



## Community notes

### Master gardeners plan plant clinics

Volusia County's master gardeners will share spring gardening tips and answer questions during a plant clinic from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, May 6, at the DeLand Regional Library, 130 E. Howry Ave., DeLand.

Residents can bring their plants for a free check-up.

For more information, call (386) 822-5778.

### Pet Adoption Day

ARK will host a Pet Adoption Day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 7 and 14, at FloridaWild Veterinary Hospital, 115 E. Euclid Ave., DeLand.

There will be dogs, cats, birds and rabbits. Animals are fully vetted.

Visit ARKsaves.com to read pets' bios.

### Get 'Bear Aware' at West Volusia libraries

Stephanie Williams, education director for the Central Florida Zoo and Botanical Gardens, will present "Bear Aware" workshops at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10, at the DeBary Public Library, 200 N. Charles R. Beall Blvd., DeBary; and 2 p.m. Friday, May 20, at the DeLand Regional Library, 30 E. Howry Ave., DeLand.

Ms. Williams will offer tips on how to co-exist with Florida black bears.

Reservations are not required for the free programs. For more information, call the DeBary library at (386) 668-3865 or the DeLand library at (386) 822-6430, option 4.

### DeLand library hosts book sale May 12-14

The Friends of the DeLand Library will host the monthly book sale from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12; 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 13; and 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14, in the library's

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#### DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. Thursday for the following week's edition

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### A THING OF BEAUTY



Annual orchid show at the Fairgrounds

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## Historic American Legion post gets restoration funding

By Erika Webb  
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Commander Charles Williams can't remember which of the 2004 hurricanes was responsible for snapping an old oak tree, 10 feet from its base, and sending it through the roof of American Legion Orange Baker Post 187 building in DeLand.

"It was the one with the most wind," he said. Twelve years later the historic post building, built in 1948, will be brought back to life, thanks to the City of DeLand, numerous organizations, businesses and individuals.

Members of the post were presented May 2 at the site, 415 Voorhis Ave., with a representation of a check for \$100,000.

"If they have a real check made to 187, every-

body's gonna faint," Commander Williams said in an interview days prior to the event.

The way the process works, he said, is the funding, appropriated by the State of Florida, will be released in July, "or as late as October," to an agency in Volusia County.

"It may be FDOT or it may be Veterans Affairs," Cmdr. Williams explained. "Any state agency could get that line item in their budget. Once we know what agency has that line item in their budget, then the city of DeLand, which will be monitor of the funds, will apply for the money on our behalf."

The city will then distribute funds — as work progresses — to whichever general contractor is chosen to oversee the extensive repairs yet to be done on the building, he said.

So far, with much assistance from the community, Orange Baker Post 187 has received a new



roof and windows. New framework has gone up inside the building, the back half of which — including the kitchen and bathroom — was decimated by the tree.

The restoration grant funds promise to take the Legion, and its 24 — "and growing," mem-

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## Running for the ribbon



Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

Children chase after a calf, trying to snag the red ribbon attached to its tail in one of the Calf Scramble events on Saturday, April 30, at the Volusia County Cattlemen's Association annual Cracker Day at the Fairgrounds arena.

## Florida Division of Blind Services celebrates 75 years

By Diane Carey  
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The Florida Division of Blind Services Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired commemorated its Diamond Anniversary April 22, kicking off a year-long celebration with gala festivities at the Daytona Beach office April 27.

There were guest speakers, educational sessions, business networking opportunities and a technology expo tailored to visually impaired citizens, businesses and those wanting to learn more about DBS and visual impairment.

There were also tours of the White Street facility along with food, vendors and a proclamation by Daytona Beach Mayor Derrick Henry.

Local attorney Rachel McCullough was the keynote speaker. At age 17 she was diagnosed with Stargardt's Disease, a form of juvenile macular degeneration. Ms. McCullough turned to the Florida Division of Blind Services and began learning to live as a person with low vision.

Now 30, she is an associate attorney at Landis Graham French law firm where she specializes in land-use law and civil litigation.

"You have to find strength in the discomfort," Ms. McCullough said. "I lost my sight but gained my vision."

Beau Broten is a 2007 DBS graduate in his ninth year of working for the Internal Revenue Service in Atlanta.

"(DBS) set a good foundation to give me the skills needed to be successfully

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## Seville mom and daughter having barrels of fun

By Erika Webb  
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When a little girl and her mom team up and pool their powers of persuasion, the man of the house often is rendered defenseless.

Such has been the case for George Lane of Seville.

Ashley and Taylor Lane's coup yielded two horses, a horse trailer, lots of fencing, stalls, feed, hay, tack and weekend travel.

And those equine pedicures aren't cheap.

But Mr. Lane, a lineman at Duke Energy Corp., is not complaining.

He's gotten two happy females, a strong family bond and a tiny champion out of the deal.

Mother and daughter ride for National Barrel Horse Association District FL09, Pierson Saddle Club and compete in various shows throughout the

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year.

Taylor earned her first buckle (the equestrian competition equivalent of a trophy) April 23 for participating in the peewee division of the Volusia County Cattlewomen Association's 2015 Beef and Buckles (barrel racing) series.

"She had to compete in four shows to be eligible," Ms. Lane explained.

Taylor is in first place in peewee barrels and peewee goat tying at Pierson Saddle Club. Her best barrels time on her horse Charlie is 17.4 seconds, but the little girl, for whom the "hesitation" instinct



Photo by Erika Webb

Ashley Lane, right, with her daughter Taylor, 8, hang out with their barrel racing companions Poker and Charlie recently.

does not exist, beat that time on her mother's horse Poker for a personal record of 17.1.

Taylor got her first pony in 2010. She was two years old.

"She went from riding around our pasture to lessons at around five," Ms. Lane said. "She got Hartley her first barrel horse at five and started riding at the Pierson Saddle Club doing

lead line."

By her second year at the Saddle Club, Taylor began to complete the barrel pattern on her own.

Watching her daughter sparked an urge.

"I saw the fun Taylor had and saw all the other ladies doing it and it looked fun," Ms. Lane said. "I decided to join her in the arena on my horse Poker and we

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## Blue Spring project nearing finish

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After two years of planning and construction, reclaimed water lines connecting the reuse distribution systems of DeLand, Deltona, Orange City and Volusia County are complete.

The \$6 million cost-share project was funded through the St. Johns River Water Management District and a 2013 state legislative appropriation in partnership with the local governments.

"This partnership project will protect Blue Spring by reducing the use of fresh, drinkable ground-

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"Her Children rise up and call her blessed" Proverbs 31:28

# Happy Mother's Day!

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# Historic

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bers as far as they want to go, Cmdr. Williams said.

First, a general contractor will be assigned the job.

"We have one on board now but we're going to compare bids to totally finish," he said.

The work sequence will start foundationally.

"The most important thing, right this minute, is plumbing," Cmdr. Williams explained. "We cannot occupy the building without water. Then electrical, mechanical, all sequences of work will follow. Some can go on simultaneously."

A full kitchen, restrooms, water heater and air-conditioning system are needed.

Cmdr. Williams served in the Marine Corps in Vietnam and earned a Purple Heart for being wounded in combat. He was honorably discharged in 1968 and went on to work as a project manager for Kennedy Space Center and as a building inspector for Volusia County Schools.

He was born and grew up in DeLand, where he continues to live today.

His father U.S. Navy Chief Edward Williams, who served in WWII, also was a member of Orange Baker. Its founding members included Charles P. Bailey, one of the original Tuskegee Airmen, and the Rev. Arthur J. Mack.

"Orange Baker was a World War I veteran," Cmdr. Williams said. "He and quite a few of the World War II veterans attempted to join American Legion Post 6 that used to be downtown DeLand. They refused to let the African American soldier join. They said go build your own post, and that's what they did and that's why we have two posts in this city."

Members work with other military service groups and organizations, including the VFW, AMVets and Marine Corps League.

"We work together on special days and doing whatever we can do to help each other out," he said. "We would want the public to know we have not gone anywhere because we're here to stay. Our visibility in the community is going to get larger now that we're going to have a facility that can support us and support what we're doing."

The primary mission of Post 187 is to help veterans who returned from Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Afghanistan, Iraq — "It doesn't matter," he said.

"We help the veteran and his family," he explained. "Some are homeless, some have families. Our purpose is to help that veteran find himself and stabilize, re-acclimate to his city or community, neighborhood environment, to have someone to talk to who understands what he's been through or is going through."

Cmdr. Williams said the renovations will include the establishment of a small museum in the front portion of the building, which will be open to the public as soon as construction is completed.

"It's in my mind to be an employment resource for veterans," he said. "So many are unemployed or have unstable jobs. I can't service every veteran but those we can help we will."

The Post 187 members will canvass the neighborhood for old WWII photographs, mainly of African American veterans, Cmdr. Williams explained.

The museum also will display uniforms, gear and replicas of weapons from WWII, "up to the current soldier," he said.

From the first moment of destruction, Mr. Williams said, Defending Freedom Warrior Weekend has been on the scene to help.

Once the tree was removed, the volunteers cleared the building of debris, and along with other donors, have helped the members get started with renovations.

"They are wonderful," Cmdr. Williams said. "They are the one ... you ask, they come, roll up their sleeves and do everything the same day, same week."

"Any time they need us to do something for them, we're there," he added. "We don't jump out of airplanes, now ..."

The post has bought a



Photo by Erika Webb

Cmdr. Charles Williams of American Legion Orange Baker Post 187 in DeLand stands inside the framework for a new kitchen and restrooms.

piece of property behind and just to the east of the building, along Caroline Street, for additional parking, and Cmdr. Williams said members would like to have a covered patio for hosting cookouts and barbecues.

"Kids can come visit the museum and bring lunch — or we can cook for them. They can sit out here, under supervision, and talk about things," he said. "We're going to extend ourselves to the community because vet-

erans are part of the community."

Since retiring in 2010, Cmdr. Williams' efforts have been poured into American Legion Orange Baker Post 187.

"I'm using all my skills, especially my people skills," he said, smiling broadly.

A large stack of wood laminate flooring sits in the back corner of the mostly-empty building. It will likely be laid in the front meeting room.

"It was taken up out of a store in downtown DeLand and donated," Cmdr. Williams said, explaining he went to the site, loaded the flooring and took it back to the post building.

"As old as this building is the floor's not completely level," he said. "We will have to level this floor out before we can put this flooring in. Now that we have our grant we can do those kinds of things."

# Division

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employed," Mr. Broten said. "DBS puts on a good service, if you put in hard work they support you."

Tapera Chirawu has been a student for three months.

"It's a wonderful experience," Mr. Chirawu said. "It prepares you to get back to working and includes basic mobility, home training and computers. I am getting the hang of it, it builds one's confidence."

Fellow students Jonathan

Drummond and Shamara McCall were equally enthusiastic. Mr. Drummond is clear about his goal to be a sports broadcaster whereas Ms. McCall's career path is social work. Both had sight at one time but their focus is the bright future they are carving for themselves with the help of DBS.

Robert Doyle, statewide director for the Division of Blind Services, was on hand for the day's events.

"It's a privilege and a blessing working here," Mr. Doyle said. "I get a thrill out of being in a position to make a differ-

ence in the lives of the people we serve. To my knowledge we have the largest campus in the country with a combination of public and private services. It's a great atmosphere."

"We work with everyone," he said. "The large focus is to help people become self-sufficient and independent and navigate successfully. We have the ability to help people remain in their jobs. It's important to have a focus on special skills needed for blind services interventions, the psychological impact, adjustments to blindness, and to be

independent with transportation."

"There are still obstacles, such as having businesses that are not accessible," he said. "We seek to hire staff that have a positive attitude and believe in the work we do."

One local business participating in the celebration was Sloppy Joes. General Manager Shawn Fisher has been hiring blind or visually impaired employees for six years.

"We look for creative ways to help individuals who want to work," Mr. Fisher said. "We are a supportive environment. (Blind or visually impaired employees) are on time and excited to be there. I know there are prejudices. We employ developmentally disabled people as well. It is important to give people

opportunities. It is not just about work but developing social skills (on the job)."

The grounds at 408 White St. are immaculate as are all the buildings with ongoing accolades for safety when state inspections come around. No small feat considering the man in charge of the Daytona Beach site, Bureau Chief Edward Hudson, is blind.

