



Community Notes

Tree lighting slated

The DeLand City Hall Tree Lighting Ceremony will be at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at 120 S. Florida Ave., DeLand. Santa will ride in on a fire engine to light the tree. For more information, visit deland.org or call (386) 626-7000.

Master gardeners plan plant clinic

Volusia County's master gardeners will share winter gardening tips and answer questions during a plant clinic from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at the DeLand Regional Library, 130 E. Howry Ave. Residents can bring their plants for a free check-up. For more information, call the Volusia County Extension Service at (386) 822-5778.

Learn how to write your family history

Writers who want to learn how to put their family history into historical context can get advice from Dr. Bruce F. Pauley at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at the DeLand Regional Library, 130 E. Howry Ave., DeLand. Dr. Pauley is a professor emeritus of history at the University of Central Florida and author of the book "Pioneering History on Two Continents." For more information, call (386) 822-6430.

Pet Vet Cruiser sets December schedule

Volusia County's Pet Vet Cruiser will make its rounds in December, offering low-cost spaying and neutering services 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:
 •Rockin' Ranch, 801 S. Nova Road, Ormond Beach: Dec. 6,
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New apartment complex will be going up in DeLand

By Wilnifred Santiago
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The DeLand City Commissioners gave final approval Nov. 21 for the development of The Pines apartment complex. But before the City Commissioners could come to a decision on the Class IV Site Plan for the apartment complex, there was a meeting about the development concerns the Spring Hill Community residents had to the project. Rick Werbiskis, DeLand Community Development Director, indicated the meeting included city staff, the project developers and the residents of the Spring Hill community to address the concerns. According to Mr. Werbiskis, some of the development concerns the residents expressed were the density of the project, the additional buffering to the

project and the security of the property. He assured City Commissioners that as a result of the meeting, the developers and the city staff were able to alleviate the concerns of the residents and they were able to resolve most of the issues. He said the Spring Hill residents will continue to work with the developers as they move forward with the project. Vice Mayor Leigh Matusick was pleased with the outreach of the city staff and the developers to the Spring Hill community. "Thank you very much, it is just going to make things in the neighborhood a lot easier and make everybody good neighbors, so thank you for taking that extra time, I appreciate it," Vice Mayor Matusick said. According to the site plan, The Pines apartment complex will be built on 8.45 acres on the west side

South Clara Avenue, between New Hampshire Avenue and West Beresford Road.

The Pines is expected to be a 100-unit complex consisting of six residential buildings and a clubhouse facility with a pool area. The residential buildings are three stories tall and the units will range from one to four bedrooms. The Pines will be a

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Holiday season arrives



Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

Shoppers cross Woodland Boulevard on Saturday, Nov. 26, in downtown DeLand as one of the city's giant toy soldier holiday decorations stands watch.

ERAU student's Dynaerobridge can speed air travel

By Diane M. Carey
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At only 24, Dynamite Obinna (yes, his real name), a senior at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, is making his mark in history as the inventor of the Dynaerobridge, an innovative add-on system that attaches to existing airline jetways to significantly reduce boarding and deplaning times. "I travel a lot and it has been something I notice when I travel" Mr. Obinna said. "The summer of 2014, I was traveling from Harrisburg, Pa., to Philadelphia, which is supposed to be less than a 30-minute flight. We got to Philadelphia and it was taking so long to get off the plane. A passenger was sitting next to me and said 'I can't imagine it is taking so long for everyone to get off

the plane than it took for the entire duration of the flight.' "It was that statement that really hit me," he said. "That was when I decided something has to be done about this. I had the design of the jetway in mind, something that would fix the problem." He added "The problem of boarding is not just an American problem, it's a global problem. People travel around the world every day. This is a big solution for the airlines. The airlines are very interested." Mr. Obinna's venture, "Aerobridge," a jetway that provides multiple access points to aircraft, has sparked the interest of airports and was selected as first-place winner of Discovery Day, a poster competition hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Research April 13. See TRAVEL, page A6

Local artists get new form of exposure

By Wilnifred Santiago
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A new program has art work popping up in different parts of Central Florida, literally. The DeLand Fall Festival of the Arts has partnered with a program that brings more exposure to the art work of local artist. The program is called ArtPop and its mission is to promote local artists work through available media space. Five participating artists were selected to be part of the first ArtPop program in Central Florida. Selected works of these artists will be seen on available vinyl and digital billboards throughout different counties in Central Florida. The five participant artists are Bobbi Baugh, Ynon Mabat, Jeff Ripple, Gary Borse and Rick Abrams. "It is a great honor, you know, anytime you have a lot of artists who submit their work and your work is looked

at against other people who take their work seriously, too, to get any kind of recognition it is just very honoring, so I am very fortunate," Ms. Baugh said. Ms. Baugh is a DeLand resident and was the featured artist in this year's DeLand's Fall Festival of the Arts. She has participated in the DeLand festival for eight years. The artists were informed of the opportunity through an open call by the DeLand Fall Festival of the Arts board. According to Ms. Baugh the submission process included submitting several images digitally through email and the images had to be prepared for two different kinds of billboard size. The artists were selected by a panel of jurors that were put together by the DeLand festival board. The ArtPop program partners with a media company and an arts organization in all the cities in which they participate. For Central Florida, they partnered with Out-

front Media Inc and the DeLand festival. Outfront Media is one of the largest media companies in North America, and has a division in Orlando. Heather Osburn, Outfront marketing manager, said they were pleased to be part of this project. "It's kind of a win, win, we are hoping to use our larger than life medium to promote these local artist, and get exposure to their work through ArtPop and, you know, make peoples day a little better when they are driving to work and they see these beautiful works of art," Ms. Osburn said. This is not the first time Outfront Media has partnered with the Artpop program, they have partnered in other cities, including Tampa. Ms. Osburn said the participating artist's artwork will be featured in billboards throughout Central Florida. Four will be in Orange County and one will be in Osceola. See EXPOSURE, page A4



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DeLand artist Rick Abrams holds a representation of the ArtPop billboard that will display his work around the DeLand area during a press conference on Friday, Nov. 18, in the Artisan Alley Garage.



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Doctor heal thyself — if you can

These days I am more than a little disillusioned with the medical profession.

It seems to me modern medicine is based on the patient making their own diagnosis and treatment. I'm not talking about Doctor Google that has made us all medical professionals either. No, today a doctor visit usually means the MD will ask you what your problem is and then ask what medicine works for you.

That was never more obvious than when my wife Lana went to her doctor, a long established man with a fine reputation, to complain of stomach pain. For six months he and his large staff treated her with antibiotics with no success. Finally she could take it no more and I had to rush her to the emergency room where she was found to have a ruptured appendix and was taken right to surgery.

Look if you can't diagnosis appendicitis, you may as well take down your shingle. As a result she nearly died, but is now fine. The outcome of that was no big surprise for me since I stopped trusting the



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DAN SMITH

medical profession years ago.

As Will Rogers once said, the best doctors are the veterinarians for they can't ask their patients what the problem might be.

Some years back I went to the optometrist needing glasses. Once in the chair, the doc began a hard sales attempt to get me to buy contacts. When I told him I couldn't stand to put anything in my eye, he said, "oh don't be a baby. You will get used to it." Sure, easy for him to say, the bum was wearing glasses himself.

Did you ever complain of having too many X-rays only to be belittled by the doctor or technician? X-ray is perfectly safe they assure you as they go to hide behind a concrete and lead wall.

Oh I know the medical profession is not an easy one. I remember wondering how much my doc was making as

he sent a camera into my darkest nether regions? I don't know if there is enough money for me to do that to someone. (Sorry for the expletives, Doc) On the same order, why is a rubber glove still used for a prostate exam? It's the 21st century for God's sake!

A few things you never want to hear your doctor say: We better keep that for the autopsy. Where's my Rolex? If that is not his spleen, what is it?

I was once coming out of the ether when I heard my surgeon call for the hearse. Well, that's what it sounded like. My wife says he was asking for a nurse.

I was at the VA Clinic when a fellow gave back the urine specimen cup empty. Didn't need it he said, there was a toilet in there. At least he didn't do a number two in the cup. A friend of mine was a retired 'naval' surgeon. That always seemed just a bit too specialized for me.

As I mentioned up top, today most of us go to the computer to self diagnose. I do it too, but it occurs to me if you trust Google more than

your doctor, it could be time to change doctors.

Recently I went to a specialty clinic to meet a doctor for the first time. "Hey," he says, "you look a lot better in person than you do on paper." I guess that's good.

Some time back my doctor was describing a mechanical looking procedure he wanted to do on me. I told him as a fellow who works on old cars, we do a lot of the same type work. Try it sometime with the engine running, he laughed. Couldn't argue with that.

They say once the village doctor doubled as a barber or blacksmith. Sounds about right to me. We don't need blacksmiths now, but a good barber is still hard to find.

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 fishwdan@att.net or call (386) 441-7793.

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•Fire Station 23, 1850 Pioneer Trail, New Smyrna Beach: Dec. 1, 7 and 13

•Fancy Fruit and Produce, 911 S. Volusia Ave., Orange City: Dec. 8 and 15

•Oakbrook Professional Center, 931 N. Spring Garden Ave., DeLand: Dec. 2, 9, 16 and 30

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

For more information, visit volusia.org/petvet.

Low-cost pet clinics slated

There will be three low cost pet shot clinics sponsored by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Rescue on Sunday, Dec. 4.

The first clinic will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Dollar General, 1512 S. Woodland Blvd., DeLand.

The second clinic will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the S.P.C.A. Thrift Store, 3063 Enterprise Road, DeBary.

The third clinic will be from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Save a Lot Plaza, 1382 Howland Blvd., Deltona.

Heart worm prevention and

flea control products will be available to buy. The cash only clinics benefit abandoned animals.

For more information, call (386) 748-8993.

Pet adoption event

FloridaWild Adoption Event will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 and 17, at FloridaWild Veterinary Hospital, 115 E. Euclid Ave., DeLand.

Fully vetted, healthy cats and dogs available. Dogs adopted from ARK receive eight free group training sessions. View all pets at ARK-saves.com.

Holiday tour of homes

The West Volusia Historical Society will present its bi-annual Holiday Tour of Historic DeLand Homes from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, and Sunday, Dec. 11.

