (386) 523-3579 or

 American Legion Post 17: Breakfast is served from 8 to 11 a.m. every Sunday. Spaghetti, salad and garlic bread are served from 4:30-6:30 p.m. each Thursday at 619 Canal St., New Smyrna Beach.

post offers bar bingo at 6:30 p.m. Monday with burgers and fries. Tuesday is taco night. The first and third Wednesdays feature chicken wings and barbecue ribs, and Fridays are dinner, dancing and karaoke. Danny's famous fish fry is on the second Friday at 461 Walker St., Holly Hill. For more information and dinner times, call the post at (386) 258-5275.

 American Legion Post No. 267: Bingo is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 156 New Britain, Ormond Beach. Free bingo card for a food donation. Jammin' at the Legion is 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Regular menu

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 American Legion Post 270: Each Monday is taco night from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday wings are served from 5-7 p.m. Fish and shrimp dinner is 5-7 p.m. every Friday for \$8. Saturday night's dinner is served from 5-7 p.m. Menu varies. The post is at 119 Howes St., Port Orange. For more information, call (386) 788-6800.

 American Legion Post 285: Baked Italian Ziti dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22. Made by the auxiliary, the meal will include garlic bread, salad and dessert. The cost is \$8. The public may attend. Net proceeds will help people in the Florida Keys who suffered from hurricane Irma. Entertainment by Paul Mitchum includes karaoke. Breakfast for \$6 is 8:30-10:30 a.m. Saturdays. A car show is the third Saturday of the month. Friday night dinners start at 5 p.m. with entertainment by Paul Mitchum. Thursday Karaoke is with Jim and Doris. Subs will be served at 5 p.m. Bingo is at 2 p.m. Sunday and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Net proceeds benefit the local community and public may attend. Smoke free hall available for rent is at 4497 S. U.S. 1, Edgewater. For more information, call (386) 210-4926

• American Legion Post 361: The post is open from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday to Saturday and noon-10 p.m. Sunday. There is karaoke from 7-11 p.m. Monday and Friday nights. Wednesday is dart night. Thursday is Wii bowling to benefit homeless veterans at 6:30 p.m. Potluck lunch is noon to 1:30 p.m. seven days a week at 2648 S. Ridgewood Ave., South Daytona. For more information, call (386) 760-3887.

• AMVETS 911: The post serves dinner Wednesday and Friday



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Nick Rossi, 5, of Port Orange colors with his cousin, Christina DeSimone, 11, of New Smyrna Beach during the Family Festival of Trees at the Museum of Arts & Sciences in Daytona Beach on Saturday, Dec. 9.

nights and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday at 5624 Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange. For more information, call (386) 788-1014.

• Aqua Park: Opening hours are 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Each third Saturday will be buy one, get one free on admission. The volunteer-run community pool at 600 Eaton Road in Edgewater has open swimming and water aerobics classes available to the public every weekday. For more information, visit aquaparkswimclub.com.

• The Casements: The former Riverside Drive, Ormond Beach. For more information, call (386) 676-3216 or visit thecasements.

• Coronado/Mainland Shuffleboard Club: Games are at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday year-round. Cost is \$20 a year and includes lessons. Cribbage is played at 7 p.m. Mondays. The courts are on the corner of

Flagler Avenue and Pine Street. For more information, call (386) 426-1289 or visit cmshuffleboard.org. Cracker Creek & Gamble Place:

Tours are every Friday and Saturday. The Pirate Cruise is now available for themed birthday parties and group reservations at 1795 Taylor Road, Port Orange. Minimum of 10 people to schedule. Cost is \$10 for an adult, \$8 for senior adult or child. For more information contact (386) 304-0778 or visit crackercreek.com.

 Daytona Beach Shores Community Center: Kumihimo Style Braiding/Beading classes with Donna Shamlaty are from 1-3 p.m. the second and fourth Fridavs of each month. Fee is \$50 for two classes. Free

acoustic music jam is from 6-8 p.m each Thursday. Guitar Lessons with Michael Williams are from 6-8 p.m. each Wednesday, The cost is \$8, including use of a loaner instrument. Polymer Clay Class with Joan Clipp is 1-3 p.m. the third Saturday of each month. The fee is \$25 and includes all supplies. Bunco is played from 5:30-8 p.m. each Wednesday. Members \$4 non-members \$5. Samba Card game, a form of Canasta, is played 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. Members free, non-members \$1. Free Intro to Pickleball is offered at 9 a.m. each Monday at McElroy Park. Equipment provided. Wear tennis shoes. The Community Center, Senior Center and park are at 3048 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores. Advanced registration is required for any event with a cost. To register or for more information call (386) 763-7598