"I have had low vision since birth and was totally blind by age 12 or 13," Mr. Hudson said. "Today marks a long period of advocacy and searching ways to train blind and visually impaired individuals to lead a full and productive life."

"It has taken a lot of people and a lot of effort and we still have a long ways to go," he added. "Public education is at

the core of all this and what blind people are capable of. We owe a lot of people a lot of thanks, especially the Lion's Club. Technology helps and has been a good friend"

Seventy-five years ago, the Florida Legislature established the Florida Council for the Blind. Since its birth, DBS has administered programs and services, which provide new opportunities for blind and visually impaired Floridians of all ages, including: the Blind Babies Program, Children's Program, Employer Services, Independent Living, Transition Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, Independent Living, Business Enterprise, Rehabilitation Center and Braille and Talking Books Library, according to the DBS website

"Since 1941, DBS has made vast strides in attacking the attitudinal barriers and lack of technology access that have hindered clients from fully participating in our society and our workforce. As we look to the future, we continue to charge toward our goal of Florida being a barrier-free environment for residents with visual disabilities," the website states.

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## Democrats will host caucuses

For Hometown News  
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The Florida Democratic Party will host Congressional District Caucuses from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 7.

Registered Democrats will be able to vote in their district for the delegates who will represent the area and the presidential candidates at the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia July 25-28.

Voters must cast their ballot between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the location for the Congressional District in which they are registered.

- Locations are:
- Congressional District 6, Volusia Teachers Organization, 1381Educators Road, Daytona Beach
  - Congressional District 7, NAACP Headquarters, 2120 Beardall Ave., Suite 1010, Sanford

The lists of delegate candidates will be made public when they are made available by the FDP.

For more information, visit [floridadems.org/our-party/national-convention](http://floridadems.org/our-party/national-convention).

# Thanks to you, we have been heard

**W**ow! What a great response to my column about the death of Mosquito Lagoon.

Only time will tell the impact, but one thing is certain — our problem is known. My request for you to contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Florida Inland Navigational District and U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson brought the most response I have ever had from a column. Close to 50 e-mails came to my “confuser” and my wife Lana and I fielded about 20 phone calls.

To think so many of you took the time to get in touch humbles me. It was totally unexpected for me to hear from so many of you. I would estimate the 70 or so of you who reached me would represent thousands who sent the letters and made the calls. Way to go readers of Hometown News! Our voices will be heard!

On that same subject, I will be in Deland Monday, May 9, to testify in the clam farmer versus DEP lawsuit. I'll let you know the outcome.

You know in the six years or so I have been writing Land Lines, I have managed to strike a cord here or there. It has never been in



**LAND LINES**

DAN SMITH

my DNA to avoid confrontation. One of my earliest pieces made a lot of people mad. The column seemed innocuous enough. I wrote to complain about every real estate for sale sign having a big mug shot of the realtor. I reasoned that if they are trying to sell me a home, a photo of the bathroom might be a better tactic. The Realtors did not take kindly to my suggestion and let me and the paper know about it.

When I stated the Trayvon Martin case should have never gone to trial, there was a large response. Surprisingly enough 99 percent were in agreement. I also wrote about the Casey Anthony trial but in that one I chose to resist making a prediction and went with the humorous characters who came to the stand. A lot of you liked that one.

I wrote a serious and disturbing piece about the drug dealers and hookers on Ridgewood Avenue in Daytona Beach. That one

also found an agreeable audience.

Through the years my most popular columns were the ones dealing with local history. Whenever I speak before a group, you are quick to let me know that. Early on I wrote about the beautiful Daytona Beach Post Office. Some of you did not believe it is made from blocks of coral and insisted it is coquina. Take a closer look.

I met with the Daytona Beach Postmaster and went over the original building plans. It is most certainly coral. I even visited the quarry on Windy Key where it came from.

When I wrote a column trying to connect the Hotchkiss House with the Hotchkiss beach racer, I believe we all learned a lot. I certainly did. How I love to solve a history mystery.

When I wrote that The Black Lives Matter Movement would be better served to march in the black neighborhoods, some of you took it personally. I shrugged it off when a couple of you suggested that perhaps my parents were never married. Actually the response to that column was 95 percent in agreement.

When I complained the price of a new car should be a constant, you wrote to say I was correct. I never liked it when three people can buy the same car and pay three different prices. Something is wrong with that. Most recently I heard from a lot of you about the Frank Sinatra Jr. column. It was a bizarre circumstance that it came out the day after he died at Halifax Health hospital.

Anyway thanks to all of you who have let me know your feelings and to those of you who have let me have it. I want to hear from all of you. It will always remain a huge point of pride my piece on Mosquito Lagoon drew such a large response. It is a very serious problem and it warms an old heart to know that so many care. Let's keep after them — there is nothing more important.

*Dan Smith is on the board of directors for the Ormond Beach Historical Society and The Motor Racing Heritage Association and is the author of two books, "The World's Greatest Beach" and "I Swear the Snook Drowned." Email questions and comments to fishw-dan@att.net or call (386) 441-7793.*

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auditorium at 130 E. Howry Ave.

On May 12, the book sale will open 1 to 3 p.m., for members. Residents can join the group for \$5 for admittance to the early sale hours.

Hardback and large soft-back books will be \$1 each, small paperbacks will be eight for \$1, and children's books will be \$2 a bag. On Saturday all non-children

books will be \$3 a bag.

The Friends Book Store, which is adjacent to the library, also sells used books.

Proceeds from the book store and monthly book sales support the library's programs and special needs.

For more information, call (386) 822-6430.

### Book groups to discuss 'The Nightingale'

Area readers can share

their opinions about "The Nightingale" during book discussion group meetings at 10 a.m. May 11 and 5:30 p.m. May 12 at the DeLand Regional Library, 130 E. Howry Ave., DeLand.

The New York Times best-seller by Kristin Hannah tells the story of two French sisters who respond to the Nazi occupation of France with courage and grace.

The discussion groups are free and open to the public. For more information, call Susan Fichter at (386) 822-6430, ext. 20763.

### Scouts reach goal for derby track

Cub Scout Pack 531 raised more than \$800 at a spaghetti fundraiser at the Deland Elks Lodge recently.

The Cub Scouts were able to serve about 120 people. The proceeds will go toward a new derby car.

With the help of the DeLand Elks, they raised \$3,300 to replace the Pinewood Derby track.

The Pinewood Derby Event will be on Saturday,

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# Heave ho!



**Bruce D. Henderson**/staff photographer  
DeLand residents Heidi and Dean Kellogg hoist an old containment barrier off their boat to volunteers at Ed Stone Park in DeLand as their son, Riley, watches. Hector Valle, the environmental specialist who coordinated the St. Johns River Cleanup Saturday, April 16, said it was the biggest item found.

# FUTURES awards first-year teachers

For Hometown News  
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Teachers at Tomoka Elementary School and DeLand High School were awarded the FUTURES Foundation for Volusia County Schools 2016 First Year Teacher Awards April 25 at Mainland High School's Auditorium.

Kacie Meredith, a third grade teacher at Tomoka in Ormond Beach, received the Elementary level award. Ashley Carter, a ninth grade English teacher, received the Secondary level award.

This year's reception was sponsored by Florida Credit Union and Volusia Teachers Organization.

Ms. Meredith and Ms. Carter were selected for their awards from 43 nominees who were chosen to represent their schools. To be considered for the recognition, nominees must have earned a degree, started a full time teaching career on or after Jan. 1, 2015, performed outstanding based on standards established by the Volusia County School District and nominated by



**Ashley Carter**

their principal.

This year's other elementary nominees were:

- Blue Lake: Jessi Doerhoff
- Chisholm: Allaino Dixon
- Citrus Grove: Shelby Block
- DeBary: Erin Coatney
- Deltona Lakes: Gabriela Hedman
- Discovery: Pamela Pierce
- Edgewater: Rachel Black
- Enterprise: Ashley Gilley
- Freedom: Erika Peterson
- Longstreet: Carmel Collins
- Orange City: Cheryl Turner
- Osceola: Stefanie Williams



**Kacie Meredith**

•Palm Terrace: Brooka Smith

•Pathways: Bryn Morgan

•Port Orange: Ariel Kavanagh

•Port Orange: Emily Fagerstrom

•Pride: Lauren Zeamer

•South Daytona: Jazmine Cruz

•Starke: Andrew Brown

•Sugar Mill: Brooke Ashley Mida

•Sunrise: Viviana Rodriguez

•Sweetwater: Sarah Fuhr

•Westside: Amber Reininger

This year's secondary level nominees included:

- Alternative Ed: Stewart Marchman/Riverview: Jade Perry
  - Atlantic: Stacey Bell
  - Campbell Middle: Nathaniel Anderson
  - DeLand High: Ashley Carter
  - DeLand Middle: Kelly Kazmierczak
  - Deltona High: Sheila Walters
  - Deltona Middle: Cecilia Carlyn Lott
  - Galaxy: Marissa Walden
  - Heritage: Jennifer Olsen
  - Legacy Scholars Academy: Christina Farrelly
  - Mainland: Dr. Jamie Morris Newcomb
  - Ormond Beach: Renquell Howard
  - Pine Ridge: James Maynard Jr.
  - River Springs: Samantha Murry
  - Seabreeze: John Copp
  - Silver Sands: Kayla Dixon
  - Spruce Creek: Gregory Ludtka
  - University: Jennifer Lynn Cherry
  - Volusia Virtual Online: Lauren Gardenhire
- For more information, visit FUTURESVolusia.org.

## Health News

### Low-cost mental health services available

The House Next Door Counseling Center offers mental health services in West Volusia County.

For as little as \$2 a session, you can receive individual, family, marriage, play or trauma therapy.

To qualify, participants will need two proofs of resi-

dency in West Volusia County, two proofs of identification, proof of income and proof of Affordable Care Act application.

The Deltona Counseling Center is at 840 Deltona Blvd, Suite K.

For more information, call (386) 860-1776.

### Quit smoking tools

A free one-time tools to quit, quit smoking class will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30

p.m. Wednesday, May 11, at Good Samaritan Clinic-DeLand, (Annex Building), 136 E. Plymouth Ave. DeLand.

Free patches or gum will be available.

To register for class, call (904) 482-0189.

### COPD support group

Those diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease may join Florida Hospital DeLand for a support group at 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10, in the first floor administrative boardroom, 701 West Plymouth Ave., DeLand.

To make a reservation, call (386) 943-4710.

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## Blue

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water for irrigation, which protects spring flows by reducing demand on surface and groundwater," said Dr. Ann Shortelle, St. Johns executive director. "I am really delighted to see construction conclude and active springs protection begin. I look forward to working with local governments in Volusia County on future projects to benefit Blue Spring and other springs in the region."

The project is among several reclaimed water cost-share projects that will help meet the adopted minimum flows and levels (MFLs) for Blue Spring and will help protect and enhance manatee habitat there. The interconnection will share reclaimed water among the three cities and Volusia County.

"The regional interconnect provides each of the West Volusia utilities suffi-

cient alternative water supply enabling our respective systems to continue to extend reclaimed service necessary to meet anticipated water demand," said Michael Ulrich, Volusia County Water Resources and Utilities director. "The Volusia County Council supports the continued development of alternative water supplies through these vital strategic partnerships, which encourage responsible development and protect the spring for future generations."

"We very much appreciate the district's assistance on this project and those they have supported in the past. The ability to divert reclaimed water from its points of production to areas it can be beneficially used for irrigation and recharge in the Blue Spring springshed is a critical tool to sustain our community," said Keith Riger, DeLand director of public services. "In addition, this project has demonstrated that the

utilities in West Volusia can work cooperatively with the district and each other to fund and execute a major capital project for the greater good."

"The City of Deltona was pleased to participate in this important project and looks forward to putting these interconnections in use soon," said Gerald Chancellor, Deltona director of public works. "This project is just one of several projects that the city has undertaken in the past several years to benefit Blue Spring. We anticipate working with the district and the other West Volusia utilities in the future on additional projects. The city very much appreciates the assistance of the district staff and the cost sharing funds provided for past projects."

"Orange City is pleased with the partnership created with the district, Deltona, DeLand and Volusia County to protect one of our most valuable

resources, the Blue Spring," Orange City Public Works Director Migdalia Hernandez said. "The use of reclaimed water will reduce the stress on our valuable drinking water resource and save customers money on their month water and sewer utility bills. The use of an alternative water supply, such as reclaimed water, is a priority at the local, state and national level, and Orange City is proud to be part of this great reclaimed water project partnership."