All the historic homes will be in the University Terrace area of DeLand. Tours leave from the Conrad Center, 137 W. Michigan Ave., DeLand.

A bake sale, raffle and other activities will be at the Center. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door and \$35 for the special Friday night preview tour. Friday's event starts at 6 p.m. and is open to the public but limited to 30 guests. Group

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Health News

Diabetes Support Group

Florida Hospital DeLand will host a free diabetes support group from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, in Classroom A at 701 W. Plymouth Ave.

The group is open to the public and attendees are welcome to bring along someone for support.

For a reservation or more information, contact Clinical Diabetes Educator Joyce Parrillo at (386) 943-4727 or joyce.parrillo@fhdeland.org.

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 residency 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.

Men's cancer support group

Men diagnosed with cancer and survivors may join Florida Hospital DeLand for a cancer support group at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6 at the Cancer Institute, 680 Peachwood Drive.

For a reservation, call (386) 943-7160.

Dental services added to Title 1 schools

Students attending Title 1 schools in Volusia County now have more access to preventive dental services inside their school.

The Department of Health in Volusia County has expanded these services by adding an additional school-based dental team to care for students while they are at school.

Using mobile equipment, hygienists provide preventive services including dental assessments, cleanings, oral hygiene instructions, nutritional counseling, dental sealants and fluoride treatments. They provide referrals, as needed, for follow-up dental care and work with parents to get children who are experiencing pain into an office for comprehensive care. Children receive a toothbrush, toothpaste, floss and a brushing timer.

Parental permission is required for a child to participate. Each school year, the department provides consent forms to Volusia's Title 1 elementary schools. Students who return a signed form receive free preventative treatments.

For more information, call (386) 274-0896 or visit volusia-health.com/dental.

Learn about Medicare

Medicare 101 classes will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Atlantic Retirement Solutions, 5111 S. Ridgewood Ave., Suite 200, Port Orange.

For more information, call (386) 788-6269.

Better breastfeeding support group

Florida Hospital DeLand will host a Better Breastfeeding support group at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, in Classroom 3A, 701 W. Plymouth Ave.

New parents will learn the keys to breastfeeding success. This group gives parents the solutions and motivation to provide their new baby with the best start possible.

The cost is \$25 per couple. Registration is required and scholarships are available.

For a reservation, call (386) 943-7160.



Photo courtesy of Florida Hospital

Florida Hospital DeLand hosted a free health fair on Nov. 16, World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Day. Attendees received free health screenings and COPD testing, and learned about the risks, symptoms and treatments for COPD.

Florida Hospital DeLand hosts COPD Health Fair

For Hometown News newsdy@hometownnewsol.com

On World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Day, Nov. 16, Florida Hospital DeLand hosted a free COPD Health Fair.

Attendees received free health screenings and COPD testing, and learned about the risks, symptoms and treatments for COPD.

"COPD is a term used to include two forms of lung disease: chronic bronchitis and emphysema. If you have been diagnosed with either of these two lung diseases, you have COPD," said Dave Thompson, the hospital's reg-

istered respiratory therapist and COPD educator, in a news release.

COPD is a progressive disease that develops slowly and makes it hard to breathe. It can cause coughing that produces large amounts of mucus, wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness, and other symptoms. Symptoms often worsen over time and can limit the ability to do routine activities.

Nationwide, COPD is a major cause of disability and is the third leading cause of death. Locally, the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County issued a data brief, stating COPD is the

fourth leading cause of death in Volusia.

"Currently, millions of people have the disease, but many others may have it and not even know it," Mr. Thompson said. "Roughly 40 percent of the workforce over the age of 50 is estimated to have undiagnosed COPD. Many people attribute their undiagnosed COPD symptoms to the side effects of the aging process, being out of shape, and possibly being overweight."

While there is no cure for COPD, many patients can live a quality life with early diagnosis and proper medication.

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Four of the five artists chosen for DeLand's ArtPop Street Gallery hold depictions of the billboards that will display their art around the DeLand area during a press conference on Friday, Nov. 18, in the Artisan Alley Garage. From left are Jeff Ripple of Micanopy, Ynon Mabet of Longwood, Bobbi Baugh of DeLand, ArtPop Executive Director Wendy Hickey and Gary Boren of Fairfield.

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County. She said the five artist's artwork will be rotated through available billboards.

Outfront will donate the billboard space for a year.

The partnership with the DeLand festival comes from the connection with DeLand artist John Wilton.

According to Judy Thompson, president of the Museum of Arts-Deland, Mr. Wilton learned about the program and spoke to her about it. They both spoke to Wendy Hickey, executive director of

ArtPop, and they presented the project to the DeLand festival board.

"When we presented it to the Fall Festival Board, they felt like it was totally appropriate for their mission and it expanded the activities that the Fall Festival was involved in," Ms. Thompson said.

The ArtPop program is in six states and 11 cities in the United States.

Ms. Hickey said the idea came to her years ago when she served on the board of directors for the Pocono Arts Council in Stroudsburg, Pa. She said the idea started taking shape there and it devel-

oped to what now is a program.

Ms. Hickey said about 15 months ago the program got its non-profit status and started expanding.

ArtPop is based in Charlotte, N.C., where the first ArtPop program took place in 2014.

According to Ms. Hickey, the ArtPop program in Central Florida will renew every year. But only artists who have not been chosen for the program before may apply.

The ArtPop program in Central Florida will choose five new artists every year.

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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

•Jonathan K. Smith, 27, of DeLand, was arrested Nov. 18 and charged with domestic battery by strangulation, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and an act on a child that could result in physical/mental injury. Bail was not set.

•Brian M. Boone, 19, of DeLand, was arrested Nov. 19 and charged with a drug offense, sale and delivery of a controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia. Bail was set at \$5,500.

•Robert Dale Bowling, 64, of DeLand, was arrested Nov. 19 and charged with resisting an officer without violence and habitually driving with a revoked license. Bail was set at \$3,000.

•Alex J. Smith, 33, of DeLand, was arrested Nov. 19 and charged with battery on a person 65 years of age or older. Bail was not set.

•Nathan P. Reynolds, 34, of

DeLand, was arrested Nov. 20 and charged with resisting arrest with violence, battery on a law enforcement officer and battery. Bail was set at \$10,000.

•Matthew Thornburgh, 19, of DeLand, was arrested Nov. 21 and charged with burglary of a structure or conveyance. Bail was set at \$2,500.

•Kimberly M. Forbes, 49, of DeLand, was arrested Nov. 21 and charged with battery on a person 65 years of age or older. Bail was set at \$2,500.

Volusia County Sheriff's Office

•Jordan M. Padgett, 21, of DeLand, was arrested Nov. 17 and charged with aggravated battery on a pregnant person. Bail was set at \$1,000.

•Christopher T. Kelly, 35, of DeLand, was arrested Nov. 17 and charged with dealing in stolen property. Bail was set at \$5,000.

•Edwin E. Schuler III, 55, of DeLand, was arrested Nov. 17 and charged with possession of paraphernalia and cocaine. Bail was not set.

•Casey D. Leshner, 28, of DeLeon Springs, was arrested Nov. 17 and charged with driv-

ing with a canceled license. Bail was set at \$500.

•Antonio L. Frazier, 21, of DeLand, was arrested Nov. 17 and charged with possession of cannabis and carrying a concealed firearm. Bail was set at \$1,500.

•Kasey L. Ward, 36, of DeLand, was arrested Nov. 18 and charged with burglary of an unoccupied conveyance. Bail was not set.

•Renee Jilian Marsh, 29, of DeLand, was arrested Nov. 18 and charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle. Bail was not set.

•Katie N. Davis, 21, of DeLeon Springs, was arrested Nov. 18 and charged with burglary while armed, dealing in stolen property and grand theft of a firearm. Bail was set at \$26,500.

•Melvin L. Hayward, 60, of DeLand, was arrested Nov. 19 and charged with aggravated assault with intent to commit felony and throwing a deadly missile into an occupied building. Bail was not set.

•Leslie A. Crowe, 25, of DeLand, was arrested Nov. 19 and charged with failure to redeliver leased equipment. Bail was not set.

•Ashley R. Herrin, 25, of DeLand, was arrested Nov. 20

and charged with possession of a scheduled II and cocaine. Bail was not set.

•Toni L. Plumley, 24, of Pierson, was arrested Nov. 21 and charged with dealing in stolen property. Bail was set at \$1,500.

•Niesha T. Fitzpatrick, 41, of DeLand, was arrested Nov. 22 and charged with possession of cannabis with intent to sell. Bail was set at \$5,000.

•Delores Slone, 59, of DeLand, was arrested Nov. 22 and charged with possession of cannabis with intent to sell. Bail was set at \$5,000.

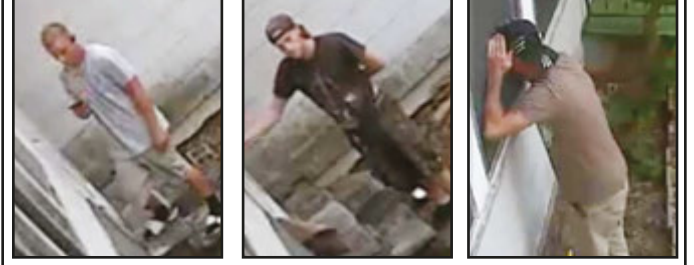
•Christopher A. Vaughn, 32, of DeLeon Springs, was arrested Nov. 22 and charged with principal attempted burglary of an unoccupied structure and principal criminal mischief. Bail was set at \$3,000.

•Matthew A. Thornburgh, 19, of DeLand, was arrested Nov. 22 and charged with burglary of an unoccupied conveyance. Bail was set at \$15,000.

•Corey M. Smith, 27, of DeLand, was arrested Nov. 22 and charged with a drug offense, possession of paraphernalia and giving a false name upon being arrested/detained. Bail was set at \$2,500.

CRIME STOPPERS

(888) 277-TIPS Wanted



Three unidentified males

Wanted persons: Three unidentified males
Reason wanted: Residential burglary
Time: 6 p.m.
Date: Friday, Oct. 28, 2016
Location: New Smyrna Beach

Crime Stoppers of Northeast Florida is seeking information regarding the identity of three males whose images were captured on surveillance video at the scene of a residential burglary.