 Disabled American Veterans Chapter 84 of Greater Daytona: The chapter holds a Wednesday See OUT, page B7



winter home of John D. Rockefeller is owned by the City of Ormond Beach and serves as a civic and cultural center. The home is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. The Casements will be closed for a private event on Saturday, Sept. 2. The historic property is at 25

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Clayton Proctor of South Daytona works the Candle Shoppe during the Walk through Bethlehem at CrossRoads Church at Big Tree Road and Clyde Morris Boulevard in Daytona Beach on Saturday, Dec. 9. The free event runs Dec. 15-17 between 6-9 p.m.

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night bingo session at its chapter hall at 605 Eighth St. in Holly Hill. The Early Bird begins at 6:30 p.m. with the regular games starting at 7:15 p.m. There will be free hot coffee and doughnuts. *For more information, call* (386) 252-4551.

• Eagles Aerie 4469: Sunday breakfast, open to the public, is from 8-11 a.m.. Cost is \$6. Dinner Monday to Saturday with nightly specials. Thursday is Mexican night. Live bands Friday and Saturday nights. Monday learn line dancing starts at noon. One Eyed Jack drawing is at 6:30 p.m. Monday. Bingo is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Karaoke with Mike Leone is from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. NFL games are shown Sunday with an open mike from 4 to 8 p.m., hosted by Audrey. For more information call (386) 767-3331

• Eagles Aerie 4242: Sunday

breakfast is 10 a.m. to noon. Mondays and Tuesdays lunch is \$3 at 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays Philly cheese steaks and burger platters are served 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday is Mexican night from 4 to 7 p.m. Fridays from 4-5 p.m. is chair pool; dinners begin at 5 p.m. Saturday wings & things are served 4 to 7 p.m. Darts are at 6:30 p.m. Mondays. Karaoke is 6 to 10 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday. Quarters up bingo is at 7 p.m. Thursdays. Meat Shoot is 3 to 5 p.m. Saturdays at 132 W. Park Ave., Edgewater. For more information call (386) 427-9944

• Elks Lodge 1557: Sunday Bingo is at noon. Open for lunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Hand, Knee and Foot card game is 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesdays. Happy Hour is 5-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Darts are 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Spaghetti Dinner for \$7 5-7 p.m. Tuesdays. Buffet dinner for \$12 for members/\$14 for non-members is 5-7 p.m. Fridays. Karaoke is 7 to 10 p.m. Saturdays. Breakfast for \$6.50 is first Sunday of the month. Potluck Fun Bingo is last Wednesday of the month. The lodge is at 820 W. Park Ave., Edgewater. For more information, call (386) 427-2512.

• Edgewater Fire-Rescue Bingo: Games begin at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at the Fire-Rescue Association Fire Hall, 2616 Hibiscus Drive. Two games have \$100 jackpots. Snacks and soft drinks are available to buy. All proceeds benefit the association's causes. For information, call (386) 424-2445.

• Lilian Place 1884 Museum: Grounds open daily for use and self guided tours from 1-5 p.m. each day at 1000 S. Peninsula Drive, Daytona Beach. Closed Tuesdays. Rent Hotchkiss Cultural Site and Lilian Place grounds for private events. For more information, call (386) 256-4810.

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Religion News

Church offers free outdoor movies

Covenant United Methodist Church will host free movies under the stars in December at 3701 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., Port Orange.

"Elf" and "It's a Charlie Brown Christmas" will be shown at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22.

Concession stand will be available. Movies will be inside during inclement weather.

For more information, call (386) 767-8544.

Christmas Eve services

Covenant United Methodist Church will have three services on Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24, at 3701 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., Port Orange.

The Contemporary Worship Service is at 9:30 a.m.

center, a local nonprofit

Two-hour tours are led by

dedicated to teaching the public about the Indian River Lagoon,

offers boat and kayak tours daily.

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marine species along the way.

• Marine Corps League: The

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ment No. 658 meets at 6 p.m.

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• New Smyrna Beach Farmer's

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Evening Candlelight Services are at 4 p.m., which include a children's hand bell performance and at 8 p.m. with Christmas Carols.

For more information, visit jesusatcovenant.org.

Christmas Eve service

Daytona Beach Drive in Christian Church will host a Christmas Eve service at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, at 3140 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores.

Music will start at 7 p.m. For more information, call (386) 767-8761 or visit driveinchurch.net.