The project consists of pipelines connecting DeLand and Volusia County reclaimed water mains on Martin Luther King Boulevard and connecting Volusia County and Deltona pipelines on Seagard Drive. About 2.5 million gallons of water per day will be shared among the cities' and county's water supply systems. Future phases of the project will provide additional connections.

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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.*

## DeLand Police Department

•Juan H. Matamoros, 58, of DeLand, was arrested

April 22 and charged with stalking and criminal mischief. Bail was set at \$10,000.

•Herman N. Davis, 39, of DeLand, was arrested April 27 and charged with criminal mischief, aggravated battery and aggravated assault with intent to commit felony. Bail was not set.

## Volusia County Sheriff's Office

•Marcella Jones, 48, of DeLand, was arrested April 22 and charged with felony petit theft. Bail was set at \$5,000.

•Jessica L. Carter, 34, of DeLand, was arrested April 26 and charged with possession of paraphernalia and a

drug offense. Bail was set at \$3,000.

•Catherine Ann Taylor, 57, of DeLand, was arrested April 27 and charged with possession of oxycodone. Bail was not set.

•James M. Campbell, 73, of DeLand, was arrested April 27 and charged with aggravated battery on a person 65 years of age or older. Bail was not set.

# More cheese, please



Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

People stroll down East Indiana Avenue and line up for samples of cheese on Saturday, April 16, during the inaugural Florida Cheese Festival in downtown DeLand.

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June 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the DeLand Elks Lodge, 150 S. Clara Ave.

### Discover meditation at library

Dr. Mark Young, a long-

time meditator and professor of counseling education at the University of Central Florida, will share research results and lead attendees through a simple meditation technique at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, at the DeLand Public Library, 130 E. Howry Ave., DeLand.

Reservations are not required.

For more information, call (386) 822-6430.

### County plans Explore Volusia programs

Learn about Volusia County's conservation lands and land management practices during a free guided hike of Scrub Oak Preserve from 8 to 10 a.m. Friday, May 13, at 1495 McGregor Road, DeLand.

Learn about the importance of scrub habitat, water

recharge zones and key-stone species during this one-mile scenic hike. Participants will get an up-close look at the land management practices of the conservation area.

Reservations are required; call (386) 736-5927.

Participants should bring water and wear comfortable clothes and hiking or walk-

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# (888) 277-TIPS Wanted

Wanted person: Dominic Dewayne Altomare  
Birth date: Jan. 14, 1981  
Reason wanted: Battery on an elderly person  
Last known location: Deltona



Dominic Dewayne Altomare

Crime Stoppers of Northeast Florida is seeking information regarding the whereabouts of 35-year-old Dominic Dewayne Altomare.

Altomare is wanted on a warrant charging him with battery on a person 65 years of age or older. The warrant for his arrest was issued on April 26.

Altomare was last seen in Deltona, although authorities believe he now may be in the Flagler County area. He's 5 feet, 9 inches tall and weighs approximately 160 pounds and has brown hair and brown eyes.


If you see Altomare, don't try to apprehend him. Anyone with information regarding his

whereabouts is asked to call Crime Stoppers toll-free at (888) 277-TIPS. You can also Text your tip by texting "TIP231 plus your message" to CRIMES (274637). Callers to Crime Stoppers will remain anonymous and can qualify for a reward of up to \$5,000.

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slanderous or libelous statements.

### Too much paving?

Why are they paving every road in Daytona Beach, including Nova Road?

They are doing every road in the county. This costs millions and millions of dollars. Why are they doing that?

### Zombies should spread

In defense of yard zombie rant, I have to somewhat agree some people have too much time and money, spending it daily to play in their yard. This makes it difficult for those who live nearby who may be less fortunate or have other interests than manicuring their yard.

I find myself in that situation and have to spend more time and money to keep up with the Joneses. I say keep your yard nice, but if you want the golf course look, then move to the golf course. Or, if yard work is your passion, go play in your neighbor's yard when you are done pampering yours.

### Fire hydrant fix

I have been living in Ormond Beach for 30 years and I am a parishioner of St. Brendan's Catholic Church on Oceanshore Boulevard.

As you enter the church off Oceanshore Boulevard, there is a fire hydrant on the property just before you enter the church. The fire hydrant is in such dilapidated condition. I don't think if there was a fire the fire department would be able to use it. I am not sure who is responsible to maintain it is working.

### Judges and news commentators are illiterate

Both judges and news commentators frequently abuse the positions they hold.

Judges, who are the greater of the two illiterates, frequently pardon offenders with a small sentence to offenders who have just committed crimes unworthy of human understanding.

It is needless causes to exemplify the stupid mistakes by these so-called judges, who are supposed to protect us. These below average IQ judges somehow got themselves into the judicial system, and lo and behold the innocent members of family stare in disbelief as a so-called judge presents a lean if any at all sentence on the guilty individual. If you are going to kill someone, make sure you do it in the United States of America.

News commentators are without a doubt the greatest source of comedy since the Three Stooges and Abbot and Costello. These illiterates often approach the victim of a crime or a family member of a victim of a crime and the opening question will be how do you feel about this? What do they expect the individual to respond? I feel great. He or she probably didn't mean to kill my family members, or was abused as a child. This liberal way of thinking is the cause of today's problems.

### Retire 'em all

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## Social activist at Stetson



Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

Christian social activist Jim Wallis, president and founder of the Washington, D.C.-based Sojourners, autographs a copy of his new book, "America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America," for Palm Coast resident Lucy Davis on Friday, April 8, following a talk at Stetson University.

announced elephants would be retired. Why not all animals?

### Planes, trains and motorcycles

These noisemakers are ruining our image of a quaint quiet New Smyrna Beach.

I am living in the vicinity of U.S. 1 and the airport where there is a flying school. We are in their pattern for touch and gos, so we are continually bombarded by fly over, seven days a week, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Why this school is allowed to bring this annoyance to our city is the question.

Could money be the culprit? In any event, bring back old New Smyrna Beach.

### Barely getting by

I feel for the author of "Don't forget the wives."

My husband died two years ago of tobacco induced lung cancer. His addiction started while serving above and beyond in the Korean War where cigarettes were given freely to calm the nerves of the troops. Nothing from VA for that.

He then served in a major city for 30 years as a police officer. Retiring from that with a small pension and healthcare. When he died, they took away half his pension and the healthcare I had most of my adult life. Now, half the income, we were living on and no healthcare.

My husband spent most of his life serving the people of this county and his wife is left as just another senior barely getting by.

## Letters

### Sad day at West Volusia Habitat for Humanity

The latest West Volusia Habitat for Humanity home being built is on Old New York Avenue.

As most people are fully aware, West Volusia Habitat for Humanity in DeLand is a charitable organization that has been in DeLand for more than 20 years, building homes and changing lives. The current home for a single Mom and her daughter is our 89th build. This means that 89 qualified families have been blessed by an affordable Habitat home. For almost all of these families, it is their only opportunity at "The American Dream" of homeownership.

Sadly someone, or someones, decided to steal from this build site. Our onsite trailer, which contains some of our construction equipment necessary for our volunteers to build the home was broken into and its contents emptied. The value of the stolen items comes to well over \$2,000. It is now up to our small affiliate to re-purchase and replace the stolen items in order to continue building this home and other homes.

It is incomprehensible to those who work so hard each week volunteering at the build or those of us who work for West Volusia Habitat how anyone would be as selfish and evil as to steal from a charity. This theft hinders and delays the building of this mom's home, which is so very needed by this family.

Funds that would normally go to helping another qualified family now

have to go to replacing building equipment, such as ladders, saws, scaffolding, electrical equipment, much of which was new due to new OSHA guidelines.

What a sad day for our community, for Habitat, but especially for the families this affects directly. Our only consolation is we know for certain that what one sows, so shall one also reap.

We don't have funding to offer a reward, but we would be grateful to anyone willing to divulge any information to the DeLand Police Department about this theft. We shall continue with our vision of "a world where everyone has a decent place to live." We shall continue to advocate for affordable housing while promoting dignity and hope. We shall continue to "build homes, communities and hope." This most certainly is just a setback to be endured, however, the ramifications of such horrible, thoughtless behavior reverberate throughout our whole organization, our whole community.

Anyone willing or interested in volunteering or making a donation, should contact us at (386) 734-7268 or stop by our office at 604 S. Spring Garden Avenue, DeLand.

*Dolores Gome*  
West Volusia Habitat for Humanity

### Adopt healthy behavior for Older Americans Month

May is Older Americans Month and the Volusia Flagler Family YMCA

encourages all adults 50 years and older in Volusia and Flagler Counties to get motivated and develop behavior crucial to healthy aging, including healthy eating, increasing physical activity and social interaction.

Adults 50 years and older make up more than 30 percent of the U.S. population, and soon are expected to represent 45 percent of all Americans. In Volusia and Flagler counties, adults 50 and older make up 60 percent of the population.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests adults 50 and older have a 70 percent chance of developing at least one chronic disease. While these numbers seem daunting, the good news is that making small lifestyle changes can help older adults live better.

As the nation continues to age, community-based organizations like the Y provide the needed guidance to help older Americans reach health goals, particularly when it comes to chronic disease prevention. Today's older adults want to be more active, engaged and in control of their health.

The Y offers many ways for active older adults to live healthier including Moving for Better Balance, Enhance Fitness, Diabetes Prevention Program and Blood Pressure Management Programs.

For more information on how your family can live a healthy, active life, visit [vlymca.org](http://vlymca.org).

*Bev Johnson*  
Executive Vice President of Healthy Living  
Volusia Flagler Family YMCA

## Notes

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ing shoes.

### Charter commission meets May 9

Volusia County's Charter Review Commission will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 9, in the second-floor Dennis R. McGee Room at Daytona Beach International Airport, 700 Catalina Drive.

Members will discuss the final report and the status of the Volusia Growth Management Commission.

For more information about the Charter Review Commission and to view the County Charter, visit [volusia.org/countycharter](http://volusia.org/countycharter).

older. Funds may be used to assist with past due or disconnected energy bills.

The meetings are open to the public. Attendees may bring their parking slips to the meeting for validation. Applications are being accepted at:  
•123 W. Indiana Ave., Room 101, DeLand, (386) 736-5956  
•250 N. Beach St., Room 100, Daytona Beach (386) 254-4675  
•775 Harley Strickland Blvd., Orange City (386) 775-5204  
•107 E. Canal St., New Smyrna Beach (386) 423-3309

### County administers energy grant for the elderly

Volusia County's Human Services Office has agreed to administer the Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program for ElderSource.

The program provides emergency cooling and heating energy assistance to eligible households with at least one person age 60 or

older. Funds may be used to assist with past due or disconnected energy bills.

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### Pet Vet Cruiser sets May schedule

Volusia County's Pet Vet Cruiser will make its rounds in May, offering low-cost spaying and neutering serv-

ices to financially eligible owners of dogs and cats in unincorporated areas and the cities of DeLand and South Daytona.

Here's where the mobile clinic will be stationed:

•Fire Station 23, 1850 Pioneer Trail, New Smyrna Beach: May 17 and 25  
•Fancy Fruit and Produce, 911 S. Volusia Ave., Orange City: May 12, 19 and 26  
•Oakbrook Professional Center, 931 N. Spring Garden Ave., DeLand: May 6, 13, 18, 24 and 27  
•DeBary City Hall, 16 Colomba Road, DeBary: May 10

Fees are based on income. Appointments are required and may be made by calling (386) 626-6643.

For more information, visit [volusia.org/petvet](http://volusia.org/petvet).

# Strong housing market sending prices up

So far in 2016, the housing market is going strong in Volusia County.

In March, Realtors reported selling 1,078 houses in Volusia, up 5.1 percent from March 2015. The Census Bureau reported housing starts up sharply in Volusia in March with 112 (99 single-family) compared to 80, all single-family, in March 2015. The census figures only cover about 70 percent of the county, though.

The housing activity is definitely helping to drive the economy with construction jobs up 400 in March from March 2015 in the Volusia/Flagler area, according to the state labor department. Housing also creates jobs in other areas, especially retail and finance.