The burglary occurred on Oct. 28 at a residence in New Smyrna Beach. One of the suspects appeared to be between the ages of 18-25, with blonde hair and a thin build. He was wearing a gray shirt that appears to be from an unknown electrical company and was also wearing "slider" style sandals with socks. The second suspect appeared to be between the ages of 20-30 and had a thin build and dark brown hair that appeared to be long and in a ponytail. He also

appeared to have a goatee and was wearing cargo-style shorts, a dark T-shirt with an unknown logo/photo on it and a dark hat turned backwards. The third suspect appeared to have an average build and was wearing khaki pants, a brown shirt and a baseball hat on backwards. His approximate age is unknown because the camera didn't capture an image of his face.

The suspects arrived in what looked like a newer model black sedan. The make and model of the vehicle is unknown. Anyone who recognizes the suspects or who has information about the burglary is asked to call Crime Stoppers toll-free at (888) 277-TIPS. You can also submit a tip by downloading the smartphone app from the Crime Stoppers website westopcrime.com. Callers to Crime Stoppers will remain anonymous and can qualify for a reward of up to \$5,000.

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"Rotary Rummage Round-up," a joint project with Rotary clubs in Canada and Roatan, Honduras, to raise money to support a Clean Water Project in Roatan, will be from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday Dec. 3, at 142 E. New York Ave.,

DeLand.

For more information, visit delandrotary.org.

For questions or sponsorship opportunities, contact Ed Denton at (386) 801-7226.

Tree lighting planned

The Lake Helen annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Blake Park, 493 S. Lakeview Drive.

Santa Claus will make an appearance.

For more information, visit lakehelen.com or call (386) 228-2121.

Make cards for hospice patients

You can make a card for local hospice patients and their families at the Lake Helen Public Library between 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at 221 N. Euclid Ave.

Materials will be provided by the Friends of the Lake Helen Library. For more information, call (386) 228-1152.

Quilters need volunteers

Sakowitz Eye Center Quilters need volunteers to help

sew quilts for children in the hospital from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Deltona United Church of Christ, 1649 Providence Blvd.

Volunteers are needed to sew, iron, pin, cut fabric and assemble quilts. No experience is necessary.

Christmas ball scheduled

The Lake Helen Christmas Ball will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Hopkins Hall, 192 W. Connecticut Ave., Lake Helen.

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Rants & Raves

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Please limit your submissions to 250 words, so that we can include more entries.

Readers are asked to refrain from making slanderous or libelous statements.

In response to: Fracking

Everyone needs to educate themselves.

It is not good for anybody, except the companies that are doing it. It is terrible for the environment. It is terrible for the employees. It is terrible for the homeowners.

What good it is for the price of fuel to go down if you can't drink your water or you have skin diseases. Fracking is not good. Read about it.

Dan's expertise

Please remind Dan Smith that his area of expertise is fishing not political analysis.

Keep Dan writing

Hey, what's with the recent slamming of Dan Smith? I've always enjoyed his column so much.

The cry-baby who wrote asking "why not keep Dan Smith on task" apparently doesn't know, or appreciate creative writing. So he called Trump "the Wild Man" ... so what?

Trump won the election and I'm sure he will turn out to be everything us conservatives have hoped for. That writer (pitiful as he is) has no clue as to how much so many of us look forward to Dan Smith's column.

Dan's is the first, and at times, the only thing I read besides "Rants and Raves" in the Hometown News. His historical and nostalgic writings are informative and fun, and I look forward to many more such columns in the future. So Dan, keep it up and I'll keep reading!

Spruce it up

I know many people that drive by the new CVS Pharmacy on the corner of Nova Road and Granada Boulevard have noticed the lack of landscape maintenance.

A palm tree has been laying on the property since Hurricane Matthew and it is going brown. I am sure that was an expensive tree and may not be able to be saved. Also the beds are full of weeds, shrubs are brown and dead, and the lawn is not mowed. It does not look like the shrubs and grass have been watered lately either.

It is a prominent site on the corner and is an eyesore and it is a shame it is not cared for.

Electing a president

I am responding to electoral befuddlement.

I agree with you completely. If the popular vote cannot elect a president, then it does not seem fair the votes of 270 people can count. The population of the United States should be able to elect our president.

Still in the dark

Still dark on my street. It has been seven weeks since Hurricane Matthew. I have called three or four times. Florida Power

Honoring war dead



Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

A float depicts the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Saturday, Nov. 12, as it proceeds down Woodland Boulevard in DeLand in the Volusia County Veterans Day Parade.

and Light, where are you?

Likes the outlet center

I have a rave for the Tanger Factory Outlet Center. I got there 20 minutes early and got right in. They had sales above and beyond what was advertised for the opening weekend. I am really happy with the prices I paid.

No one watches Buschman Park in Port Orange

We visited Buschman Park and my wife and I were again harassed by homeless people in the park who were drinking beer on Nov. 19.

The police were contacted again. This is the fourth time in two years.

They are there constantly drinking beer during the day. Cameras need to be put in. Someone needs to watch the park seven days a week.

Thanks to TD Bank

Kudos to TD Bank in Edgewater where they know your name and have treats for your dog or cat.

They are open seven days a week. More businesses should follow their example. They do a great job. Thank you for being in Edgewater.

Didn't like that one

I usually like Dan Smith's column. I read it every week and he is usually right on, but his piece on Trump the Wild Man was really not very nice. He seems to be acting like the mainstream media on TV.

I think he should stick to other stories and I feel that was way over the top. I do like his columns just not that one.

Kudos to Dan

I just wanted to say I loved Dan Smith's column about Trump's election sticking it to Hollywood. He was right on the money.

Why do people in Hollywood think we care. They are actors. Kudos to that column. It made by day.

In response to: 'Stop the fakers'

I agree with you 100 percent. Let's make it illegal to have these fake service animals.

No mentors there

Dan Smith has a wonderful way of pointing out the absurdities of the modern U.S.A. And does so with a sense of humor.

All his columns are enjoyable reads that often reflect my own thoughts. Dan is right about one thing, Hollywood needs to be Hollywood, not mentors to the American voters.

Travel

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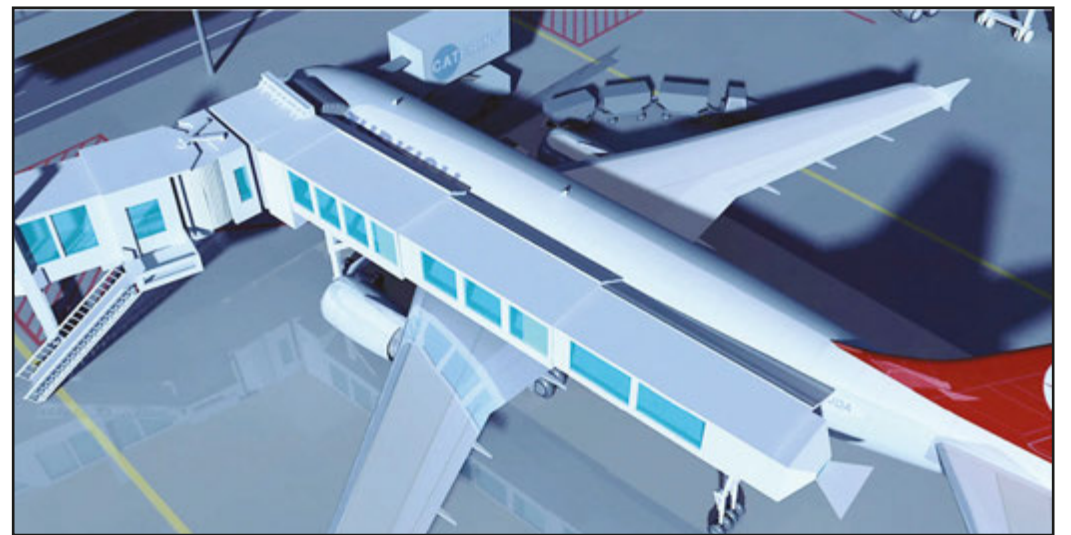
Aerobridge was also the recipient of the People's Choice Award at the Launch Your Venture Entrepreneurship Expo at Embry-Riddle's College of Business April 12.

Mr. Obinna first conducted a patent search to determine what systems already existed for multiple aircraft entry and exit. Afterward, he worked on solutions to design a safe and more cost-effective jet way.

Using simulation testing, he was able to demonstrate a reduction in the average boarding time for a Boeing 737 from 35 minutes to 8 minutes with deplaning times cut to just 6 minutes.

James Roddey, ERAU's Director of Communications, describes the problem and Obinna's solution as follows.

"Passenger Boarding Bridges, or Jetways as they are commonly referred to, were invented to allow passenger passage between airport terminal gates and commercial airplanes. However, it takes a significant amount of time to board a large number of passengers, causing departure delays and forcing passengers to arrive at the gate at a much earlier time than necessary. Although airlines have explored various ways to reduce boarding/deplaning time, the process cannot be optimized beyond levels achieved due to the physical limitation of how fast passengers enter or exit the airplane through a single door.



Rendering courtesy of Dynamite Obinna

A rendering of the Dynaerobridge, an invention by ERAU student, Dynamite Obinna, has created an innovative add-on system that attaches to existing airport jetways to significantly reduce boarding and deplaning times.

Having a single point of entry and exit on planes restricts the flow of passengers to and from their seats. Varying fuselage length with varying placement of cabin doors requires a system that allows for flexibility in allowing for multiple entry and exit points along the aircraft at varying linear distances.

The Aerobridge Providing Multiple Access to Aircraft Vehicle is a Passenger Boarding Bridge that presents a novel approach to tackling this pesky issue. It is designed to dock with an airplane in such a way that passengers can enter or exit the plane simultaneously via multiple doors located before, above and after

the wing-root of aircrafts, thereby, allowing for a faster and more efficient boarding/deplaning process. Using this jetway, airlines will be able fly more circles for a particular plane and day, increase optimum use of their airplanes, experience tremendous increased profits and efficiency, and ultimately, improve the ingress/egress experience of their passengers."