Candlelight service

Port Orange United Church of Christ will host a candlelight service with choir and praise team at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, at 651 Taylor Road.

For more information, call

(286) 788-0920.

Christmas Eve service

Grace Episcopal Church will host a Christmas Eve Family Service at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, at 4110 S. Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange.

A Christmas Day service in the chapel will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 25.

For more information, call (386) 767-3583.

GriefShare Support Group to meet

A GriefShare Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at Covenant United Methodist Church, 3701 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., Port Orange.

The public may attend. For more information, call (386) 767-8544.



1 Day Kitchen and Bath Transformations



For a perfect plant, try a Bougainvillea

nce the holidays are over, you may be looking for a plant that is easy to take care of and looks great almost all year.

You need to look no further. That perfect plant is the Bougainvillea, one of my favorite plants to use for adding a tropical flare to my gardens. They are colorful and surprising easy to take of. The Bougainvillea is by far one of the most popular and widely grown tropical vines in existence today. Even if they are tinged by one of Florida's cold snaps, they almost always bounce back with new growth and blazing color!

Bougainvilleas are native plants of Brazil. Philibert Commerson first discovered the plant in the 1760s. Mr. Philibert named this colorful new discovery after his best friend, Louis A. de Bougainville, who was a noted lawyer and explorer from Canada.

The plant boasts spiny cascading stems that have colorful bracts of red, orange, purple or white hanging from their tips. It is important to note the colors you see are not the actual flowers. The flowers are very small and often hidden within the clusters of color. The color you see is actually the leaves (bracts) of the plant. Their color originates in a way similar to the poinsettia plant.

Bougainvillea will thrive in almost any tropical environment and soil type. The plant will do best if it is placed in an area that is well drained and standing water is not a



major issue. These plants will do well during our normal dry season with only minimal watering. Standing water is a Bougainvillea's worst enemy. The water will cause the plant to rapidly loose its leaves. The appearance is almost the same as a plant that has been allowed to dry out for an extended period of time.

If Florida has a cold snap or a freeze advisory, it is a good idea to cover and protect your plants when these warnings are issued. If damage to your plant does exist, be sure to save your pruning of damaged branches until all frost and freeze warnings are over for the season. A good time to start your pruning is in March.

Bougainvillea plants are versatile in where and how you use them. They can be planted in the ground or proudly displayed in containers. Keep in mind the same rule applies for container plants as those planted in the ground. You must not allow the plants to sit in standing water. Container plants will require more frequent watering then those planted in the earth. Do not let your container plants dry out for an extended period of time or the plant will begin to have a wilted appearance and begin to drop its leaves. Although Bougainvillea is hardy at most temperatures, if plants are young, you may experience some damage from freezing temperatures or frost on the new growth. Bougainvillea plants will

thrive best in a bright sunny location and will grow where many other plants would just cringe from the heat and sun. That is why they are so popular at many of Florida's theme parks and zoos.

Although Bougainvillea are relatively pest free, there are a few things you need to watch out for. Caterpillars, mites or aphids can sometimes invade them. You can also expect to see leaf spot if the foliage stays too wet for an extended period of time. This is very similar to what happens to Roses.

The uses of the Bougainvillea plant are almost endless. You can use them in hanging baskets, one or three gallon containers, trained as a tree, grown on a trellis, trimmed as a hedge and can even be used as a summer annual in the northern states.

I almost forgot to mention, be sure to buy a good pair of garden gloves as the spines of the Bougainvillea can be sharp so take care when handling and pruning.

Joe Zelenak has more than 30 years experience in gardening and landscape. Send emails to hometowngarden@gmail.com or visit his website hometowngarden. com.



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Never forget



Randy Barber/staff photographer

Holden Margheim, 16, of DeBary carries the Air Force Wreath with Veteran James Csabi of Port Orange to the Veterans Memorial Monument during the Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Edgewater/New Smyrna Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 16.

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Loop, 120 Sams Ave., New Smyrna Beach, the museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday to Saturday. Admission is free. For more information, call (386) 478-0052.