But I'm afraid I have to continue playing my wet blanket role in the housing news. The median price for the March house sales by Realtors was \$165,250, up 14.8 percent from March last year. The median is where half sold for less and half for more. While that escalating price is good for folks selling a house, it stretches the opportunity of home ownership out of the



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reach of more people. A community where more people own the houses they live in than not, is just more vibrant usually. That's not to say all renters are bad stewards of the property they inhabit, though.

Still, it's something for area leaders to keep in mind as they look at what needs to be done to keep Volusia communities in good shape.

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While the chains continue connecting to Volusia, it's nice to see local, small businesses can still thrive. Kyle Carni just bought the building housing his shop, Galleria Di Vetro, at 310 Flagler Ave. in New Smyrna Beach for \$625,000. Rosie's Italian Bakery is going in at 168 N. Beach St. in Daytona Beach. I may have it wrong, but it appears Monster Pizza is setting up shop at a concession stand at Dewey O. Boster Park. That's Amore at 103 S. Pine St. in New Smyrna Beach is expanding.

Daly's Bar at 641 N. Volusia Ave. in Orange City is getting remodeled.

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I've mentioned before about the lack of fanfare we see sometimes for new businesses, but you'd think the construction of a new 101-room hotel would garner some attention. Anyway, the Woodspring Suites (formerly Value Place) is going up at 2910 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach.

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Commercial real estate is still going strong. Hugh Upton has sold the Sunset Harbor Yacht Club property on Ballough Road in Daytona Beach to Random Burnett and others for \$7.213 million. Consolidated-Tomoka Land Co. sold a building in the Williamson Business Park leased to Teledyne for \$3 million. A La Jolla, Calif., firm has bought vacant bank buildings at 555 Ridgewood Ave. in Holly Hill for \$910,000 and 763 Third Ave. in New Smyrna Beach for \$1.18 million. National Retail Properties has bought the Bob Evans Farms restaurant property at Dunlawton Avenue and

Yorktowne Boulevard in Port Orange for about \$1.13 million. The Kern Co. of Coral Gables bought a chunk of vacant land at Old Mission and Eslinger roads in New Smyrna Beach for \$700,000. Area builder Greg Collyer bought the manufacturing building at 375 Fentress Blvd. in Daytona Beach for \$700,000.

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On a final note, it will be interesting to see how local governments react to Orlando-based Twistee Treat moving into the market with its ice cream-cone shaped buildings. I previously reported the company wants to build one in the parking lot of the Promenade shopping center at Beville and Nova Roads in Daytona Beach. It also has proposed one in the parking lot of a shopping center on Third Avenue in New Smyrna Beach.

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## Business News

### Daniel Stauffer named DeLand finance director

Daniel Stauffer Jr. has been named finance director for the City of DeLand.

Mr. Stauffer was with the City of Ormond Beach for nine years, including seven as assistant finance director. Previously he was a senior auditor at James Moore &

Co. P.L. in Daytona Beach.

Mr. Stauffer graduated from Millersville University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is a Certified Public Accountant in Florida and Pennsylvania.

He replaces Kevin Lewis, who is retiring after nearly 30 years working for the city.

### New law firm formed

Attorneys Jeremy J. Buck-

master and J. David Ellzey, Jr. announce the formation of the new law partnership of Buckmaster & Ellzey PLC.

Buckmaster & Ellzey focuses its practice on criminal, family, and immigration law and offers family law mediation with Mr. Buckmaster.

The firm represents clients in Volusia, Flagler and Seminole counties and has offices at 200 Magnolia

Ave., Daytona Beach, and 110 W. Indiana Ave., Suite 203, DeLand.

The firm also welcomes associate attorney Brian Cantrell, a seasoned trial attorney and a Daytona Beach native. He received his law degree from Florida Coastal School of Law. He interned for the State Attorney's Office in St. Johns County while in law school

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## Junior Lifeguard tryouts set

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Youth between 9 and 15 can enjoy beach activities while learning lifesaving techniques during Volusia County's Junior Lifeguard Program. Tryouts for the popular summer camps begin May 7.

Professional lifeguards will offer participants a chance to learn about water safety and first-aid techniques during week-long camps in June and July. Junior lifeguards will also take part in daily team relays involving surfboard paddling, swimming, running and beach flags.

According to Beach Safety Director Mark Swanson, the camps can help to build self-confidence and prepare participants for work as life-

guards.

The Junior Lifeguard Program is not a "learn to swim" program. To qualify, junior lifeguards must be able to swim 100 yards within two minutes and 15 seconds, tread water for five minutes, and swim under water 10 feet.

Candidates must pass a physical skills test, which will be offered from 2 to 4 p.m. May 7 and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 28 at the DeLand YMCA, 761 International Speedway Blvd., DeLand.

Registration can be completed at [volusia.org/beach](http://volusia.org/beach) after passing the physical skills test. Returning junior lifeguards do not have to take the physical skills test and may register at any time. Tuition is due upon registration. The cost for a one-week

camp is \$150. Youths may enroll in one additional week for \$125.

Junior Lifeguard camps will be from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at these locations:

•Andy Romano Beachfront Park, 839 S. Atlantic Ave., Ormond Beach: June 13 to 17 and July 11 to 15

•Frank Rendon Park, 2705 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores: June 20 to 24 and July 18 to 22

•Flagler Avenue Lifeguard Station, 291 Buenos Aires Ave., New Smyrna Beach: June 27 to July 1

For more information, contact Beach Safety Ocean Rescue at (386) 547-0246 or [jrlife-guard@volusia.org](mailto:jrlife-guard@volusia.org).

## Summer Camps

### Lyonia Environmental Center camps

Children can experience the wonders of Volusia County's ecosystems during weekly summer camps sponsored by Lyonia Environmental Center, 2150 Eustace Ave., Deltona.

The camps will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday from June 13 through Aug. 12.

Camps for children ages 6 to 8 include:

- Fantastic flyers: June 13 to 17
- Imaginarium: June 20 to 24
- Insectorama: Aug. 1 to 5
- Radical reptiles: Aug. 8 to 12

Children ages 9 to 13 can take part in these camps:

- Radical reptiles: June 27 to July 1
- Ocean wonders: July 11 to 15
- Critter keepers: July 18 to 22

•Days gone by: July 25 to 29

The fee is \$70 a week. Children should bring lunch and water in a refillable container. All camps will feature nature hikes, games, themed snacks, and arts and crafts. Off-site field trips will be included for the 9- to 13-year-olds.

Registration is required; contact camp coordinator Shari Smith at [ssmith@volusia.org](mailto:ssmith@volusia.org) or (386) 789-7207, ext. 21026.

## Fun

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started traveling to different jackpots in Volusia and Flagler Counties."

That was two years ago. Last year Ms. Lane placed in the Third Division at Pierson Saddle Club.

Neither of the two is a complacent rider.

"When (Taylor) was ready to go faster, her trainer, Audrey Hartley, knew of a horse named Charlie that was owned by friends Otis and Darlene Smith," Ms. Lane explained. "She took Taylor and me to try him out and Taylor fell in love."

Ms. Hartley said Taylor's buckle win made her proud. And so has Ms. Lane's progress.

"She outran me the other day," the trainer said. "At the

beginning she wasn't as good of a rider as she is lately."

"I was proud of both of them," she added, referring to their times at the NBHA Cattlemen's Association April 23. "They rode very, very well."

Taylor was a natural from the start, she explained.

"Little Taylor, when she came to me I just turned her loose because she wasn't scared," Ms. Hartley said. "And now Ashley's gotten so much better."

From the outset, she said, Taylor has been a "daredevil," delivering faster and faster times and who "doesn't care if they buck," but she also has developed a very strong bond with Charlie, the 17-year-old quarter horse that had not been ridden in two years when the little girl first laid eyes on him.

"She loves Charlie," Ms. Hartley said. "She says, 'I don't care how old you get, Charlie.

I'll love you 'til the end.'"

"As light as she is, she can ride him for a long time," she added.

Ms. Hartley, also from Seville — she lives right next door to the Lanes — has been riding for about 57 years and teaching riders for about 20, she said.

Her youngest student so far was 41/2 years old. If they're willing, so is she.

"I've got some pretty good little kids, and some good grown-ups," she said.

But she can't say enough about the mother and daughter who have done so well.

"They both watch over their animals, make sure they have water at the trailer and hay at the trailer (during the competitions) and they both love it the same," she said. "I just love them both. They're such good people."

"I'm really proud of both of them," she added.

## Business

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and previously practiced as an assistant public defender.

For information, visit [BuckmasterEllzey.com](http://BuckmasterEllzey.com).

### Area chamber hosts monthly events

The DeLand Area Chamber of Commerce and the DeLand/Orange City Business Alliance has several regularly scheduled events.

The business discussion group Fuel meets at 7:30 a.m. each Monday at Boston Coffee, 109 E. New York Ave., DeLand.

Let's do Lunch networking meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Tuesday at Sinatra's Downtown Ristorante, 215 S. Woodland Blvd., DeLand.

For more information, call (386) 490-4527 or visit [DeLandChamber.org](http://DeLandChamber.org).

### Construction women meet May 9

East Central Florida Women in Construction will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, May 9, at Volusia Top Gun/Double Barrel Grill, 2900 Bellevue Ave., Daytona Beach.

The meeting will follow dinner. The cost is \$5 for the meeting and dinner is order off the menu.

The speaker will be Sandy Bishop, Volusia Building Industry Association.

For more information, call (386) 255-7336.

### "Harness Mobile"

SCORE will present a free

workshop "Making the Case for Mobile & Harness the Power of Mobile," with Donna Loader from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at the DSC College Campus, UCF Building 150, Room 100, Daytona Beach.

Registration is required. To make a reservation, visit [score87.org](http://score87.org) or call (386) 255-6889.

### AM Connection planned

The West Volusia Regional Chamber of Commerce will host an AM Connection from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, at Gateway Center for the Arts, 880 N. C.R. Beall Blvd., DeBary.

The speaker will be Michael Martinez from Halifax Health Hospice. Free for members, the cost is \$10 for non-members.

For more information, call (386) 490-4606 or visit [westvolusiaregionalchamber.org](http://westvolusiaregionalchamber.org)

### Hispanic chamber celebrates anniversary

The Volusia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will host its fifth anniversary celebration from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, in the Dennis R. McGee Room, second floor, Daytona Beach International Airport.

The newly elected board of directors will be in attendance.

There will be Latin music, free appetizers, cash bar and free parking.

Business attire is required. Admission is free for members and \$10 for non-members.

For more information, call

(386) 626-4264.

### All Aboard offers entrepreneurship grant

All Aboard Properties is looking for innovative start-up companies and entrepreneurs to participate in its Entrepreneurship Grant.

Aspiring business owners, as well as existing companies across Volusia County, can enter to win up to 12 months free rent in an All Aboard office, retail or warehouse property (up to a \$15,000 value).

Applications must be submitted by May 15. The winner will be announced in June.

Submit applications at [goallboard.com/grants](http://goallboard.com/grants), email attachments separately to [grants@goal-lboard.com](mailto:grants@goal-lboard.com)

### Builders name new board

The Building Association of Volusia has named the 2016-17 board members.

They are president, Virginia Waikins, Southern States Management Group of Palm Coast; vice president, Bobbie Hodges of Daytona Beach; secretary, Rebecca Kiesel, Sentry Management, New Smyrna Beach; treasurer, Thomas Nance; and associate representatives, Maurice Bushroe with Blue Ribbon Pools in South Daytona and Christine Ertl with offices in Palm Coast, St. Augustine, Fleming Island and Jacksonville.

The association meets monthly on the second Monday at LPGA International.



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## Out & about

Friday, May 6

•**Concert:** The Warner Christian Academy presents the Velvet Blues Band program in concert from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, 399 N. U.S. 1, Ormond Beach. Admission is free. For more information, call (386) 676-3375.

•**Concert:** Daisy Mann in concert with Eric Blackman, performing Broadway to classical, will be at 7 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Chapel, 1125 Sixth St., Daytona Beach. Donations will be accepted.

•**Music Production Rocks:** Daytona State College students perform at 7:30 p.m. at the performing arts center, 221 N. Beach St., Daytona Beach. Admission is free.

•**Concert:** The New Smyrna Beach High School Band Prism Concerts will be at 7 p.m. Friday, May 6, and Saturday, May 7, at the auditorium, 1015 10th St., New Smyrna Beach.