Mr. Obinna, who is pursuing a degree in aeronautics, has his own company named, SkyGenex Inc., which is designed to make technologies for air travel to be safer, more efficient and faster. Besides obtaining a United States patent on his invention his goals include obtaining an international patent given the fact

planes fly worldwide. He is in touch with companies that make jetways and he is networking with potential partners who he could license his technology to. He also intends to pursue a master's degree at ERAU next summer in aviation business.

Mr. Obinna, who was barely 18 when he ventured to the United States on his own from Nigeria to pursue an education, said "I am really humbled that my solution will fix a problem that millions face every day. (It is) one jetway that will design to be attached to fit any type of aircraft. The revenue and time savings will outweigh the cost and it will have a long lifetime."

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For more information and ticket prices, visit lakehelen.com or call (386) 228-2121.

AARP tax-aide seeks volunteers for 2017

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service, is

seeking volunteers for tax assistance and preparation.

To become a Tax-Aide volunteer, complete and submit an application at aarpfoundation.org/taxaide.

For more information, call (888) 227-7669.

Children can receive a postcard from Santa

Santa's making his list and checking it twice at Volusia County's Parks, Recreation and Culture Division.

One Daytona getting fun serious

Now One Daytona is starting to get serious as a place that's going to draw a lot of people looking for fun.

With a 12-screen Cobb Theatres and a 67,000-square-foot Bass Pro Shops Outpost already anchoring the entertainment complex across from Daytona International Speedway, it has now signed up GameTime, which will open a 35,000-square-foot family entertainment center along the destination's main thoroughfare, Daytona Boulevard.

GameTime will feature 60-plus flatscreen TVs, more than 100 new and retro classic arcade games, prize machines, mini bowling and 12 full lanes of bowling with a full liquor bar and full service restaurant.

GameTime's menu will feature American cuisine, including a variety of appetizers, salads, pizzas, burgers and sandwiches, entrees and desserts.

It will be the company's eighth Florida location and expected to be their fifth flagship.



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While a lot of developers talk about creating a place where people will want to go, International Speedway Corp. is leaving no doubt it will have a year-round destination to go with the Speedway.

One Daytona also will have a 105-room select service Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott, which has started vertical construction; a 145-room Marriott Autograph Collection hotel branded as The Daytona and a 276-unit luxury apartment community.

Other announced tenants include P.F. Chang's, Kilwins Confections, Oklahoma Joe's BBQ, Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery, MidiCi: The Neapolitan Pizza Co., Hy's Toggery, Guitar Center, Tervis, IT'SUGAR, Jeremiah's Italian Ice, and Venetian Nails.

Except for the cinema and Bass Pro Shop, One Daytona

is slated to open in late 2017.

As I expected, with Hurricane Matthew blowing through, new housing starts slowed a bit in October. The U.S. Census Bureau reported 98 permits issued for single-family houses in Volusia County in October, down from 101 in October 2015 (with 70 percent of county reporting). However, permits were issued for 370 multi-family housing units, compared to 19 in October last year. Something else you could expect, sales of existing houses were down. Sales by Realtors were at 664 in October, down 11 percent from 746 in October 2015.

But something the storm didn't seem to affect too much was airline travel. Passenger traffic at Daytona Beach International Airport was up 3.6 percent for October with 51,303 passengers from 49,527 in October 2015.

Not a lot of commercial real estate deals to note, but one big one was the developer of Walmart Neighborhood Market, which includes an attached 14,000 square-foot strip center, WRS of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., bought the property for the South DeLand project for \$2.835 million. Also, a convenience store at 885 S. Volusia Ave. in Orange City sold for \$1.515 million.

A few construction starts to note include a separate liquor store at the Walmart Supercenter in DeLand, a fitness center in Deltona Plaza at 1200 Deltona Blvd. and a dental office is converting to an insurance office at 4554 Clyde Morris Blvd. in Port Orange.

Managing Editor Cecil G. Brumley has been tracking business and the economy in Volusia County for more than 19 years. Contact him at cbrumley@hometownnewsol.com (no hyphen) or follow him on Twitter @cecilbrumley.



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Hospital names chief medical officer

Florida Hospital DeLand has named Dr. Christopher Joseph Smith to serve as chief medical officer.

Dr. Smith replaces Dr. Kris D. Gray, who became CMO for Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center in Daytona Beach in July.

Dr. Smith will oversee the hospital's activities and functions related to physicians and patient care, including medical staff services, credentialing, compliance with accrediting bodies, patient satisfaction, infection control and other

quality of care measures.

He has many years of experience and most recently served as chairman for the department of medicine at Florida Hospital Orlando. Also, he is a certified medical expert for the Florida Department of Health.

He has served as assistant professor of clinical medicine for Florida State University School of Medicine and the University of Central Florida School of Medicine, as well as clinical instructor and lecturer for the Florida Hospital department of graduate medical education.

A Lake Mary resident, Dr. Smith is fluent in Spanish and

is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine.

He earned a bachelor's degree in neuroscience and behavioral biology from Emory University in Georgia and a medical degree from St. Matthew's University School of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency at Florida Hospital Orlando.

Merchants to host open house

Downtown Merchant Open House will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, in DeLand. Merchants will offer free

treats and discounts. Carolers will also stroll along Woodland Boulevard singing holiday tunes, and Santa will be available for photos in Pioneer Park at 6 p.m. at the corner of Rich Avenue and Woodland.

For information, visit mainstreetdeland.org or call (386) 738-0649.

Hispanic chamber slates business workshop

The Volusia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will See BUSINESS, page A8

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A proven reputation for the best quality furnishings

By Dotti Bernhard
For Hometown News

For a family-owned retail store to reach its 55th anniversary, it's usually based on the indisputable quality of its merchandise, dependable customer service, and its ability to hold true to its proven reputation while evolving with its customers' ever changing service and merchandise expectations.

That would be Kalin Home Furnishings.

Kalin offers a wide variety of high quality furniture, home décor and sleep solutions from today's most sought after brands, such as Thomasville, Bernhardt, Hooker, Serta, Sealy and Tommy Bahama Home. A trip to the emporium's 50,000-square-foot showroom will inspire you with unique and popular style and design ideas for your home.

Barry Kalin is the founder of the store. While his two daughters initially worked with him in the business, for the past 20 or so years his sons-in-law Lenny Frazer and Rodd Gould have forged a partnership with him which has been overwhelmingly positive for personal and business reasons. As a family and a business, they have weathered various economic crisis and have come through stronger than ever without dropping their benchmarks for quality and integrity.

As the world continues its break-neck race into a future where you have to be ready to turn on a dime, and technology is affecting business operations and products on a new level every day, it seemed like a good time to pull in another expert.

Enter new store manager Barry Tishler, who adds a world of experience to an already healthy retail operation. Mr. Tishler's resume includes positions at leading retailers, such as JCPenney, opening the 180,000-square-foot Super Target in Palm Coast, World Market and Hudson's Furniture, which grew dramatically under his direction over six year's time, as well as 20 years spent at the helm of his own furniture business.

Despite his substantial resume, Mr. Tishler is adamant, "I feel that I've finally come home. Kalin is family owned and operated and an



Photo by Dotti Bernhard

Barry Tishler, Kalin Home Furnishings' new general manager, shows the popular Twin Palms line from Tommy Bahama Home.

established, respected member of its community and it's the community I've also chosen to make my own. I'm really thankful to have found an opportunity to help this family steward Kalin Home Furnishings into the future."

Chief among his goals is to streamline operations to take advantage of new technology.

"That includes using applications that make it easy and fun for our customers to incorporate our designs, including custom designs, into their home environment," he said. "We work those designs up here at the store based on the buyer's input and then forward them to their personal computers so they can see firsthand what their chosen fabric looks like on the model of couch they've chosen, as an example."

Despite the expertise he brings to this position, Mr. Tishler describes himself as a servant-leader for the sales staff for which he is responsible.

"It's my commitment to take the time and effort to help each and every one of them to reach their own potential by answering their questions, advising them when it makes

sense, and standing ready to back them up when they need that extra support," he said. "That's what makes any team a winning team. And it's the foundation for what is the ultimate consumer touchpoint - a satisfying experience."

Today that experience includes social media that help managers like Mr. Tishler reach out to the buyers.

"On our Pinterest page are fantastic vignettes created by our very own designer showing how our furnishings look in a beautifully created environment," he said. "Those are the very vignettes that the customer can then come in to see in person at our store. Each step along the way helps the customer to choose what will make them happy for a long time. It's a great time to make your furniture shopping experience a good one."

Mr. Tishler is also behind Kalin's efforts to give back to the community via support of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, ARNI and Family Renew.

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Business

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host a Money Smart Small Business Workshop in partnership with Fifth Third Bank from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at Bethune-Cookman University, Deltona Campus, Room 102.

The topic will be tax planning. To register, visit volusia-chamber.org or call (386) 626-4264.

Area chamber hosts monthly events

The DeLand Area Chamber of Commerce and the DeLand/Orange City Business Alliance have 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.

AM Connection set

The West Volusia Regional Chamber of Commerce will present an AM Connection at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Gateway Center for the Arts, 880 N. C.R. Beall Blvd., DeBary.

The speaker will be Christine Kee with Juice Plus. Breakfast provided by Woody's Bar-B-Q.

Free for members, the cost is \$10 for non-members.

For a reservation or more

information, visit westvolusia-regionalchamber.org or call (386) 490-4606.

Hispanic chamber sets holiday celebration

The Volusia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will host Navidad Gift Giving, a Latino Theme Holiday Celebration, from 6-11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at The Plaza Resort & Spas, 600 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach.

Participants are asked to bring an unwrapped Christmas toy for the children of Volusia's migrant community.

Tickets are \$25, and there will be a cash bar. Ten percent of net proceeds will benefit the organization Kids Against Hunger.

For more information, call (386) 626-4264 or email contact@volusiachamber.org.

New

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gated community with 236 parking spaces and two points

of entry.

The unit size will be a minimum of 575 square feet for one bedroom units and for the units that are two or more bedrooms the unit size will be

725 square feet plus 150 square feet per additional bedroom.

Clifton Phillips, the president of the development company, Round Stone Development, said The Pines

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As part of an annual tradition, recreation employees will send personalized postcards from Santa to children up to age 12.