• Ormond Beach Farmers Market: The farmers market is open each Thursday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 22 S. Beach St., Ormond Beach. For more information, visit ormondbeachmainstreet.

com. • Ormond Beach Historical Society Welcome Center and Museum: The "Gateway to the Ormond Scenic Loop" features historical photographs, a 20-minute DVD and interpretive panels. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free at 38 E. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach. For more information, call (386) 676-7005 or visit ormondhistory.

org. COA Ormond Beach Senior Center: Weekly activities at 351 Andrews St. include bingo, noon to 3 p.m., Fridays; Bunco on second, fourth and fifth Mondays; Samba Cards, first and third Mondays; Duplicate Bridge Club, 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; Mah Jongg, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays; acrylics painting class, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Mondays; watercolor painting class, 9 a.m. to noon Fridays: A watercolor and acrylics painting class meets from 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays. Ellen Rosenberg is the instructor. The cost is \$10. Participants should bring their own supplies. For more information, call (386) 672-4146 or (386) 676-1363. • Peninsula Women's Club: The club hosts an afternoon of bridge and canasta on Thursdays. Social hour begins at 11

a.m.; lunch is served at noon. Cards start after lunch. New members welcome. For more information or lunch reservation, call (386) 767-3297 by Monday noon.

• Piggotte Community Center: The Community Stitching Circle meets from 10 a.m. to noon each Friday. The Backgammon Play is from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday. No cost. Participants may bring snacks. Cards and game playing is from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. each Monday and Thursday. There is no cost. The center is at 504 Big Tree Road, South Daytona. For more information, call (386) 322-3070.

• Planetarium: The Museum of Arts and Sciences Planetarium is open Tuesday through Sunday with hourly shows. The shows are "Galileo: The Power of the Telescope," "The Little Star That Could," "Back to the Moon for Good," "The Sky Tonight," "Flight Through the Universe and Laser Mania." Museum admission is \$12.95 adults; \$6.95 children 6-17; \$10.95 seniors and students; members and children 5 and under are free Admission includes one show. Additional shows are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 17 and under. Parking is free. MOAS is at 352 S. Nova Road, Daytona Beach. For show times, call (386) 255-0285 or visit moas.org. • Port Orange Elks Lodge No.

• Port Urange Elks Lodge No. 2723: Monday Table Shuffleboard Games are at 6 p.m. Blind Draw. Wednesday Bar Bingo is at 6:15 p.m. Bingo Fridays is at 11 a.m. Free hot dogs to all players. Three Jackpots/packages starting at \$10. All proceeds benefit Elks charities. Wing Night Thursdays are 5-8 p.m. Raffles will benefit Elks Charities. Banquet hall is available for rental. For information call (386) 767-8572. makes blankets for sick children, meets from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at St Paul's Episcopal Church, 1650 Live Oak St., New Smyrna Beach, and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. the third Friday of each month at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 600 N. Nova Road, Ormond Beach. For more information, call (386) 405-0005 or email Volusia.FL@ProjectLinus.net.

• Scrabble Club: The Port Orange Regional Library hosts the club at 10 a.m. each Monday at 1005 City Center Circle. For more information, call (386) 322-5152, Ext. 2.

• Toastmasters: This group meets at 6 p.m. Mondays at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Business Building, Room 268, in Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 236-8969.

• Veterans and Business Men's Club: Luncheon meeting at noon each Tuesday, at the Palmetto Club, 1000 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach. It features camaraderie and speakers on topics of interest to veterans and business people. All veterans are welcome. For more information, call (386) 761-1197.

• VFW Post 4250: "The Little V" offers Friday dinners with all the fixin's from 5:30 to 7 p.m. with live music at 7 p.m. Also, Wednesday night darts and Saturday night karaoke from 7-11 p.m. A corn hole tournament at 4 p.m. each Saturday. Food is available. The post is at 2350 Sunset Drive, New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 423-1789 or visit vfwpost4250.com.





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Sports



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Ready, set, go



Randy Barber/staff photographer

Greg McNair of Port Orange begins his run during the second annual Chuck Strasser Memorial Candy Cane 5K at Destination Daytona in Ormond Beach on Saturday, Dec. 16.

Challenge Family will launch competition at DIS

For Hometown News newsdy@hometownnewsol.com

Challenge Family, Case Imagine and Daytona Interna-Speedway tional have announced the launch of Challenge Daytona, an international professional middle-distance triathlon at the track Dec. 7-9, 2018.

In a news conference, Challenge CEO Zibi Szlufcik, said, "Our aim has always been simple: To create a worldwide series of high-quality, fair and fun triathlon races, which offer an exceptional experience for all involved. Our decision to launch Challenge Daytona follows thousands of requests from professional and age-group athletes to have a U.S. Challenge Family event in our portfolio.

"Due to the well-document-

ed history that surrounds Challenge Family in North America, we would only return with a strong and unique race concept that is unlike any other in the world," Mr. Szlufcik said.