Tickets are \$5 at the door or advanced tickets available from any Band student.

•**Italian Festa:** Our Lady of Lourdes will host this fair May 5-8 at 201 University Blvd., Daytona Beach. The event will feature authentic Italian food, homemade desserts, carnival rides, live entertainment, games, arts and crafts. Ride bands are \$20. For more information, call (386) 255-0433.

•**"And the Winner Is:"** The Shoestring Theatre will perform this play until May 15 at 380 S. Goodwin St., Lake Helen. Friday and Saturday times are 7:30 p.m., Sundays are 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 adults, \$15 seniors and \$8 students. For more information, call (386) 228-3777 or visit shoestringtheatre.net.

•**Cinematique:** The films "The First Monday in May" and "Embrace of the Serpent" will be shown this week. Tickets are \$5 to \$9. All tickets are \$5 on Tuesdays. Cinematique Theater is at 242 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 252-3118.

•**"Gypsy:"** Athens Theater will perform "Gypsy" on select nights through May 22 at 124 N. Florida Ave., DeLand. Tickets are \$27 for adults preferred, (Row A-E, Center), \$22 adults, \$20 for seniors, \$10 for student/child and \$18 for groups of eight or more, plus a \$2 processing charge. For more information, visit athensdeland.org.

•**Movie in the Park:** "The

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Hometown News file photo

Lake Helen residents Peggy Barker, left, and Skyler Gage, then nine, look at the plants in the Volusia County Orchid Society's exhibit at its annual Orchid Show & Sale last year at the Volusia County Fairgrounds.

## A beautiful event for Mother's Day weekend

For Hometown News  
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Continuing one of the most anticipated events of the year, the Volusia County Orchid Society presents its 21st Orchid and Plant Expo from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 7-8, at the Volusia County Fairgrounds, Hester Exhibit Hall, on State Road 44 in DeLand.

The annual Mother's Day weekend show is one of the largest and most popular in Florida.

"There is something for everybody," said Expo Chair Denise Christensen. "Exotic and beautiful plants

and gifts for sale that you will not see in any store, and amazing displays of orchids in full bloom provided by very talented growers from around the world, which guarantees the level of quality our guests have come to expect."

Admission to the Expo is \$5 for adults, children younger than 12 are free, with free parking to all who attend.

Hourly door prize drawings for plants and gifts adds to the exciting range of offerings, including free classes and demonstrations from nationally-known experts and growers.

Hobbyist growers are welcome to enter plants for judging by certified American Orchid Society judges, with ribbons and cash prizes to those who win.

Also featured is the expo's first Youth Program for those between the ages of 9 and 18, with judging of plants and prizes for winning competitors.

A \$1 discount coupon for admission as well as information on how to enter plants are at volusiacounty-orchidsociety.com.

For more information, contact Ms. Christensen at (386) 873-4300 or denise@denisechristensen.net.



Photo courtesy of OMBAR and Chill Lounge

The fourth annual New Smyrna Beach Blues Festival will be May 12-15 at multiple locations throughout the beachside. Among the entertainers will be five time New Orleans Best Harmonica Player The Rockin' Jake Band at OMBAR and Chill Lounge.

## Some music for your soul in NSB

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Get ready for some rhythm and soul at the fourth annual New Smyrna Beach Blues Festival May 12-15 at multiple locations throughout the beachside.

The four-day musical weekend celebrates one of America's most popular music genres and the weekend includes two dozen concerts, multiple band meet and greets and free giveaways. Every performance is free, but some locations do have a minimum age admission of 21 years.

Featured bands include:

- 9 p.m., Tommy Mac Band, Rockin' Blues, Om Bar and Chill Lounge
- 9 p.m., Mike Quick Trio, Blues, Funk, Soul, Traders Sports Bar

Friday, May 13

- 2 p.m., Beartoe, Blues, Peanuts
- 4 p.m., Highway Flyers, Jazz, Blues Rock, Toni and Joes Patio
- 7 p.m., Big Rick and the Trouble Makers, Low Down Blues, Traders Sports Bar
- 9 p.m., Anni Piper, Blues, Blues Rock, OMBAR

Thursday, May 12

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Week of 5-6-2016

**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**

Aries, expect to be very busy in the days ahead. Make a concerted effort to be more aware of what's around you so that you don't miss a thing.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**

Taurus, financial questions keep popping up and you just keep pushing them aside for later. If need be, work with a professional to establish your goals.

**GEMINI - May 22/June 21**

Do something out of your comfort zone this week, Gemini. When you do so, you may find out you have a wider array of interests than you first believed.

**CANCER - June 22/July 22**

Cancer, just when you think you've figured out how to play the game, they go and change all of the rules on you. Adaptability is one of your biggest strengths.

**LEO - July 23/Aug 23**

It's time to make your love life a priority, Leo. If you're in a relationship, you may find it needs a little nurturing to get it back to the level it was a few months ago.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**

Virgo, if you come up against things you don't understand this week, ask people whose opinions you trust for their points of view. Educating yourself will help you move ahead.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**

Take some time out of your schedule for some much-needed pampering. Whether your idea of special treatment is a massage or simply sleeping in, make it a priority.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**

Delegation will be your favorite word of the week, Scorpio. When the going gets tough, start delegating the tasks that have you stumped. This will ensure everyone stays productive.

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# Singing with joy



Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

DeLand folksingers Eli and Bill Perras perform with Eustis fiddler Jonathan Hodge, right, on Saturday, April 23, at the Pioneer Settlement's Spring Frolic in Barberville.

## Music

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and Chill Lounge

Saturday, May 14

- 1 p.m., Smoke House, Florida Swamp Blues, Flagler Tavern
- 2 p.m., Big Rick and the Trouble Makers, Low Down Blues, Peanuts
- 4 p.m., Highway Flyers, Jazz, Blues Rock, Toni and Joes Patio
- 5 p.m., The Blue Diamond Band, Blues, Country, Classic Rock, Om Bar

and Chill Lounge

- 6 p.m., Dallas Reese, Rock, Blues, Jazz, Gnarly Bar
- 7 p.m., Debbie D & Vintage Now, Blues, Traders Sports Bar
- 8 p.m., Beartoe, Blues, Clancy's Cantina
- 9 p.m., five times New Orleans Best Harmonica Player The Rockin' Jake Band, Blues, Zydeco, Swamp Funk, OMBAR and Chill Lounge

Sunday, May 15

- 3 p.m., Tim & Casey, Blues, Country, Jazz Stan-

dards, Toni and Joes Patio

- 4 p.m., Big Rick and the Trouble Makers, Low Down Blues, Traders Sports Bar
- 5 p.m., Soul Coast, Soul, Rhythm and Blues, Jazz, Flagler Tavern
- 9 p.m., 4X Grammy Winner Trae Pierce and the T-Stone Band, Special Tribute to Blues, the Roots, Funk, and Rock, Om Bar and Chill Lounge

For more information, call the New Smyrna Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800) 541-9621 or visit NSBFLA.com.

# The Club Scene

**•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 bahama-breeze.com.

**•Bakka's Bistro:** Gino Conti of the Cucetti Music Family will entertain from 6:30-9:30 p.m. each Friday. Bo Tomlyn will perform Saturday, May 7. There will be a Mothers Day Brunch and Dinner Buffet on Sunday, May 8. Open mike is 6-9 p.m. Wednesday at 315 Live Oak St., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 410-3780 or visit bakkas-bistroandbooks.com.

**•Bella Cucina Ristorante & Pizzeria:** Live entertainment from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 1431 Orange Camp Road, DeLand. For more information, call (386) 738-1930.

**•Black Sheep Pub and Eating House:** Happy Hour is daily 3-7 p.m. and 9 p.m.-close. Weekly specials include Monday, \$4 "CuervoRitas." Black Sheep has local night Wednesdays with all night happy hour, and Pub Trivia starts at 7 p.m. with gift card prizes. Thursday is Ladies Night with live music, drink specials and \$4 three-olive martinis. Live music is every weekend at 890 S. Atlantic Ave. in Ormond Beach. For information, call (386) 673-5933 or visit theblacksheep.com.

**•Café Da Vinci:** Live entertainment every weekend. Jazz in the Courtyard with The DaVinci Jazz Experiment, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10. An open mike night starts at 7 p.m. each Wednesday at 112 W. Georgia Ave., DeLand. For more information, call (386) 736-0008 or visit cafedavincidental.com.

**•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.

**•Down the Hatch:** Live music each weekend on the outside deck at 4894 Front St., Ponce Inlet. For more information, call (386) 761-4831.

**•Fountain Beach Resort:** The resort is home to the Oasis Tiki Bar & Grill. DJ every day from 1-4 p.m. Karaoke is 7:30-10 p.m. Saturday. John Macker performs 5:30-8:30

p.m. Friday and Tom Redmond performs 5:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday at 313 S. Atlantic Ave., in Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 255-1001.

**•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 \$23. Frappes is at 123 W. Granada Blvd. in Ormond Beach. For reservations, call (386) 615-4888.

**•Grille at Riverview:** Upcoming performers are Mark Z, 7 p.m. Friday, May 6; G.W. Southern, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 7; Jeff White, 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 11, at 101 Flagler Ave., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 428-1865.

**•Inlet Harbor Restaurant & Marina:** Live music is offered on the deck at 133 Inlet Harbor Road in Ponce Inlet. For more information, call (386) 767-5590.

**•Jakob's Well:** Care and Share is 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Open mike night is from 6-9 p.m. Thursdays. Live music is 7-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 132 N. Beach St., Daytona Beach. For information, call (386) 257-2005 or visit jakobswell.com.

**•Jason's Corner:** Favorite standards with Tres Bien Duo from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7, at 135 Canal St., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 424-9878.

**•Lagerheads Bar & Grill:** Upcoming performers are Lou McNally, Friday, May 6; Robert Keele, Saturday, May 7; Don Hill, Sunday, May 8 and Thursday, May 12; Eddie Wolford, Monday, May 9 and Tuesday, May 10 and Reuben Morgan, Wednesday, May 11. Weather permitting, live music is at 2986 Ocean Shore Blvd., Ormond-by-the-Sea. For more information, call (386) 265-1977.

**•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. On Friday, there is live acoustic guitar music at 7:30 p.m. at 193 North Causeway, New Smyrna Beach. For information, call (386) 427-1177 or visit merksbarandgrill.com.

**•Mr. Dunderbak's:** Mr. Dunderbak's Monthly Beer Tasting will be from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, May 6. The 10 beers to be featured are Dogfish Head To Drink Music To, Keel & Curley Madman Hard Strawberry Cider, 21st Amendment Hell or High Watermelon, Ommegang Game of Thrones Seven Kingdoms, St. Louis Framboise, Smuttynose Kindest Find, Samuel Smith's India Ale, Southern Tier 3 Citrus Peel Out, New Belgium La Folie draught, and Two Henrys Bellevue-Biltmore Blueberry Vanilla Wheat.

The 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:** Ladies Night Karaoke with Just George will be 8 a.m. to close Thursday and karaoke 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday. Karaoke with DJ Chip will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday. Live Trivia Mondays is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Eddie Uzzle will perform rock hits from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday. James Wise will perform oldies from 6-10 p.m. Wednesday at 3830 S. Nova, Port Orange. For more information, call (386) 788-3268.

**•Ocean Deck:** Caribbean Posse performs from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Thursday through Sunday. Tom Redmond performs classic rock from 5-8 p.m. Friday and 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Monday at 127 S. Ocean Ave., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 253-5224 or visit oceandeck.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.

**•Sinatra's Downtown Ristorante:** Pianists in the Cabaret & Piano Bar from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 6:30-10 p.m. Thursday, and 7-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 215 S. Woodland Blvd., DeLand. For more information, call (386) 308-2200.

**•Sinatra's Laldila Ristorante:** Pianists play from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, 6-10 p.m. Friday and 5-9 p.m. Saturday. Karaoke is 9 p.m. to close Saturday at 355 Cassadaga Road, Lake Helen. For information, call (386) 218-3806.

**•Sunny's Wine & Liquor:** A free wine and liquor tasting is hosted from 4-7 p.m. each Friday and Saturday at 350 S. Spring Garden Ave., DeLand. For more information, call (386) 738-7533 or visit delandliquorstore.com.