Parents can have their chil-

dren added to Santa's mailing list by sending the child's full name and address to elves@volusia.org by Dec. 12.

Literacy gala Dec. 10

Light's for Literacy Gala benefiting the Volusia Literacy Council will be at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at The

Resort Shores and Spa, 2637 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach.

The evening will honor Daytona Beach Police Chief Mike Chitwood, who is Volusia County Sheriff-elect.

Tickets are \$100 per person or two for \$175.

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Out & about

Friday, Dec. 2

• **"A Christmas Carol, The Musical:"** The Athens Theatre will perform the holiday classic on select days Dec. 1-18, at 124 N. Florida Ave., DeLand. Tickets are \$28 for preferred, \$23 for adults, \$21 for seniors, \$10 for students plus service fees. Group rates are also available. For more information, call (386) 736-1500 or visit athensdeland.com.

• **Riverfront Holiday Storybook Exhibit:** Life-size storybook pages illustrating a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in Riverfront Park in Downtown Daytona Beach from Nov. 18 to Jan. 15. Also nativity scenes and other creche art by Bill Egan will be in storefronts downtown. For more information, visit riverfrontshopsofdayona.com.

• **Cinematique:** The films "The Loving Story" and the French film "Made in France" 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.

• **Light Up Flagler!** This free event will be from 5:30-8 p.m. on Flagler Avenue in New Smyrna Beach. There will be entertainers and carolers as businesses light their façades and offer tastings. Donate a new, unwrapped toy and receive a holiday commemorative photo at Santa's Workshop at the corner of Flagler Avenue and Cooper Street. Toys will be donated to Toys for Tots. Flagler Avenue will be closed to traffic from Peninsula Drive east to Buenos Aires Street.

• **"Mary Poppins:"** The Little Theatre of New Smyrna Beach will perform the classic Disney tale on select nights Dec. 2-18 at 726 E. Third Ave., New Smyrna Beach. Tickets are \$25 adults, \$24 seniors, \$15 students. For more information, call (386) 423-1246 or visit nsbplayers.org.

• **Movie Under the Stars:** The Port Orange Family Days Trust will show the movie "Elf" at dusk at the Ken Parker Amphitheater at Port Orange City Center, 1999 City Center Circle. For more information, visit familydays.com.

• **Children's Musical Theatre Workshop:** CMT presents "Elf Jr., the Musical" and "Paint the Town December" at 7 p.m. at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, 399 N. U.S. 1. Tickets are \$12. For more information, call (386) 676-3375.

Saturday, Dec.3

• **IMAGES: Holiday Tour of Homes:** The IMAGES Holiday Tour of See OUT, page B3



Photo courtesy of Columbia Artists

The company of Shanghai Acrobats of the People's Republic of China 2016 was founded in 1959 and is coming to The Peabody at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 600 Auditorium Blvd., Daytona Beach.

They'll fly through the air with ease

For Hometown News
newsdy@hometownnewsol.com

The company of Shanghai Acrobats of the People's Republic of China was founded in 1959 and is coming to Peabody Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 600 Auditorium Blvd., Daytona Beach.

Experience the amazing beauty and thrilling feats of skill direct from Shanghai. Through jaw-dropping feats of acrobatics, impeccably timed stunts, and beautiful costumes, Shanghai Acrobats merge the hustle and bustle of contemporary Shanghai with China's rich cultural heritage to produce this celebration of their country.

Watch as trampoline artists and aerial acrobats fly through the air with the greatest of ease or while jugglers, contortionists, and martial artists demonstrate the exacting precision of their skills with spectacular flair.

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In 1999 and 2000, the company toured Germany and the Netherlands as The Great Chinese State Circus for seven months.

Tickets are \$29, \$39 and \$49 plus applicable surcharges and are available at PeabodyDaytona.com, the Peabody box office, and at 800-982-2787. Student and group rates are available at the box office.

Dance school offers 'A Christmas Carol'

By Pat Young
 For Hometown News

The European School of Performing Arts in Ormond Beach is adorned with pictures of young ballet students, mirroring the life of the school's director, Germaine Bledsoe.

The photos offer a sampling of what is coming in the school's debut ballet theatre production of "A Christmas Carol" at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Peabody Auditorium in Daytona Beach.

The production of the Charles Dickens classic marks 40 years of training dancers in Volusia County in all forms of dance at the European School of Performing Arts, much of which will be showcased in this holiday performance. ESPA has been preparing for this production for months and promises "a lot of surpris-



Photo courtesy of Designer Marketing Solutions

The Christmas Fairies and the Ghost of Christmas Present are ready for the European School of Performing Arts' production of A Christmas Carol at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Peabody Auditorium.

es." It is being produced in collaboration with local theatrical talents from the Daytona Play-

house, incorporating dance, theatre and music in this classic holiday story.

"We wanted to do something different this year," Ms. See CAROL, page B3

Horoscopes



ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, no one can fool you this week and this is quite an advantage. Make the most of your renewed sense of awareness and use it to make some important decisions.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

A change of scenery could be just what you need, Taurus. Get out of town for a few days and recharge your personal batteries. This respite can do wonders.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Work in conjunction with a coworker to accomplish a difficult task, Gemini. Embracing your cooperative, team-first side is the right approach in the week ahead.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Big changes are ahead for you, Cancer. Are you ready to turn your schedule on its head for the time being? You will have to make a series of changes in the coming weeks.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Leo, a hectic schedule on the horizon has you feeling some pressure to get everything done. It's understandable, but afford yourself some time to have fun as well.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, uncertainty has you considering some options you never gave much thought in the past. Be open to new experiences and embrace this chance to start anew.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, think about exploring your creative side and find out ways to make the most of that exploration. The reward will be well worth the investment.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, just when you think some miscommunication has been smoothed over, you find yourself needing to explain a situation all over again. Remain patient.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, now is a great time to make some healthy resolutions. Changes to your diet

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Rockin' out



Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

West Volusia rock band Rogues Gallery performs on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Georgia Avenue stage during the 16th annual DeLand Original Music Festival. Band members are, from left, Carson Allison, bass, DeLand; lead singer Perry Traylor, Deltona, drummer David Martin, Deltona; and guitarist Dave Siegel, DeLand.

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 bahamabreeze.com.

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

• **Café Da Vinci:** Jazz in the Courtyard (inside if raining) with The DaVinci Jazz Experiment, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6. 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 cafedavincideland.com.

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

• **Grill at Riverview:** Upcoming performers are Mark Venneri, 7-11 p.m. Friday, Dec 2; Five Island Steele, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec 4; and Christie Beu, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec 7, at 101 Flagler Ave., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 428-1865.

• **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.

• **Lagerheads Bar & Grill:** Lou McNailey will perform Friday, Dec. 2. Don Hill will perform Sunday, Dec. 4, and Thursday, Dec. 8. Eddie Wolford will perform Monday, Dec. 5. Weather permitting, live music is at 2986 Ocean Shore Blvd., Ormond-by-the-Sea. For more information, call (386) 265-1977.

• **Las Olas Argentinian Latin Cuisine:** Acoustic Guitarist Scott Niebaner performs 8-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 336 E. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 254-7972 or (386) 254-7973 or visit lasolas336.com.

• **Mr. Dunderbak's:** The last Monthly Beer Tasting of 2016 will be from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2. The 10 featured beers are New Belgium + Ben & Jerry's Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Ale, DuClaw Sweet Baby Jesus, Dogfish Head Beer for Breakfast Stout, Game of Thrones Valar Dohaeris, DuClaw Neon Gypsy, Highland Cold Mountain Winter Ale, Ridgeway Bad Elf Ale, Wittekerke White Ale, Anderson Valley Winter Solstice and 2016 Anchor Christmas Ale. Cost is \$12 per person. Seating is limited to the first 70 prepaid reservations. If interested, call (386) 258-1600 to reserve a spot at 1700 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach.

• **Mulligan's Family Sports Grille:** Karaoke with Just George will be 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday. Chris Kristianson will perform on acoustic guitar new and classic rock, Saturday. Live Team Trivia will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday. Participants can play for free and win prizes. Eddie Uzzle will perform rock hits at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Ronny Silvertown will perform acoustic and classic rock at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Karaoke with Just George and Ladies Night is 9 p.m. to

midnight 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.

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

• **Past Times Restaurant:** The Sal Ronci / Len Galasso Duo will perform from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. Golden Oldies by Mickey will be from 6-10 p.m. each Thursday. James Wise will perform from 6-10 p.m. each Friday at 709 S. Nova Road, Ormond Beach. Reservations requested. For more information, call (386) 944-9293.

• **Sinatra's Laldila Ristorante:** Pianists play from 5-9 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.

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

• **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, at 4647 Clyde Morris Blvd., Port 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 and Wednesday is healthcare workers night, buy one, get one house glass of wine 5-10 p.m. Wine Tasting Thursday is 5-7:30 p.m. Live Music is 7-10 p.m. Saturday at 1665 Dunlawton Ave., No. 105, Port Orange. For more information, call (386) 947-7929, or visit 95andvine.com.

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Scopes

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or exercise regimen may be just what the doctor ordered.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, do not overlook information that is right in front of you. This info can help you get through a tricky situation at work that pops up unexpectedly.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, try to schedule a fun diversion that takes you away from the daily grind. A brief getaway may be ideal, or even a night out with friends.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, take a step back and reassess a situation that has frustrated you thus far. A new perspective might do the trick.

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An extremely expensive gallon of milk — \$48.95

Black Friday was never in my vocabulary. As a chef, we know it is the slowest day of the year for people going out to eat. They are all geared up to shop 'til they drop on all the holiday specials. I just never gave it much thought.

My wife shops all year long so when the holidays arrive she is all set. I used to tease her all the time, "you just like shopping," but the truth is she is a great shopper. She finds things during the year on sale and comes across that special something for family or friends you can't find during the holidays. I would still give her a hard time. What did you buy now? Who is that for? NEVER, NEVER again.

Now I know why it's called Black Friday, and it was not a bargain day for me. I paid almost \$50 for a gallon of milk! You see, I always get up early in the morning around 5 a.m., and if I need any grocery items, I go early, taking my time, looking around. It's quiet and peaceful; usually workers are stocking shelves.