A previous attempt to present North American competitions failed and the Challenge Family has to pull funding from several sites.

The speedway will be the center of activity for both the middle-distance race as well as for support events, which include a pit-stop challenge, short-distance triathlon, corporate race, 5K run/walk and relay triathlon.

Lake Lloyd, inside the Speedway, will provide clear sight for spectators as athletes will complete one lap in the lake.

The flat and fast bike leg will Challenge-Daytona.com.

partly take place around the 3.56-mile circuit before leading triathletes outside the Speedway.

After transitioning in the race venue, athletes tackle the run course, which has been designed with spectators in mind.

Commenting at the news conference, Carlos Eduardo Arruda, CEO of Case Imagine said, "Our vision of the race is to not only create a world-class triathlon event for triathletes of all abilities, but to create a festival in every sense of the word. Following the racing, our team will throw a sensational Challenge Family-style festival complete with pasta party and an extraordinary awards ceremony."

Registration to enter Challenge Daytona opened Dec. 14. For more information, visit

Catch a fish, snap a picture!

henever I begin to receive correspondence from anglers asking where to catch fish, it is clear to me things have gotten tough.

Thankfully, most of the time I am able to offer some fairly reliable tips to the person who sends the email. I am always happy to relay my latest successes and to tell how and where I fished. Just as in my column, I always mention the bait, conditions and tide.

Lately I have had a rash of notes from folks looking for help. Unfortunately, this time we are all in the same boat. In the last couple weeks I have fished High Bridge three times, Mosquito Lagoon once, Tomoka Basin once and had a trip to the Tomoka River. I wasn't blanked on any of those six trips, but all told I only brought home two small trout and a small red. How many hundreds of casts did it take for me to land that paltry three? Oh sure, I did throw back several undersized fish, but, all-in-all, the action was poor. In Tomoka River, I fished five hours from my kayak with only two hits. I landed two 13-inch reds. Both of those came up looking just like goldfish because of the tannic stained water.



worth noting.

but sometime in the '80s things changed. Fishing magazines became much professional. With that in

catch anything. Of course I will write about any catches Lately you may have noticed that several of my columns have been instruc-

tional. I always try to set aside that type of column for the inevitable slow periods. I can tell you that if fishing does not pick up soon, I will run out of instructions. As I promised you when I began years ago I will not lie.

various fishing magazines, slicker and the photos more mind, I bought an expensive Canon camera, but that

happy submitting articles to

didn't help much at all. I would submit my stories but the rejection slip would come back that I needed better pictures. The magazines had surpassed my minimal photography skills causing me to get out of that business.

Since I have worked for this paper I have relied on my ability to paint a picture with words. Now the paper

Division III basketball tourney Dec. 28-30

Street Sports International will host the Land of Magic Division III Basketball Tournament Dec. 28-30 at the Ocean Center at 101 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach.

The tournament is one of the largest Division III basketball tournaments in the country. It features men's and women's teams, including Clark, Norwich and Wilkes universities and Ithaca, Brooklyn and Colby Sawyer colleges.

This event is open to the public.

For more information, visit streetsportsinternational. myshopify.com.

Sports Briefs Star Athlete



One reader wrote to say I should let him know if I do

Of course, with all my years of local fishing, I could write a story about any number of great trips I have had in the past. That would not be exactly truthful because if you read about catches from the 1980s you might believe it happened recently.

On a different note, I am sure you are all aware that I am no photographer. The lack of photos in my column will attest to that. I am not able to take staff photographer Randy Barber along on my fishing trips so I submit few pictures.

You know my poor work with a camera is one of the reasons I began writing this column. Years ago I was

would like to have more photos of your catches. If you have recent pics, send them to either me or the Hometown News via email (newsdy@hometownnewsol. com) and we may print them. Hopefully things will soon turn around and we will all begin catching once more. Until then enjoy the turkey, family and football.

Dan Smith has fished the waters of Volusia County for *more than 40 years. Email* questions and comments to fishwdan@att.net. His book, "I Swear the Snook Drowned," is available for purchase for \$10.95 at (386) 441-7793.

Top drivers qualify for Clash

NASCAR fans get a double-dose of racing action to open the 2018 season Sunday, Feb, 11, with The Advance Auto Parts Clash at Daytona International Speedway capping a day that starts with Daytona 500 Qualifying.

A star-studded lineup of elite drivers will battle in the 75-lap event which airs live on FS1, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio at 3 pm ET. The annual preseason race will be run in two segments, with a competition caution at lap 25 separating the segments.