**•Tomoka Brewing Co.:** Live trivia will be from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 10. Ladies night with Jimmy Z. will be from 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, May 11. Thursday 4:20@4:20 College Reggae Night with Noah Broe will be from 4:20-9 p.m. May 12 and the Good Food Truck will be on site. Brewery tours are 4-7 p.m. each Monday and noon-4 p.m. each Saturday at 4647 Clyde Morris Blvd., Port

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## Scopes

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SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 17

Sagittarius, you may be called upon to lend your special skills to a situation this week. While it may not be a job you relish, you know ultimately it has to get done.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, speak your mind because if you don't do it others are not going to advocate for your needs. That's why it's so important for you to fight for every cause, no matter how small.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, work may be getting on your nerves, but you

have to maintain a professional demeanor at all times. It can be challenging, but you will handle it.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, a few days away from the daily grind will help you recharge your batteries. Turn off your phone and enjoy the well-deserved respite.

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# On Mother's Day, give her what she deserves

The special day is almost here — Mother's Day, May 8. It's the biggest restaurant day of the year when almost half of the population eats out. Except at my house — my wife would rather have me cook for her. I don't blame her. I can cook anything she wants any way she likes it. We really have a great relationship. I do all the cooking and food shopping and she has a full-time job, but takes care of all the painting, plumbing, household finances, children, doctor appointments, car repairs, organizing trips, and most of all she is my buffer at dinner parties or meetings.

She is the center of attention and I don't have to make idle conversation. Oh, did I forget to mention she is also a nice person with a kind and giving heart? We really enjoy each other's company and it doesn't matter what we do as long as it's together. Does all this sound familiar?

Yes, Moms are special, their intense love for family is legendary, but their ability to nurture goes beyond words. From a scratched knee to a broken heart, a word from mom seems to heal all. So what can we do on Mother's Day to honor her? Flowers, candy and dinner — it's not enough. Nothing is enough!

We can start by honoring her every day. Make a breakfast on Saturday morning sometimes. Just say thank you when she does the laundry or tell her how nice the meal was she cooked. Stop taking the everyday things she does for granted and let her know how much you appreciate it. You will be surprised how



**CHEF COSTA'S COOKING CORNER**  
COSTA MAGOULAS

much she will love it. On Mother's Day do something personal, a hand written note, a scrapbook of family photos, a special dinner with wine and do it yourself from your heart. That will be something she deserves and will remember forever. So what should you cook? I will give you a couple of good ideas — you decide.

## Steak Au Poive

### Ingredients

- 2 tenderloin steaks, 6 to 8 ounces each and no more than 1 1/2 inches thick
- Kosher salt
- 1 tablespoons whole peppercorns
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon prepared mustard
- 1/3 cup beef stock
- 1/3 cup brandy or bourbon
- 1 cup heavy cream

### Directions

Remove the steaks from the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes and up to 1 hour prior to cooking. Sprinkle all sides with salt. Coarsely crush the peppercorns with a mortar and pestle, the bottom of a cast iron skillet, or using a mallet and pie pan. Spread the peppercorns evenly onto a plate. Press the fillets, on both sides, into the pepper until it coats the surface. Set aside.  
In a medium skillet over medium heat, melt the

butter and olive oil. As soon as the butter and oil begin to turn golden and smoke, gently place the steaks in the pan. For medium-rare, cook for 4 minutes on each side. Once done, remove the steaks, cover with a plate and set aside.

Add brandy to the pan and carefully ignite the alcohol with a long match. Gently shake pan until the flames die. Return the pan to medium heat and add the cream, mustard, stock, bring the mixture to a boil and whisk until the sauce coats the back of a spoon, about 5 to 6 minutes. Season, to taste, with salt. Add the steaks back to the pan, spoon the sauce over, and serve.

## Chocolate Mousse

### Ingredients

- 1 quart heavy or whipping cream
- 14 ounces bittersweet chocolate, melted in the microwave, 20 to 30 seconds

### Directions

Whip the cream to soft peaks and add about 1/3 of the melted chocolate. Fold gently with a rubber spatula. Mix the remaining chocolate into the whipped cream. Mix only until combined, as you will deflate the cream if you over mix. Place the mousse into decorative serving cups. Top with a cherry.

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

# Enjoying tasty tacos



Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

Stetson University freshmen Sara Spangler and Henry Goodman load up their Indian tacos on Friday, April 15, in Allen Hall during the Native American Food Night presented by the Stetson Organization for Native American Revitalization.

# Art Notes

## Athens Derby Extravaganza May 7

The Athens Theatre will host a fundraising event, "The Derby," a fashion affair in true Kentucky style from 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Wayne Sanborn Center, 815 S. Alabama Ave., DeLand.

Hosted by Leslye Gale of 107.7 Magic and wife of Volusia County Sheriff Ben Johnson, the celebration will include a bluegrass

band; a live, large screen broadcast of the "The Run for the Roses;" plenty to nibble on; mint juleps; and croquette on the lawn.

Guests will be met at the door by Volusia County Council Chair Jason Davis on his horse Pensacola (an 1,100 pound Arabian) and will enter the Sanborn Center in grand style on a red carpet before being escorted to a backdrop where their pictures will be taken by Oxley Photography.

Guests are encouraged to

wear their most stylish hats and bow ties.

Funds raised will help arts awareness for underprivileged children, theatrical performances for Volusia County School children, and theatre availability for the working poor. Sponsorships are still available for \$300 and \$500.

Tickets are \$50 and at athensdeland.com/derby. The Elusive Grape or call (386) 736-1500.

## Out

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"Peanuts Movie" will be shown at 7 p.m. at Dickinson Park, 120 E. Graves Ave., Orange City.

The Orange City Police Explorers will have hot dogs for sell and there will be free popcorn. Don't forget to bring a lawn chairs and blankets to get a good seat. The movie is sponsored by Florida Hospital Fish Memorial. For more

information, call Danielle FitzPatrick at (386) 775-5410.

**Saturday, May 7**

•**Concert:** Riverview United Methodist Church will host a See **OUT, B4**

# Visit McKee Botanical Gardens for a getaway close to home

A couple of weekends ago, my wife Carol and I decided we wanted to do something fun without taking an hour or two drive to get there.

We decided to visit McKee Gardens in Vero Beach. It was the last weekend for the Dinosaur Exhibit and it was definitely worth the trip. I will say, the visit totally exceeded my expectations. Not only is the garden a beautiful place to see, the history that is evident within the gates dates all the way back to 1929.

While strolling down the winding paths you can look for loads of colorful surprises hidden throughout the gardens. Be sure to pay special attention to all the colorful air plants and Bromeliads in many of the trees and especially in old tree trunks.

In 1929, the then McKee Jungle Gardens was opened to the public. The area was known for the lush tropical foliage and the animals that called the garden home. It was like going to a real tropical jungle where monkeys, deer and other animals roamed free throughout the park. The main difference is that it was much safer than going to a tropical jungle in South America.

During the 1940s, 100,000 tourists were visiting the garden annually and it quickly became one of Florida's main attractions. For many years, the garden remained a preferred destination for people traveling to Florida. As time went on, the Turnpike and



**GARDEN NOOK**  
JOE ZELENAK

Interstate 95 were built and started to take traffic away from US 1. This decrease in traffic along with the construction of such places as Disney World started a downturn that finally forced the park to close in 1976.

Most of the land was sold with the exception of 18 acres. This area sat unused for 20 years until the Indian River Land Trust launched a fundraiser to buy the property. They purchased the property in 1995, saving it from becoming a shopping mall. In 2001, a fully restored McKee Botanical Gardens was opened.

When visiting the garden, history can be seen at almost every turn including the parking area. From the historic Cypress stump to the Hall of Giants and the Spanish Kitchen, there are plenty of great photo opportunities.

While you stroll through the gardens, there are loads of winding walkways and waterways all crisscrossed with historic stone bridges. Right now, all the water lilies are in bloom and they make for a breathtaking sight as you walk through the gardens. The official time for touring the gardens is 45 minutes to an hour but you will want to spend a lot more time than that looking at all the treasures. You can almost place yourself back

into the 1940s as you stroll along the historic paths.

While on your stroll, you will come across the giant Banyan tree that was knocked over during the hurricanes of 2004 and 2005. The tree had to be trimmed and then inverted to an upright position in the hopes it would again flourish. The tree is now doing great and it makes for a great photo opportunity.

Another point of interest is the "sleeping tree." This tree was knocked over in 1979 when hurricane David tore through the Treasure Coast. The hurricane dropped the huge tree completely to the ground but the root system remained intact in such a way the tree survived. The tree now grows while lying completely on the ground.

The gardens have plenty of places to sit and enjoy the tranquility while you are on your tour. They also have a garden café and a gift shop. The food in the café is excellent!

The sixth annual Fairy and Pirate festival returns from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 7.

The gardens are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday thru Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. They are at 350 U.S. 1 in Vero Beach.

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

## Scene

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Orange. To schedule a tour, call (386) 256-4979. Visit tomokabrewingco.com for more information.

•**95 and Vine:** Monday is

service industry night, buy one, get one on house glasses of wine 5-9 p.m. Tuesday is Ladies Night, buy one, get one house glasses of wine from 5-10 p.m. Wednesday healthcare workers buy one, get one house glass of wine 5-10 p.m. Wine Tasting Thursday is 5-

7:30 p.m. Live Music Friday is 7-10 p.m. Saturday students may buy one, get one house glass of wine 5-11 p.m. at 1665 Dunlawton Ave., No. 105, Port Orange. For more information, call (386) 947-7929, or visit 95andvine.com.



# Fashion fights cancer



Photo courtesy of Florida Hospital

The second annual Out of the Box Fashion Show on April 2 at the Chisholm Community Center in DeLand featured designers from North and Central Florida and raised \$500 to support cancer care at Florida Hospital DeLand. The fashion show was sponsored by Cameron Enterprises, Deliverance Outreach Ministries, Mitzi's First Impression Hair Salon and Kimeca's Design Element. From left are hospital officials Maureen McLain Mercho and George Shirling, CDMK members Kimeca Caine, Mitzi Caine, Alicia M. Monroe and Primrose Cameron, and hospital officials Lorna Jean Hagstrom and Maureen France.

# Intuitive computing can save you time, money

Most of the time when I get calls for computer help, I can usually figure out how to fix things instinctively.

Why? Well because I examine the contents of the different menus looking for the option that will most likely get me closer to my goal (while keeping in mind whatever it is I'm trying to do).

As an added bonus, just about every program out there has pull down menus with "Help" listed as the last one to the right. So by the time I get to the last pull down menu, I can always open that program's help file and do a search on what I'm trying to do. The help file will then list all the topics that contain whatever words I searched on and from there I can usually figure out how to take the next step.

Let's take a look at this in an example. Let's say I'm writing my column with a typical word processing program and I wanted to make the next line I type bold and larger. Let's also say I only have a basic understanding of computers. At this point I have two choices, I can stare at the screen with a blank expression and then call Bob (who's pretty good with computers) and ask him, or I can start looking around the screen for something that may help me reach my goal.

As I move my mouse (and my eyes) around the screen, I notice a couple of things; first at the top of the screen, above where the words are being typed, there are (often) rows of menus and



**COMPUTE THIS**  
SEAN MCCARTHY

buttons available. And, as I move my mouse slowly over the buttons, little boxes pop up telling me what each button does. When I click on the "File" option, it opens (or "pulls down") and I can see all of the commands available that have to do with Filing. As I move my mouse to the right, the File pull down menu closes and the Edit menu opens displaying all of the commands available for editing. Next the View pull down menu opens and then the Insert menu opens. As each menu opens I look at all the options available and for each one I ask myself "does this option look like it will help me change my text to bold and larger?" And as each menu does not present an option I go on to the next one eventually getting to the "Format" pull down menu.

When Format opens, I see it lists Bullets and numbering... Borders and shading... and what's this? Font?? Hmmm... Let me think... I'm trying to change the formatting of my text and text is made up of "fonts." Thinking I may be on the right track, I click the Fonts option and a screen opens that allows me to change the characteristics of the type. Bingo! Exactly what I am looking for! It says I am typing in Times New Roman, Regular, Size 12. I change the specs to Times New Roman, Bold,

Size 14, click OK and voila! My typing is now larger and darker.

OK, so that rather tame demonstration is just an example of how intuitive computing works; at no time did I ever get the urge to go get a book or call tech support for help, I kept in mind what I was trying to do and, after seeing what options were available, discovered the answer on my own. Instinctively.