This past Friday I decided to make my wife's favorite breakfast, French toast. I use panettone Italian Christmas bread. Yes, I know I spoil her terribly, but she is worth it, well sometimes.

Now back to my milk story ... I headed to Walmart, which is just down the street and open 24 hours. I pulled into the parking lot and to my surprise it was almost full, people



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were everywhere with shopping carts full of toys and TVs. What in the world is going on, I thought? It must be some kind of sale.

I headed to the store's food entrance and immediately was caught up in the rush of BLACK FRIDAY. IT WAS HORRIBLE! The food aisles were full of TVs and electronic toys and devices. I couldn't get out of line because I was being pushed forward until I landed in front a table full of some kind of game. I picked one up and people tried to grab it out my hands. I held it close as if it were gold not even knowing what it was.

Finally, somehow the line pushed to the back of the store where the dairy was, and I was able to get the milk I came for. I struggled to get to the check-out lane, placed my milk and the box on the counter. I was too embarrassed to give the box back. The cashier said, "that will be \$48.95." I said to myself, "what have I done?" I paid and left the store.

In my car I finally looked at what I had brought. It was some kind of electronic frog game. When I arrived home I explained to my wife what happened. She hasn't stopped laughing yet and it's been a

week. I donated the game to the Methodist Children's Home and that made me feel better. But I will never forget my \$48.95 gallon of milk.

The French toast recipe is good, try it. Just get your ingredients early and NOT ON BLACK FRIDAY.

French Toast

One panettone round bread-sliced 1 1/2 inches thick
Spray butter as needed
5 fresh whole eggs
2 cups eggnog
2 cups whole milk
2 teaspoons butternut extract
1/2 cup granulated sugar
Ground cinnamon as needed

Mix all ingredients, except the bread and cinnamon, in a large bowl and mix well.

Heat a large frying pan or sauté pan over medium heat.

Soak panettone bread one by one in mixture until soggy, place in sprayed heated pan and sprinkle with cinnamon. Cook for two minutes until slightly brown and turn over. Continue cooking another two minutes, being careful not to burn. Serve with your favorite syrup.

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

Fall fashion fundraiser



Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

Mary Allen, a DeLand resident and director of the African American Museum of the Arts, models an outfit from DeLand boutique Lace & Accessories during an Afternoon of Fashion and Tea benefit for the Lake Helen Public Library on Saturday, Nov. 12, at Hopkins Hall.

Carol

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Bledsoe said. "Over a year ago, Daytona Playhouse director Kathy Thompson and I began collaborating on ways we could bring this timeless holiday classic to the Peabody stage in a unique fashion, showcasing local talent and marrying our passion for dance, theatre and music."

Ms. Bledsoe began dancing as a young child and later taught in her mother's studio in Germany. Her mother, Lori Smoak, was a ballerina with the Munich Opera, and Ms. Bledsoe danced with the Berlin Opera. When they came to the U.S. in 1977, they opened a studio together in Ormond Beach. Ms. Smoak, now 84, still helps out at the dance studio.

The performing arts school has produced many professional dances, including "Beauty and the Beast" and the "Wizard of Oz." Students from the studio were even part of a Broadway production of the "Wizard of Oz." They also were invited by the Chinese government to be part of the International Arts Festival in Shanghai.

Students range in age from two to adult. The youngest performer in "A Christmas Carol"

is seven.

"We are like a family here," Ms. Bledsoe said.

She has two daughters and one son of her own who danced as children. She adds that her husband, Richard Bledsoe is a great support, saying, "He is patient when he doesn't see me a lot during productions."

An important goal of the dance studio is community outreach, so they are inviting audience members to bring one unwrapped toy or non-perishable food item to the performance. According to Stephanie Casimiro of Designer Marketing Solutions, public relations agent for the studio, volunteers will be in the Peabody lobby to collect donations, which will be distributed through Tiny Tim's Toy and Food Drive to benefit the Children's Home Society of Florida and Halifax Urban Ministries. There will also be a holiday tree filled with ornaments containing Christmas wish lists for children receiving services through CHS. ESPA families and audience members may choose to select an ornament if they prefer to provide a child with an item from their wish list.

"This is a great event, a holiday tradition. I'm so excited about (the production of) A Christmas Carol," Ms. Casimiro

said. "It's all about the giving, and we're inviting the audience to participate in that."

For Ms. Bledsoe, the production reflects her lifetime of work in the world of dance.

"I try to draw from my experiences. I coach the students and encourage them," she said. "This has been such a big part of my life ever since I was a child. I still dance in my dreams at night."

A Victorian tea will follow the performance of "A Christmas Carol," with a meet and greet of the cast, live musical performances and refreshments. Tickets for the Victorian tea are \$15.

Ticket prices range from \$20-35, with special discounts for students, seniors and groups. For tickets, call (386) 677-3460 or visit PeabodyAuditorium.org. Call (386) 671-3462 for group ticket sales.

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Homes will present five New Smyrna Beach homes decorated for the holidays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The IMAGES Boutique is included in the tour and features handmade items created by ACA Volunteer League Members. The cost is \$20 for Atlantic Center for the Arts members and \$25 for non-members.

For tickets or more information, call (386) 423-4733 or visit imagesartfestival.org.

• **Parade:** The 57th Annual Holly Hill Christmas Parade will be at 10 a.m. The parade will begin just south of the intersection of Flomich Street and Ridgewood Avenue, and proceed south to 10th Street then ending in Hollyland Park.

• **Parade:** The DeLand Christmas Parade, themed "Be a Gift to Our Community," will start at 5:30 p.m. on Woodland Boulevard. Sponsored by DeLand's three Rotary Clubs.

• **Christmas in the Park:** Port Orange Christmas in the Park will be from 6-8 p.m. at the Kenneth W. Parker Amphitheater in City Center, 2001 City Center Circle,

Port Orange.

The Christmas Concert will begin at 6 p.m. with performances by a children's choir, adult choir, Radical Measures Band and Warner Christian Academy Stage Band followed by the official lighting of City Center.

A special guest appearance by Santa is at 7 p.m. and there will be free horse-drawn carriage rides around City Center.

For more information, call (386) 506-5851.

• **Parade:** The annual New Smyrna Beach Christmas Parade starts at 4 p.m. at Flagler and Atlantic avenues.

Marching bands, decorated floats, dancers and troupes of horses will travel the Canal Street Historic District in New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 424-2175 or visit cityofnsb.com.

• **Art Stroll and Gallery Walk:** Artistic vendors will set up along Canal Street from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in New Smyrna Beach. Musical artists play from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Christmas Park, 101 Live Oak St. Galleries feature solo and group exhibitions and artist talks in the Douglas Avenue area and at the Hub from 4-8 p.m.

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School News

Architect named for B-CU Student Life Center

Rhodes+Brito is part of a team that recently won the Bethune-Cookman University's Student Life Center project, a 110,000-square-foot facility on the campus in Daytona Beach off U.S. 92.

Ruffin Rhodes, firm co-founder, said his firm is architect of record on the project and teamed with HuntonBrady Architects who facilitated the award-winning design of the building. Rhodes+Brito will oversee the development of the construction documents and lead the construction administration effort.

Construction is estimated to begin in the fourth quarter of 2017 and should be completed in the first quarter of 2018.

The Student Life Center will be on the lower two levels and the two top floors of the building will include student housing and a micro-boutique hotel with a few special rooms for visiting professors.

Mr. Rhodes said the Student Life Center is the flag-

ship project of B-CU's overall plan to revitalize the school and create a more student friendly campus.

Rhodes+Brito, an Orlando firm founded in 1996, employs a staff of 20, including eight registered architects. The firm has exceptional experience providing architectural services to a wide variety of agencies throughout Florida, including municipal government agencies, federal, education, aviation and senior living facilities. Rhodes+Brito Architects is the 2016 Orlando AIA Firm of the Year.

DSC plans Enrollment Saturday

With the new year approaching, it's time to jump start plans for the future and explore paths to fresh opportunities through Daytona State College.

DSC's offerings range from two- and four-year degrees to skilled trades certificates.

To get started, DSC offers two easy-access, no-cost sessions - Enrollment Saturdays - Dec. 10 and Jan. 7. Classes start Jan. 17.

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tage of the one-stop events to complete everything from admission to registration and have a chance to win a \$350 scholarship (Dec. 10 only) for a free class from the Daytona State Foundation.

Enrollment Saturday events schedule:

- Saturday, Dec. 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Daytona Beach Campus, Wetherell Center (Building 100), 1200 W. International Speedway Blvd.

- Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Daytona Beach Campus, Wetherell Center (Building 100), 1200 W. International Speedway Blvd.

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

Academic advisers will also be available to talk about academic programs, such as Honors College and Learning Communities, which includes Linked Classes and Daytona State's award-winning QUINTA program.

The Dec. 10 Enrollment Day event will culminate with a free drawing for a \$350 scholarship presented by the Daytona State Foundation; only students registering for classes at the event will be eligible for this drawing.

For information, email Admissions@DaytonaState.edu or call (386) 506-4471.

Swingin' nostalgia



Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

Ormond Beach residents Tony and Laura Puckett dance to the music of the LC Swing Band on Friday, Nov. 11, at the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum's Hangar Dance in the DeLand National Guard Armory.

Out

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Admission is free. For more information, visit canalstreetsnb.com

- **Canal Street Craft Beer Walk:** Sample craft beers from 1-7 p.m. in New Smyrna Beach. Tickets are \$20 and include a six-ounce Canal Street souvenir glass and 12 sampling tickets that can be redeemed at 10 locations in the district. For more information, visit canalstreetsnb.com.

- **Eighth Annual Ponce Inlet Christmas Parade:** The parade will begin at noon and

proceed along South Peninsula from Harbour Village to Davies Lighthouse Park. For more information, call (386) 236-2163.