Consistent with the eligibil-

The November 2017 Hometown News Athlete of the Month is Nicholas Passamonte. Nick is 16 years old and a junior at Spruce Creek High School. He was named most improved defensive player for the 2017 football season and was instrumental in helping Spruce Creek achieve its most successful football season in the school's history.

ity criteria used for last year's Clash field, there is no pre-determined number of cars. The exclusive field is limited to drivers who were 2017 pole award winners, former Clash race winners, former Daytona

500 pole winners, who competed full-time in 2017, and drivers who qualified for the Monster Energy 2017 NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs. Eligible drivers include the See SPORTS, page C2

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2017 Coors Light Pole Award winners Ryan Blaney, Kurt Busch, Kyle Busch, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chase Elliott, Denny Hamlin, Kevin Harvick, Erik Jones, Matt Kenseth, Brad Keselowski, Kyle Larson, Joey Logano, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Martin Truex Jr.

Former Daytona 500 Pole Award Winners Austin Dillon, Jimmie Johnson and Danica Patrick

2017 Playoff Drivers Kasey Kahne, Jamie McMurray and Ryan Newman.

Tickets for DIS races are at DaytonaInternationalSpeedway.com or call 1-800-PIT-SHOP.

Quarter midgets will race at DIS

The United States Auto Club, the most diversified sanctioning motorsports body in the world, announced its USAC .25 (quarter midgets) season-opening event will be at Daytona International Speedway Feb. 9-11.

This will be the first time the USAC .25 series has ever raced at DIS. A 1/20th of a mile long tri-oval racetrack will be temporarily constructed on a paved section inside DIS.

There are more than 42 USAC .25 clubs nationwide. Thousands of kids, ages 5-13, and their families participate in the USAC-sanctioned

Fitness

Chair yoga offered

Chair yoga is offered at the Piggotte Community Center from 10 to 11 a.m. each Tuesday and Thursday, at 504 Big Tree Road, South Daytona.

The class offers an opportunity to exercise in a low

quarter midget series. Some notable graduates of quarter midgets include Jeff Gordon, Joey Logano, Ryan Newman, Sarah Fisher and A.J. Foyt.

DIS offers a three-day Infield/Stadium/UNOH Fanzone ticket for Advance Auto Parts Weekend for \$85 (valid

impact manner while seated. The class is appropriate for seniors, wheelchair users and anyone with concerns about balance.

Each class is \$7 and participants may attend as much or as little as they like. For more information, call (386) 322-3070.

Friday, Feb. 9, to Sunday, Feb. 11). To buy, visit daytonainternationalspeedway.com or call 1-800-PITSHOP.

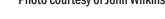
For more information about midget racing, contact Danielle Frye at (317) 247-5151 or danielle@usacracing.com

Catch of the week

Maura Wilkinson of Edgewater caught a red drum just south of Disappearing Island at Ponce Inlet. If you'd like to show off your Catch of the Week, send a .jpg format photo with your name, hometown and where you caught the fish to newsdy-@hometownnewsol.com.

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Remembering friends while enjoying a great course

s we near the holidays, many of us spend time with friends and family.

Some years there are new faces and some years there are missing faces. This past weekend, I played with an old friend from high school, Greg Smiley, and my best buddy, Dan Shube. Missing from our group was an old friend, David Gemberling.

David lost a short battle to cancer this summer. Like Greg, he was an old friend from high school. Some how, by pure luck or perhaps divine intervention, we wound up playing at Sebastian Municipal Golf Course, a course where David played many rounds with many of his friends over the years.

The day was beautiful. Nearly cloudless, with a temperature in the low 70s. GOLF JAMES STAMMER

Someone made sure we had a perfect day to play and remember old friends. I say friends in the plural because Dan and I also take a moment when we play to remember our late friend Mike Murphy.

Cancer is a terrible thing and I had hoped and prayed I would never have to deal with it in any form. Like nearly everyone else in this world, it would take someone, or several someones, from my life. My father-in-law, my old friend from high school and a man who was like a brother to me, all taken early because of cancer. While I do get emotional thinking about it, I do find the happy times we had to be a comfort and try to concentrate on those. Murphy once told me, "It isn't the quantity of days, but the quality of those days that matter."

Sebastian Municipal is a fun course and Dan, who never met David, soon saw why he liked playing there. Located next to the airport, you can spend your round watching skydivers take a plane to a height where the plane is a spec and then jump. Many of them laugh and shout as they come back to the airport via parachute. It looks like fun, and their enjoyment of the day echoed ours.