Now, I know what a lot of you are thinking; the things you have trouble doing are far more complex than just changing the characteristics of text, how can this possibly help me? And to that I answer the lesson is not in how to change the font size, the lesson is where to go for your answers!

Notice the menus I looked at were all within the program I was using. You should look at the menus and options available within the program where you are stuck. Also notice each pull down menu is a category; all filing options are under "File" and we found our Font options under the "Format" pull down menu. That was no coincidence. I would have been surprised to find the Fonts option under the File pull down menu but starting at File and moving to the right covers all the bases and rapidly gets you familiar with all the menus available.

Sean McCarthy fixes computers. He can be reached at 888-752-9049 or help@ComputeThisOnline.com (No Hyphens!)

# School News

## B-CU announces Donna Brazile as commencement speaker

Bethune-Cookman University will welcome veteran Democratic political strategist Donna Brazile to its campus this spring.

Ms. Brazile will serve as the keynote speaker for the university's upcoming commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 7, at the Ocean Center, 101 N Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach.

Mr. Brazile has lectured at more than 150 colleges and universities across the country. She is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University, a syndicated newspaper columnist for Universal Uclick, a columnist for Ms. Magazine, and O, The Oprah Magazine, an on-air contributor to CNN, and ABC, where she regularly appears on the Sunday morning show "This Week."

## Sugar Mill DAR honors students

Sugar Mill Chapter

Daughters of the American Revolution honored 16 students from Port Orange Elementary, Warner Christian Academy and Creekside Middle School for their entries in the 2016 Junior American Citizens contest.

All students won first place at the chapter level, and six won first place at the state level.

These entries will be forwarded to the Southeast Regional competition (consisting of 7 states). Contests are held in art (banner, stamp design, poster, and photo essay), and community service. Grades 1-12 may participate.

Port Orange Elementary School winners: Kalina Decker, Molly Morrison, Lilly Teimeier, and Zoe Zawmbik, Hannah Guest, Ivan Traykov, Evan Philio, Jenna Hall and Zachery Lewis (Grade 5).

Warner Christian Academy winners: Jaime Feliciano (Grade 4), Jordon Strader and Chloe Teut (Grade 3), Mary Rowan (Grade 5), Conner Askew (Grade 3), and Matt Tarr (Grade 5).

Creekside Middle School winner: Mackenzie Childs, (Grade 80).

First place at the state level are Jenna Hall, Ivan Traykov, Chloe Teut, Mary Rowan, Evan Philio and Connor Askey.

## DSC summer sessions looming large

Daytona State College registration is moving fast toward summer classes that start May 18 and July 5. Plus, fall registration is now open.

There are two sessions of summer classes; six-week and 10-week classes start May 18, followed by a second 6-week session starting July 5. Many classes are offered online.

DSC offers short semesters and a selection of more than 100 courses toward degrees or certificates this summer. Applying to DSC is easy; and advisors can help with choosing courses or a major, as well as how to apply for financial aid and scholarships.

DSC's Admissions offices welcome visits on campus, as well as calls, (386) 506-3059, or emails, Admissions@DaytonaState.edu.

## Out

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Harp and Piano Recital at 1 p.m. at 2253 John Anderson Drive, Ormond Beach.

Students of Marian DeVore and Cynthia Tuteria will perform. A reception will follow. Parking is available in the back of the buildings. For more information, call (386) 441-1622.

**Daytona Flea & Farmers Market:** The monthly Classic Car Cruise-In will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1425 Tomoka Farms Road, Daytona Beach.

Featuring more than 300 classic and antique cars and DJ music in the West parking lot. Free to show. For more information, visit DaytonaFleaMarket.com

**Pancakes in the Park:** This event will be from 7-11 a.m. in Old Fort Park on Riverside Drive, New Smyrna Beach.

The cost is \$6 per person. Tickets available at the New Smyrna Beach Museum of History Museum and at the event.

**Edgifest "Day on the River":** This event will be from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Menard May Park, 413 S. Riverside Drive, Edgewater. There will be free Coast Guard safety instructions, water safety information, fun water activities, Marine Discovery Center exhibits, entertainment and vendors.

**Chihuahua de Mayo:** This event will be from 1-4 p.m. at the Daytona Beach Bandshell.

Pet registration will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. At 1:30 p.m. there will be a world record attempt. The parade will be at 2 p.m. Entry fee is \$5 per dog; includes a commemorative gift for each dog entered.

Owners can bring certification papers to verify breed but veterinarians will be on hand to certify the breed if papers are not available. For more information, visit Daytonabandshell.com.

**NSB Cook and the Book:** The Cook and the Book festival will feature cookbook authors demonstrating some recipes from their cookbooks May 7-8.

All sessions are free to the public and will be at the New Smyrna Beach Civic Center on Flagler Avenue. In the evening, several restaurants in the New Smyrna Beach area will "adopt" an author and feature a few items from their cookbook available on their menu.

**Riverfest:** The Oak Hill Community Trust and the City of Oak Hill will host Riverfest 2016 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Mary Dewees Park. There will be educational information and participation from Burns Sci-Tech Charter School. Food will be available for purchase but activities and admission is free. For more information, call (386) 345-3154 or email hyattl@oakhillfl.com.

Sunday, May 8

**Cinematique:** The film "Grandma" will be shown at 2 p.m. at Cinematique Theater, 242 S. Beach St.,

Daytona Beach. Special Mother's Day Show! Rated R. Lilly Tomlin stars as Elle, who has just gotten through breaking up with her girlfriend when Elle's granddaughter, Sage, unexpectedly shows up needing \$600 bucks before sundown. Temporarily broke, Grandma Elle and Sage spend the day trying to get their hands on the cash. Also starring Julia Garner and Marcia Gay Harden. Directed by Paul Weitz. Tickets are \$15 for two, and include a chocolate treat from Angell & Phelps. Individual tickets \$7. For more information, call (386) 252-3778.

**Daytona Flea & Farmers Market:** The monthly Arts and Craft Show will be at 1425 Tomoka Farms Road, Daytona Beach.

For information, visit DaytonaFleaMarket.com.

Tuesday, May 10

**Concert:** The Southeast Volusia Community Choir will present "A Salute to God and Country" from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. at the New Smyrna Beach Library, 1001 S. Dixie Freeway.

**Guitar Ensemble:** This Daytona State College performance will be at 7:30 p.m. at the performing arts center grand lobby, at 221 N. Beach St., Daytona Beach. Admission is free.

For information, visit DaytonaState.edu/TheArts.

Wednesday, May 11

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# Nice doggy!



Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer  
Corra Rand, 3, of DeLand pets DeLand resident Alex Mosteller's English bulldog, Georgia, on Friday, April 29, at the Artisan Alley Farmers' Market.

# Volunteers keep the river clean



Photos by Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

Volunteers from Stetson University professor Michelle Demoss' (second from right) consumer behavior group stand behind a pile of trash collected on Saturday, April 16, at Ed Stone Park in DeLand during the St. Johns River Cleanup. Hector Valle, the environmental specialist who coordinated the event, said 8,070 pounds of trash was pulled from the river and nearby areas.



Marty Ebbing of DeLand throws another bag of trash collected on Saturday, April 16, along the banks of the St. Johns River onto a pile at Ed Stone Park.

## Out

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**•Wine, Women & Chocolate:** Be a Downtown DeLand Diva from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and discover what downtown DeLand has to offer. Enjoy special sales, discounts, giveaways and other promotions. *For more information, visit winewomenandchocolateland.com.*

**•Bus Tour:** The West Volusia Historical Society will host a historical bus tour with a guided trip to Lake Helen and Cassadaga at 11 a.m. The bus departs from the Conrad Center, at 137 W. Michigan Ave., DeLand. Tickets, which include lunch, are \$32.50. *Reservations are required and can be made by calling (386) 740-6813.*

### Upcoming events

**•Musical:** Children's Musical Theatre Workshop presents "Legally Blonde Jr." and "Alice in Wonderland Kids" at 7 p.m. Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14, and 1 p.m. Sunday, May 15, at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, 399 N. U.S. 1, Ormond Beach. Tickets are \$10 for reserved seats. *For more information, call (386) 676-3375.*

**•American Painting Exhibition:** The Dolly and Homer Hand Art Center at Stetson University will present an exhibition of work that encompasses the Florida School of Art beginning Friday, May 13.

Using 40 examples of paintings drawn from private collections throughout Florida, the exhibition explores many of the crosscurrents of Florida School artists who are increasingly becoming appreciated through the recent publication of a number of award-winning academic and general studies. The exhibition runs through July. For more information, visit [stetson.edu/hand](http://stetson.edu/hand)

**•Slo' Jam Session:** An event for every musician from beginner to experienced. Play, sing or just listen. Bring your ukulele, harmonica, guitar or percussion instruments. Play book and some refreshments provided.

This event will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at 132 Canal St., New Smyrna Beach.

Admission is \$5. *For more information, visit [thehuboncanal.org](http://thehuboncanal.org) or call (386) 957-3924.*

**•Spirit of the Automobile:** The annual car show will be May 20-22. A James Bond-themed Casino Night will be from 7-11 p.m. Friday, May 20 at MG on the Halifax, 241

Riverside Drive in Holly Hill. Tickets are \$40-\$75 with \$5,000 in chips per couple or \$2,000 in chips per ticket. The car show will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 21, in Riverfront Park in Daytona Beach. The show is free and open to the public.

Anyone wanting to display a vehicle, must register at [downtowndaytonaevents.com](http://downtowndaytonaevents.com). Registrations before May 9 will save \$5 off the \$15 registration fee. Pre-registration fee is \$10. After May 9 and on the day of the event, the registration fee is \$15. Benefits will go to Halifax Health Foundation, Neo-Natal Unit.

On Sunday, May 22, the "Cruise The Loop" is back. Attendees will meet at 9:30 a.m. Belair Plaza, 2501 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach. *For more information, call (386) 238-4001.*

### Ongoing Events

**•American Legion Post 127:** Every first and third Saturday bingo is played at 1 p.m. with free hot dogs and coffee. Public hall rental is available at 109 Cassadaga Road, Lake Helen. *For information, call (386) 228-2770.*

**•Artisan Alley Farmer's Market:** The market is from 6-9 p.m. each Friday in Downtown DeLand and offers local, organic produce, plants,

orchids and homemade breads. *For more information, call (386) 589-3118.*

**•The Casements:** The former 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 historic property is at 25 Riverside Drive, Ormond Beach. *For information, call (386) 676-3216 or go to [thecasements.net](http://thecasements.net).*

**•Celebrate Recovery at TLC:** A 12-step program that meets at 7 p.m. every Friday in The Lighthouse Church Cafe, 1525 S. State Road 15-A, DeLand. Childcare is provided.

**•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](http://cmshuffleboard.org).*

**•Gateway Farmers Market:** Every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gateway Center for the Arts, 880 N. U.S. 17/92, DeBary. *For more information, call Rob Rinaldo at (407) 443-6965.*

**•Henry A. Deland House Museum:** A restored 1880s home furnished and decorated in period style at 137 W. Michigan Ave., DeLand. Artifacts and vintage photographs of DeLand and West Volusia County history are displayed. The Lue Gim Gong Memorial and heirloom citrus grove is on the grounds. Guided tours and gift shop are available. Tours are from noon -2 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 11 and free for children under six. *For more information, call (386) 740-6813, email [delandhouse@msn.com](mailto:delandhouse@msn.com) or visit [delandhouse.com](http://delandhouse.com).*

**•Lake Helen Market in the Park:** 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday at Blake Park, 437 N. Lakeview Drive.

**•Meditation:** Meditation is offered at 9 a.m., each Wednesday at the Bamboo Arts Center, 4490 Cave Lake Road, DeLeon Springs. Previous experience is not a hindrance and is probably a benefit. Admission is free. *For more information, call (386) 277-2069 or visit [nessmyths.com.](http://mentalill-</a></i></p>
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**•New Smyrna Beach Farmer's Market:** Each Saturday, vendors take their places in front of Old Fort Park in the Canal Street Historic District, 210 Sams Ave., New Smyrna Beach. *For information, go to [canalstreetsnb.com](http://canalstreetsnb.com) or call (404) 429-5524.*

**•New Smyrna Beach Museum of History:** In the NSB Waterfront 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.*

**•Orange City Farmers Market:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday at Dickinson Park, corner of U.S. 17/92 and East Graves Avenue, Orange City.