- **Parade:** The Daytona Beach Shores Annual Christmas Parade benefiting Operation Changing Lives followed by the Tree Lighting and visit with Santa at the Shores Pavilion will be at 4 p.m., 3048 S. Atlantic Ave. Light refreshments will be served. The parade begins at Crabby Joe's on A1A and will travel north to the Shores Pavilion where the annual Tree Lighting and Visit with Santa will begin as the parade comes to an end at about

5:30 p.m. There will be some caroling with the Song of the Coast performing. Toy donations will be accepted for local children. For information on sponsors, volunteering or entering a float, call (386) 383-2688. This event is co-sponsored by the City of Daytona Beach Shores and Operation Changing Lives.

- **Downtown Holiday Dazzle:** Open-air gift shops with artists and vendors showing their wares, including pottery, glass, home décor, jewelry, holiday items, crafts and original art, will be along Beach Street in Downtown

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Many people are surprised when they get their new machine home and someone sends them email with a Word or XL document attached and they cannot open it.

"Isn't this thing supposed to be able to handle these files already?" I often hear.

The assumption people make is, if they get a machine with enough horsepower, RAM and hard drive space, it ought to do anything they need it to and, to a degree that is true. But the one thing that's missing is the software (or program) to do the job.

Programs that are installed after the operating system is installed (Windows in this article) enhance the system and allow the computer to run at its full potential. What programs we need installed depends on the files we are trying to open and work with.

Many of the files we work with on the Internet, such as jpg, html and txt files all will open with the built in Windows applications (called "apps" or "programs" interchangeably) but other files, such as xls, doc, docx, pdf, etc., need programs that specifically handle those kinds of files.

The three-letter extension is what identifies to the computer what kind of file it is, what icon to display for it



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and what program to use to open it.

If the program required to open a file is not installed on the machine, then the file will be displayed with a generic Windows icon. When you try to open it, the computer will open a screen listing some of the installed applications asking what program you want to use to open it. The computer takes a look at the file, doesn't recognize it so it lists all the programs installed and lets you pick what program to open it with because it doesn't have a clue.

Unfortunately when we see that program list, usually we don't have a clue what to open it with either, for the same reason the computer got stumped: there is no program installed for that type of file. So, that brings us back to the beginning with the question of what programs does a typical computer need installed, on top of Windows, in order to be able to handle most of the file formats that everyone else in the world is

using?

Why is it some model machines can already handle certain files and some machines (same model) cannot? And, when you buy a computer, what should you look for as far as "bundled" software goes?

Let's take the last question first and talk about "bundled" software. Some computer manufacturers have made deals with software vendors to "bundle" their software with every computer they sell. They, of course, get some sort of commission for including the software in with the price of the machine and, often, it's the bundling agreement that has brought the price of the computer so low, but where things get tricky is every computer manufacturer has a different bundling agreement (or even none at all) so every computer comes with different software loaded on top of Windows.

What that means is one computer bought from one manufacturer will usually have different software installed than what may be installed in another computer of the same hardware specs (horsepower) from another manufacturer. Whew. Say that one three times fast!

OK, so you've decided to get a new computer. What bundled software should you look for (above and beyond Windows) that will allow you to do some of the more common tasks without getting the dreaded "unknown file type message?"

Well, the most common bundle that ought to be installed is some level of Office Suite.

An office suite, (such as MS Office or Open Office), is a package of software to handle word processing, spreadsheets, databases, etc.; a must-have for productivity or if you want to open the common file types like .doc and .xls.

For things such as .pdf files (Adobe portable document format), the Acrobat reader can be installed. Adobe Reader and Open Office are free and can sometimes be found bundled with other software or easily downloaded from the Internet.

But that is the subject of another column altogether.

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

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Road crew for artists



Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

Calling themselves The Road Crew, four DeLand volunteers who have helped unload and put up artists' tents, and build whatever needs to be built for 24 years for the DeLand Fall Festival of the Arts, and tear things down afterward, take a break Friday, Nov. 18. The crew includes, from left, Jim Connell, Pete Simoneau, Bill O'Connor and John Harrington.

Out

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Daytona Beach. Holiday performances will be from 2-5 p.m. at the Storybook Exhibit in Riverfront Park. Entertainment includes Bel Canto Singers of Daytona 2 p.m., City Repertory Theatre at 3 p.m., Pappillion Dance Ensemble at 4 p.m.
For more information, visit riverfrontshopsofdaytona.com.

Sunday, Dec. 4

• **Port Orange 39th Annual Christmas Parade:** The parade will be at 2 p.m. and consist of bands and floats centered around the theme "Christmas Characters."

The route starts at Nova Road and will run east on Dunlawton Avenue to Lafayette Street. Port Orange Government TV will tape delay the parade on Bright House Networks cable channel 498.

For more information, call (386) 506-5851.

• **Stetson Faculty Recital:** In the debut recital for Stetson's new soprano professor of music, Karen Coker Merritt will offer an evening of short sets of solo vocal repertoire, accompanied by Michael Rickman, piano.

This concert will be at 3 p.m. at Lee Chapel in Elizabeth Hall, 421 N. Woodland Blvd, DeLand. Admission is free.

For more information, call (386) 822-8950.

Tuesday, Dec. 6

• **W.I.S.E Program:** The topic will be "Holiday Treats to Consider" at 2 p.m. in the DSC/UCF Hall Theatre. Executive Chef Costa Magoulis, dean of DSC's Mori Hosseini College of Hospitality Management, will share techniques and ideas to impress guests over the holidays; learn how to prepare holiday treats.

For more information, visit DaytonaState.edu/wise or call

(386) 506-4506.

Wednesday, Dec. 7

• **Food Truck:** Three popular food trucks and two dessert vendors will be at the Daytona Beach Kennel Club and Poker Room for a Food Truck Rally during Live Evening Racing at 7 p.m., at 960 S Williamson Blvd, Daytona Beach. Admission is free. The Daytona Beach Kennel Club and Poker Room is a family friendly facility.

Thursday, Dec. 8

• **Opera DVD Club:** "Lakme," opera in three acts by Leo Delibes, sung in French with English subtitles, will be shown free at noon in the Daytona Beach Shores Council Chamber's Activity Room, 3048 S. Atlantic Ave. Performed in 2011 by Opera Australia with Emma Matthews and Aldo di Toro. For more information, call (386) 615-6430 or (386) 316-4630.

Upcoming events

• **Daytona State College Dance Show:** The show will be at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9, at the performing arts center at 221 N. Beach St., Daytona Beach. This is a free performance. No ticket required.

For more information, visit www.DaytonaState.edu/thearts.

• **A Florida Christmas Remem-**

bered: The Barberville Pioneer Settlement event will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at 1776 Lightfoot Lane, Barberville.

There will be an appearance by Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus, children's make and take crafts, live music, living history demonstrations and food.

Christmas carolers will stroll the grounds. At Midway Methodist Church there will be performances by the Community Presbyterian Church Handbell Choir from Celebration at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. and the Picky Chics & Chaps Dulcimer Concert at 3 p.m.

Adult admission is \$8, \$7 for seniors and veterans and free for members. Admission is free for children ages 12 and younger with a paying adult. For more information, visit pioneersettlement.org or call (386) 749-2959.

• **The DeLand St Johns River Christmas Boat Parade:** The 52nd Annual event on Saturday, Dec. 10, beginning at the north end of Lake Beresford about 6 p.m. This Floating Festival of Lights will proceed south along the west shore of the lake to Hontoon Island State Park and then north on the St. Johns River. Parade should end around 7:30 p.m. at Ed Stone Park by the Whitehair Bridge/SR 44. Watch anywhere along Lake Beresford or the St. Johns River.

• **Orange City Christmas Village and Parade:** Christmas Village is open from 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Dickinson Park, 120 E. Graves Ave., Orange City. There will be a variety of crafts, food and amusement vendors. Santa will be available for free photographs from 2 to 4 p.m. The Christmas Parade will start at 5 p.m. on U.S. 17/92, and travel from French Avenue to to Ohio Avenue. This year's theme is "Winter Wonderland." Float entries are free and sign up is underway.

For more information, call (386) 775-5410 or visit ourorangecity.com.

• **2016 DeBary Christmas Parade:** This year's parade, themed "Gingerbread Christmas," will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. The parade route will proceed north on U.S. 17/92 from Spring Vista Drive to Poinsettia Drive. The judge's stage will be at the corner of U.S. 17/92 and Coloma Road near the fire station. Parade entry is free and registration will continue until Dec. 5. Contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (386) 668-2040, option 4, to enter.

• **Concert:** The Volusia Community Symphony presents "The French Connection" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at Stetson University McMahan Building/Feasal Hall, 421 N. Woodland Blvd. DeLand.

Symphony will perform music of three French composers,

there will be a visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus and some traditional holiday and Christmas music.

Tickets available at the door; \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students. Children younger than 12 free.

For more information, visit volusiacommunitysymphony.org.

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.

• **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.

• **DeLand Farmer's Market:** 7 a.m. to noon each Wednesday at the Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3050 E. New York Ave., DeLand.

• **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.

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

Drive.

• **Meditation:** 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 probably a benefit. Admission is free. For more information, call (386) 277-2069 or visit mentalillnessmyths.com.

• **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.

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

• **West Volusia Historical Society Complex:** The complex consists of The Henry A. DeLand House Museum and gift shop, the Robert M. Conrad Education and Research Center and the Lue Gim Gong Memorial Garden. Guided tours and gift shop are available. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday. The last tour is at 3 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 or visit delandhouse.com.

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Choirs will perform

The adult and children choirs of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church will present "Lessons and Carols" at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at 319 W. Wisconsin Ave., DeLand.

Among the carols will be "O come, O come, Emmanuel," "Away in a Manger" and "Wexford Carol."

A reception will follow the program and a free-will offering will be received.

For more information, call (386) 734-1814.

Spiritual reading offered

Read "Science & Health with key to the scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy in Spanish at 9 a.m. each Saturday at First

Church of Christ, scientist, 111 E. New York Ave., DeLand. This is a free event and all are welcome.

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Sports Briefs

County plans holiday softball tournament

The county's Parks, Recreation and Culture Division is organizing its annual holiday softball tournament, which will be Dec. 2-4 at Robert Strickland Park, 1670 Strickland Range Road, Holly Hill.

Divisions include co-ed, men's upper and men's lower. For information, call Marlin Ballou at (386) 265-2298.