The course recently finished a complete renovation of the greens. They closed the course one nine at a time and rebuilt the complexes and put in the latest turf. I played just a few days before at PGA Village, and I have to tell you, the greens at Sebastian were every bit as good.

I found putts on the new greens roll very well and consistently, but don't break as much as you think. We were constantly burning the top edges or watching putts lip-out.

The par-72 course features four sets of tees, ranging in length from 5308 to 6715 yards, allowing every golfer to find a distance that suits his or her ability. The well appointed pro shop, practice facilities and the soon-to-reopen restaurant, are run by a fine staff that you'll find ready, willing and able to assist.

One thing I like about Sebastian is you have to think before teeing the ball up and letting it rip. The sixth hole exemplifies this requiring a soft draw around the corner to leave you the shortest approach shot. If you can't hit a draw, you'll need to play a shorter, more accurate tee shot or risk running out of fairway down the right side.

The short, par-4, eighth requires you to play well left to avoid water, play short off the tee or bomb one at the green. It's a great hole.

Shortly after we teed off, Greg pulled out a bottle of Jack Daniels, David's favorite drink. Playing as a threesome, Greg had the empty seat in his cart. It was saved for David on this day. He placed the bottle in the seat and announced David was playing with us and having a good round. It was a great touch.

The day was filled with some great shots, some poor shots, laughs, moments of emotion, and just good time with friends. We lose too many people close to us well before we are ready to say "goodbye."

I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah or just Happy Holidays. Take a moment the next time you have an extra one and remember the friends and family that you have lost. Remember them with warmth in your heart and a smile on your face for it was the quality of the days you shared together, not the quantity, that matters the most.

James Stammer has been an avid golfer and golf enthusiast for nearly 40 years. He hosts the Thursday Night Golf Show on WSTU 1450-AM. Contact him at stammergolf@yahoo. com.



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Health Notes

Opiate problem worsening

Narconon reminds families the opiate problem is continuing to get worse and is now considered a "syndemic."

More than ever communities need to educate parents and their children about the dangers of opiates.

To learn more about the nation's crisis, visit narconon-suncoast.org/blog/ opioid-crisis-now-considered-a-syndemic.html.

Narconon can help take steps to overcome addiction. For more information, call (877) 841-5509 for free screenings or referrals.

Support groups for combat veterans and families

The Daytona Beach Counseling Center offers free weekly support groups for combat veterans and their families.

There are two groups meeting at the same time and location, one for veterans and one for family members.

The meetings are from 6 to 7:30 p.m. each Thursday at 215 S. Palmetto Ave., Daytona Beach.

The groups are overseen by veteran David Shoots with the assistance of Ellan Mayfield and are open to veterans from all branches of the military.

For more information, call (386) 361-8475.

Food Addicts in **Recovery Anonymous**

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous, a free 12-step recovery program for food obsession, overeating, bulimia, has six meetings, Monday through Saturday, in Volusia County.

For more information, call

ACROSS



Randy Barber/staff photographer Gabriel Clark, 4, of Port Orange shows off a piece of snow he collected during the annual Halifax Health Winter Wonder Day at The Pavilion at Port Orange on Thursday, Dec. 14.

(386) 256-7489 or visit foo-(386) 425-3100. daddicts.org.

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Blvd., Suite A, Daytona

For more information, call

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Mental health group Pre-op joint class

Recovery International A pre-op joint education self-help mental disorder class by Halifax Health Cengroup meets at 1 p.m. each ter for Orthopedics will take Thursday at the Daytona place from 10 to 11 a.m. each Beach Regional Library, 105 Monday and Friday at France E. Magnolia Ave. The public may attend. For Tower, sixth floor, 303 N.

more information, call (386) 872-6443.

Parenting group

A parenting group meets from 6 to 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Halifax Health-Behavioral Services, 841 Jimmy Ann

Each class is \$5. Participants receive a certificate of

Call for a referral. For more information, call (386) 425-3900.

Bipolar and depression support group offered

A bipolar and depression support group will meet from 3 to 4 p.m. each Wednesday and Thursday at Halifax Health Medical Center, Fountain Building, East Entrance, Ground Floor, 303 N. Clyde Morris Blvd., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 254-4080.

Bariatrics information session slated

East Coast Bariatrics at Halifax Health will host a free information session at 6 p.m. each Thursday at Halifax Medical Center Health France Tower, 303 N. Clyde Morris Blvd., Daytona Beach. Reservations are required. For more information, call (386) 238-3205.