**•Orchid Society:** The Volusia County Orchid Society meets at 6 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Volusia County Agricultural Center in DeLand. *For more information, call (386) 801-4749 or visit [vsosonline.org](http://vsosonline.org).*

**•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 [ormond-beachmainstreet.com](http://ormond-beachmainstreet.com).*

**•Ormond Beach Historical Society Welcome Center and Museum:** This is the "Gateway to the Ormond Scenic Loop" featuring historical photographs, a 20-minute DVD and interpretive panels. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. The facility is at 38 E. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach. *For more information, call*

(386) 676-7005 or visit [ormondhistory.org](http://ormondhistory.org).

**•Piggotte Community Center:** The Community Stitching Circle meets from 10 a.m. to noon each Friday. Join us with your current sewing project to sew and meet new friends. The Backgammon Club meets from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. 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](http://moas.org).*

**•Ramble at Lake Woodruff:** Join a Refuge Ramble, led by Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge volunteers at 9 a.m. every Wednesday for a 1.5-mile, two-hour meander to observe native wildlife and their habitats. Meet at the Live Oak parking lot on Mud Lake

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## Religion News

### Spiritual reading offered

Read "Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy in Spanish at 9 a.m. each Sat-

urday at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 111 E. New York Ave., DeLand.

This is a free event and all are welcome.

*For more information, call (386) 414-4528.*

## Obituary

### Frederick W. Zercher

Frederick W. Zercher, 84, of DeLand, died Saturday, April 23.

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# Boat race winners



Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

Tom Hoy of DeLand splashes his paddle against the dock as he and Frank Merrihew of Port Orange bring their AnyTizer boat to the dock Saturday, April 30, in the first heat of the Anything that Floats boat race at the Lake Beresford Yacht Club. The duo took first place after a final race in the fourth annual event against two other fast boats.

## Sports News

### Lake Woodruff NWR to host fishing derby for kids

Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge will host its fifth annual Kid's Fishing Derby from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 7, at the refuge impoundment, Pool 1, at the end of Mud Lake Road in DeLeon Springs.

Children ages 5 to 12, competing in three age brackets, will vie for first, second and third place for the smallest, largest and the most fish caught (line only). Medals and prizes awarded for each place. Local merchants have donated fishing gear, prizes and raffle items.

The impoundment will

be stocked with fish and closed to fishing prior to the event to increase each child's chance of catching a fish. Bait is provided, just bring fishing gear, sunscreen and folding chairs. Fishing poles and tackle will be provided to children who do not have their own gear.

For more information or to register, call (386) 985-4673.

### Pro baseball season

The Daytona Tortugas will face the Brevard County Manatees for a split series beginning at 7:05 p.m. Monday, May 9, at Jackie Robinson Ballpark, 105 Orange Ave., Daytona Beach. The Tortugas will play in Brevard County at 6:35 p.m. Tuesday.

The Tortugas finish off the series with games at 7:05 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 and Thursday, May 12 at home.

For more information, visit [daytonatortugas.com](http://daytonatortugas.com).

### WORC Charity Classic

The 44th annual Play for WORC Charity Classic will be at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 7, at LPGA International.

All net proceeds will benefit WORC and enable the organization to provide services to individuals with disabilities.

To sponsor the golf tournament or play, call (386) 274-6474 or email [kferguson@worcinc.org](mailto:kferguson@worcinc.org).

# Mosquito Lagoon still fishable

With all of the bad press the Mosquito Lagoon has been getting (yes, I am a major contributor), I thought it might be time to make sure there are no misconceptions.

Problems notwithstanding, the Lagoon is still one of the world's greatest fishing destinations. Fishing there remains outstanding. The only question is how long it will last. That is a question I never thought I would be asking.

Several people who wrote in response to my Lagoon columns wanted to know if the fish there are still safe to eat. As many of you know my opinions about the Lagoon and the fish are not based on any science but instead I fall back on country boy logic. Actually in my working life I was a roads scholar (yep, I was a paving contractor). My ideas come from experience and the experience of my older friends who have spent a lifetime on the water. I prefer to think of it as common sense, a commodity in short supply these days.

You know, years ago I operated a big 100-gallon salt water aquarium in my home. Friends and relatives congratulated me for providing so much fun for my own kids and those of the neighbors. Sure the kids enjoyed watching the marine creatures in the tank but in reality it was a place to keep my bait alive. As I worked my cast net around



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DAN SMITH

the area, some pretty interesting sea life would come up.

The aquarium would often be home to tiny stingrays, octopus, mantis shrimp and lots of minnows. There was always baby tarpon, snook, sea trout, redbfish, sheepshead, snapper and flounder. I found most of those creatures to be very sturdy except for the trout and snook. If I allowed the water PH to get the least bit out of whack, I would find the snook and trout belly up. Knowing how fragile they are, I always figured if local waters could support them, it had to be okay. There are lots of snook and trout in Mosquito lagoon so I will say that until those two start dying, the fish are safe to eat. No science, just country logic.

The problems in the Lagoon began about five years ago with the misguided Marsh Restoration Project. All of the excavation that came with that, released thousands of tons of silt into the estuary.

The sad truth is wherever you go, fishing is in decline. Just too much demand these days. The good news is if fishing in Mosquito lagoon drops by 50 percent, it will still be one of the top

spots in the world. That is not acceptable but does provide some solace.

Regular readers will remember that last summer I caught my all time largest red drum at 44 inches long. I was in the Lagoon with Wam Bam Charters of Edgewater when we found a school of hundreds of big reds. That was long after the current troubles began.

Speaking of Wam Bam now would be a great time to take a guided fishing trip there. The Lagoon has a great cadre of guides to assist you in making a dream come true. As the fishing dwindles so will the guides.

I just wanted to make sure that you know the problems now facing the Lagoon will have a gradual effect. Right now the sea grasses are dying on a daily basis. Without the grass, the tiny crustaceans and minnows will have no habitat. Eventually that will cause the game fish to leave. Once that happens, the guides, bait shops, boat dealers and others will have to close. The ripple effect will be felt by the entire county. Catch the fish, eat them and enjoy the water while we all let our voices be heard.

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

# Embry-Riddle students unveil Formula-style racecar

For Hometown News newsdy@hometownnewsol.com

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Motor-

sports Club unveiled its first-ever student designed and built open-wheel, high performance Formula SAE racecar Monday, May 2, in the Henderson Welcome Center in Daytona Beach.

The racecar will compete against 119 teams from around the world at the Michigan International Speedway May 11-14.

The small Formula SAE racer weighs in at only 450 lbs. It is powered by a Honda 600 cc liquid-cooled inline four-cylinder engine and has a top speed of 130 mph.

The racecar was built in the High Performance Vehicles Lab in the College of Engineering. By first using 3D digital modeling software, students were able to virtually create and analyze every aspect of the design and manufacturing process. They fabricated the chrome-moly steel chassis and custom parts for the vehicle, modified engine components to achieve

enhanced performance and completed the final assembly.

The 13-member student team is composed of undergraduate and graduate students from the Mechanical Engineering, Aviation Maintenance Science, Aerospace Engineering and Business Administration programs.

"There have been many sleepless nights trying to get this racecar built and running," said Alec Schrok, Mechanical Engineering major and corporate relations lead for the ERAU Motorsports Club. "If it wasn't for the hard work of team lead Mark Kaufman (M.E.), project manager Keith Diringier (M.E.), machinist Tucker Hawkinson (M.E.), welder Andrew Goodwin (A.M.S.) and countless other team members, we would not have been successful."

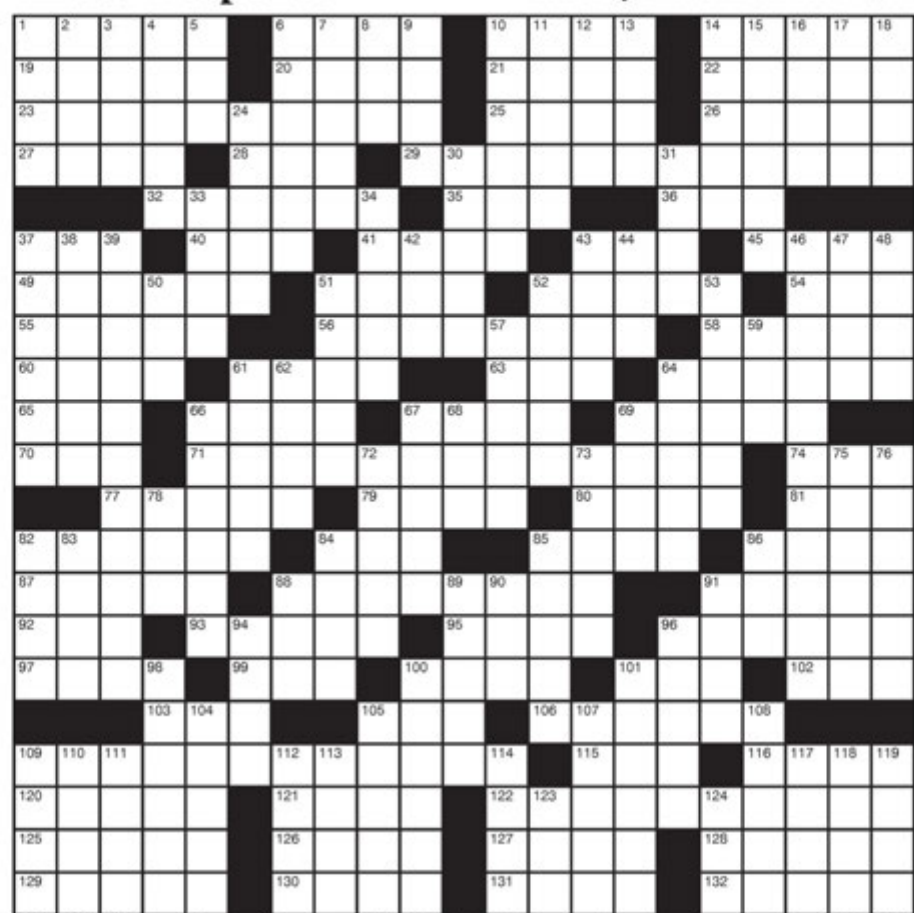
For more information about the car, visit [eraumotorsports.org](http://eraumotorsports.org).

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Road in DeLeon Springs. Wear sturdy walking shoes and bring water and binoculars, if you have them. All are welcome.

For information, visit [fvs.gov/lakewoodruff](http://fvs.gov/lakewoodruff).

**River of History Cruise:** A two-hour River of History Cruise from Ponce Inlet to New Smyrna Beach and back along the Intracoastal Waterway is offered at 10 a.m. each Wednesday.

The boat leaves from 4936 Peninsula Drive, Ponce Inlet. Tickets are \$25 for adults; \$20 for seniors; \$10 for children ages 5 to 12; and free for children younger than 5.

To make a reservation, call (386) 405-3445.

**Sandcastle Storytellers:** The Sandcastle Storytellers Group meets from 6-8 p.m. Saturdays at the Boston Gourmet Coffee Shop, 109 E. New York Ave., DeLand. The public may attend.

**Stetson Mansion:** Tours have resumed at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. There also will be a tour at 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays, Feb 27 and March 12. For more

information, visit [StetsonMansion.com](http://StetsonMansion.com).

**Sons of Italy Deltona:**

Bingo is at 6 p.m. each Tuesday. Every Wednesday is dinner night from 4:30-8 p.m. with dancing. Donation is \$5 for pasta.

Non-members are always welcome. Take out is available at 1270 Doyle Road. For more information, call (386) 574-1122.

**VFW Post 8093:** There is bingo at 5 p.m. each Sunday. Pinochle is at 6:30 p.m. and corn hole at 7 p.m. each Monday. Tuesday, there is free pool all day until 7 p.m.; then the pool league plays. Bunco is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Karaoke is at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Dinner is served from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday. The dice game Left Center Right is played at 7 p.m. each Thursday. There is an all-you-can-eat fish fry Friday from 5-7 p.m.

Friday and Saturday entertainment is at 7:30 p.m. Drinks and pizza are served at the Canteen. The post is at 351 S. Charles Richard Beall Blvd., DeBary. For more information, visit [vfwpost8093.com](http://vfwpost8093.com) or call (386) 668-8640.

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