DIS offers food drive donors Speedway Tour

Daytona International Speedway is encouraging race fans to help ensure everyone in the Central Florida community is able to enjoy a holiday meal by offering a special track tour promotion to guests at the "World Center of Racing" who donate canned food items.

Through Dec. 5, fans who bring in four or more canned goods to the Guest Services counter in the DIS Ticket and Tours Building will receive a free 30-minute Speedway Tour (limit one tour ticket per donor).

For fans participating in the track tour promotion, the 30-minute Speedway Tour runs daily at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. and allows fans to view the garage area, pit road, and the world-famous 31-degree high banks. The tour also stops at Gatorade Victory Lane (track activities permitting), the 2016 Daytona 500 champion-

ship car display and the newly relocated Motorsports Hall of Fame of America.

Ed Root Memorial Quarter Marathon and 5K Run

The Ed Root Memorial Quarter Marathon and 5K Run will be at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Coronado Civic Center, 223 Flagler Ave., New Smyrna Beach.

Entry fees are \$35 for quarter marathon or \$40 day of race. The 5K is \$30 after or \$35 day of race. No refunds for either race.

Participants may register in person at the Parks and Recreation Department, 201 N. Myrtle Ave., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 410-2890.

Online preregistration ends Wednesday, Nov. 30, at racesmith.com/races/edroot.

NASCAR Hall of Famer to compete in Finali Mondiali

NASCAR Hall of Famer Rusty Wallace is returning to the driver's seat for the Ferrari Finali Mondiali Dec. 1-4 at Daytona International Speedway.

The 1989 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series champion will battle the twists and turns of the "World Center of Racing's" 3.56-mile road course for the Risi Competizione/Ferrari of Houston team in the North America series of the Ferrari Challenge Trofeo Pirelli.

Mr. Wallace practiced Dec. 1, followed by qualifying and racing on Friday, Dec. 2, and Saturday, Dec. 3.

Mr. Wallace tested with the team at the Circuit of Americas in Austin, Texas, to get acclimated to the car and the crew before arriving at DIS.

In his NASCAR career, Mr. Wallace made 706 career starts with 55 victories and 36 poles. His lone championship came with Blue Max Racing in 1989. He retired from NASCAR competition following the 2005 season and was inducted into the NASCAR Hall of Fame in 2013 and the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America in 2014.

Daily adult general admission tickets start at \$15; kids 12 and under are free. A four-day general admission pass is also available for \$60, a savings of \$35, and includes access to the garage area. Parking and camping packages also are available.

Tickets for the event are at daytonainternationalspeedway.com or call 1-800-PIT-SHOP.

Club's Holiday Classic Dec. 10

The Daytona Beach Track Club will host its Holiday Classic 5k at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Stonewood Grill and Tavern, 100 S. Atlantic Ave., Ormond Beach.

The event will benefit the Childhood Cancer Foundation Inc.

To register, visit DaytonaBeachTrackClub.org.



Photo courtesy of the Volusia County Community Information Office

For runners in the 2017 Daytona Beach Half Marathon Feb. 5, there'll be plenty of sparkle to show off. Shown is the half marathon medal.

Medals unveiled for 2017 Daytona Half Marathon

For Hometown News newsdy@hometownnewsol.com

It's all about the bling. And for runners in the 2017 Daytona Beach Half Marathon Feb. 5, there'll be plenty of sparkle to show off.

Organizers of the annual race have unveiled the design for the event. Measuring 4.5 inches around and 3.5 millimeters thick, the half marathon medal features the familiar red running shoes dangling in front of a cresting wave and incorporates an iconic image of Daytona International Speedway and crossed checkered flags familiar to NASCAR fans.

New for 2017 is a special Speedway Challenge medal for the 1,000 competitors who sign up to compete in both the half marathon and a 5K. There's also a medal for runners who participate in the 3.1 Mile Lap the Track 5K. Speedway challenge runners will come away with all three medals around their necks as well as a specially designed race jacket. Half marathon, relay and Speedway Challenge competitors will receive running shirts, a beach towel and other souvenirs to take home.

The Daytona Beach Half Marathon features a course that takes runners from DIS

east to a panoramic view of the Atlantic Ocean atop the International Speedway Boulevard high-rise bridge to the hard-packed sands of Daytona Beach and then back to DIS.

Proceeds benefit the Marine Science Center, a turtle and sea bird rehabilitation and education center in Ponce Inlet.

Regular registration, which runs until Jan. 31, is \$85 for the Half Marathon, \$75 for the Half Marathon Relay, \$35 for the 3.1-mile Lap the Track, and \$145 for the Speedway Challenge. To register, visit daytonabeachhalf.com.

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Collateral storm damage: the loss of an old friend



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When I returned home after evacuating to avoid Hurricane Matthew, I was afraid of what I might find. I had left my boat in the yard on the east side of the house and my kayak more sheltered on the west. I had screwed a couple tie downs into the ground and tied my boat to them with a stout rope. I was apprehensive as I drove down my street, but could see that the Polar was still upright and on the trailer. So far so good.

After dismantling I saw my kayak pushed up against the fence where I had left it. OK, if I get the chance, I can still fish.

The damage to our home was substantial and it was sad to see our belongings ruined. After a while I made my way to where my utility shed once stood. It had been turned into kindling and worse, it had crashed down on my fish cleaning table. It was totally destroyed. I picked up a chair and sat there contemplating that thought: My old fish cleaning station was no more.

When we moved into the home 21 years earlier, I had a lot of work to do but knew I had to have a place to clean fish. Being short on time, I had cobbled up a small table, water source and seat without putting much effort into it. I figured that would hold for a while and, when time permitted, I would do a proper job.

Of course that never happened. As it turned out my "temporary" cleaning table was more than adequate. Over the years I had cleaned hundreds - no thousands of fish in that spot.

As I sat there I began to rehash some of them. That is where I had cleaned the snook that had drowned. That fish had passed away mid-fight for some unknown reason and when I got it back to the house, I noticed its stomach was swollen. That had made

me sad to think I had killed a pregnant female but when I stuck the point of my knife into the fish's belly, water had shot out. It seemed to be under pressure and hit me in the chest.

That's when I had to make an autopsy decision that the fish had drowned. Evidently the fish had experienced a heart attack while hooked and when it passed on, the muscle that keeps the water from entering the stomach relaxed and it filled. Well, at least that's what I came up with.

I thought about the eight-pound sea trout that had laid on that old table and all the black drum. I remembered cleaning the 27-inch red fish that I had guided my nephew to right after his mom died. That day he had needed some diversion and so did I. The loss of my younger sister still haunts me. We had a great fishing day and caught several trout and he landed two big red drum and kept the smaller one to eat. I was so very happy to give him a day off from his grief.

More recently I had cleaned the big amberjacks that I had caught on an offshore trip with Wham Bam Charters. They were so large it had been like slaughtering sheep. I recalled a very big cobia that had been on that table and remembered all the pan-sized trout that had sustained us.

You know old friends may come in many guises. That quickly built table that had lasted 21 years and weathered several storms was truly an inanimate friend. A comfortable place where I only went after a nice day of fishing. Sure I will build another and this time take more time to do it right, but you know I won't ever forget all the good memories that old table provided. I lost more than money in that damned storm.

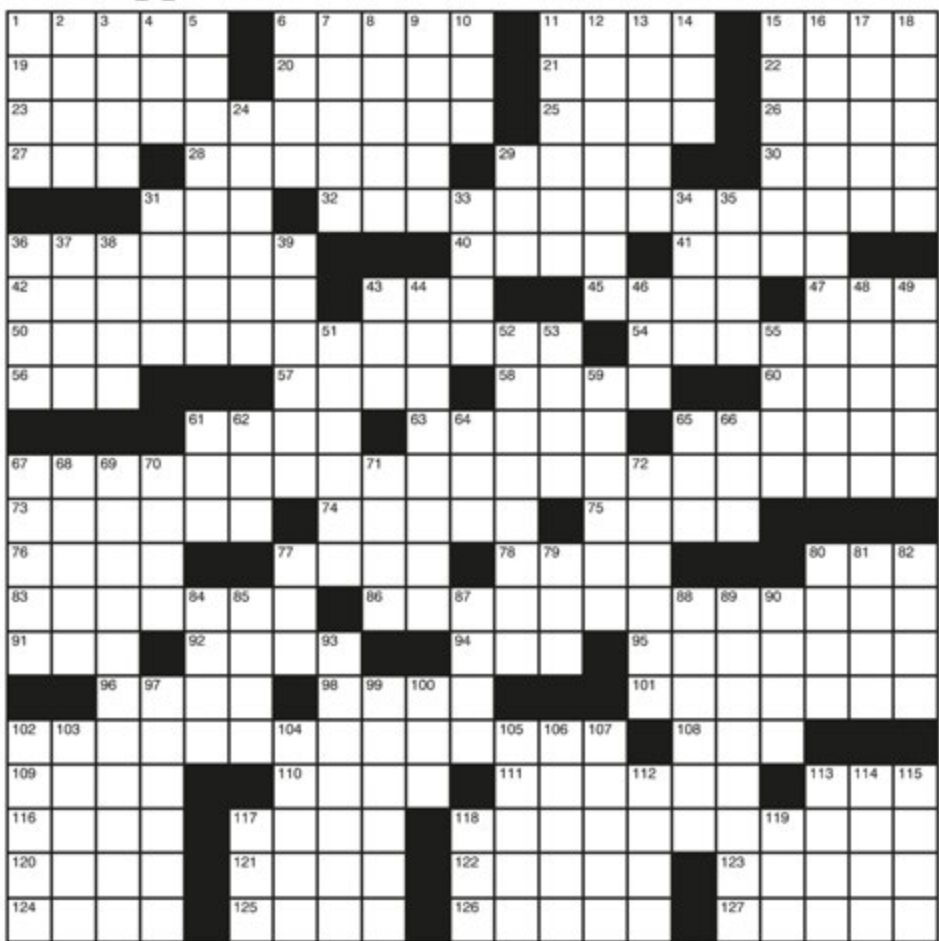
Dan Smith has fished the waters of Volusia County for more than 40 years. Email questions and comments to fishwdan@att.net. His book, "I Swear the Snook Drowned," is available for \$10.95 at (386) 441-7793.

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Edited by Linda and Charles Preston

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