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Star Student



The November 2017 Hometown News Student of the Month is Shechiya Fate. Shechiya is 17 years old and a senior at Atlantic High School. Shechiya maintains excellent grades and attendance and is known as a role model on campus. She plays an active role on the cheer squad and is an asset in working with Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten students. She has been accepted to attend Bethune Cookman University in the fall.

School News

Easy sign-up day, post holidays, at DSC

Daytona State College will host an Enrollment Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at Daytona Beach Campus, Wetherell Center, Building 100, at 1200 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach.

Students start by completing a Daytona State application, then meet with an Admissions Advisor and Financial Aid Counselor, take an assessment test (if applicable), meet with an Academic Advisor, and then lock in their schedule.

The DSC Financial Aid Office will be open to assist with college education financing and will provide assistance to complete the financial aid applications.

Academic advisors will also be available to talk about unique academic programs such as Quanta-Honors College which offers an alternative to regular college classes for highly motivated students. Students unable to attend Enrollment Day can take advantage of Daytona State's extended registration hours for spring classes, Jan. 2-19:

until 7 p.m., Monday and Wednesday

•New Smyrna Beach-Edgewater Campus - 8 a.m. until 7 p.m., Monday and Tuesday

Note: Fridays, the campuses are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Classes start Jan. 16.

For more information about the Enrollment Saturday event, email Admissions@DaytonaState.edu or call (386) 506-4471.

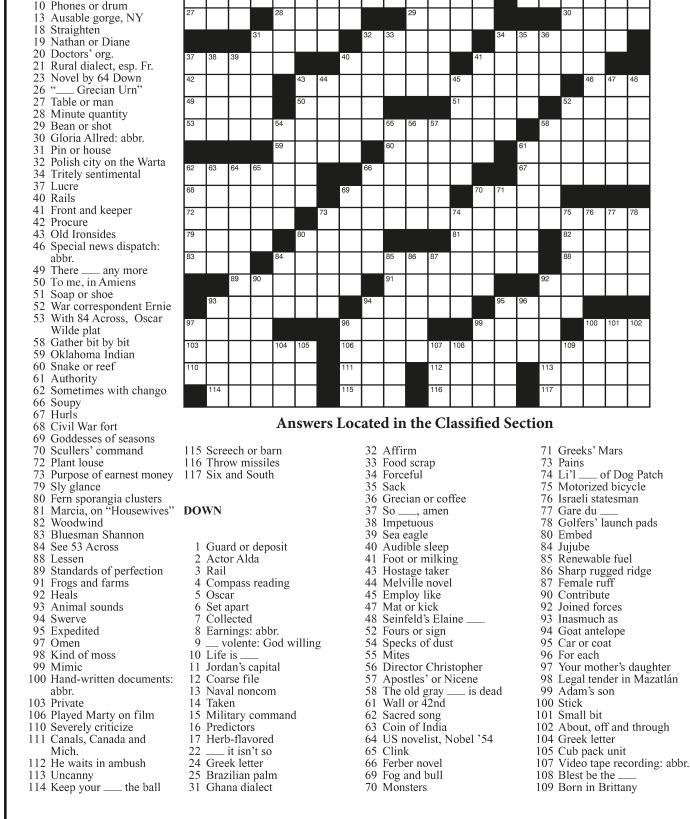
High Schools compete to show culinary skills

The annual culinary competition "Sharpen Your Skill" at Daytona State College's Mori Hosseini School of Hospitality and Culinary Management on Friday, Dec. 8, attracted high school students from around the state.

The students competed in various categories to help them prepare for the statewide

Tender Paws pet loss group Drive, Daytona Beach. provides emotional support The group is free, but dona-

completion. A children's group takes place during the parenting group.



•Daytona Beach Campus - 8 a.m. until 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday

•DeLand Campus - 8 a.m. until 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday

•Deltona Campus - 8 a.m.

and national competitions. The winners were:

Waiter Relay: Mainland (Daytona Beach), first: Seabreeze (Daytona Beach), second; and Winter Springs, third

Edible Centerpiece: Lake Minneola, first; Mainland, second; St. Lucie West Centennial, third

Management: Hialeah Gardens, first; Seabreeze, second; Marathon, third

Gourmet Meal: Mainland, first; Lake Minneola, second; Bayside, third

Marching on



Randy Barber/staff photographer

Pamela Wilkins of the Democratic Womens Club of Volusia County waves to the crowd during the annual Port Orange Christmas Parade along Dunlawton Avenue on Sunday, Dec. 3.

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