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When it comes to fast food. he's not much of a fan

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Community Notes

DeLand Police raising funds for fellow officer

DeLand Police Officers are raising funds for one of their own who recently was diagnosed with an incurable lung disease.

Six-year veteran Constantine "Dino" Procos, a native of South Africa and former skydiving instructor, was diagnosed in March with an incurable lung disease called Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, a condition that causes the lungs to solidify. Doctors have given him a prognosis of six to 12 months to live if he does not receive a double lung transplant.

In order to receive the transplant, Officer Procos will have to relocate to Jacksonville and receive around-the-clock care, which is not covered by insur-

A GoFundMe page (gofundme.com/officer-dino-procos-medical-fund) has been setup to cover medical expenses and there will be fundraisers in the near future.

For more information, call Lt. Paul Proctor at (386) 626-

Lake Helen library announces May programs

The Lake Helen Public Library, 221 N. Euclid Ave., will offer educational and entertaining programs for all ages in May.

Preschoolers can develop a lifelong love of learning with free storytimes at 10 a.m. Fridays, May 5, 12 and 19.

Families can color and play games during Tech-Free Tuesdays, which will be from 3 to 4:30 p.m. every week.

Adults can make scented sachets during craft time at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 24. Materials will be provided.

The programs are free. Reservations are required only for the adult craft time; call (386) 228-1152.

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Police veteran finally finds his Florida city

By Lori Carter For Hometown News

The third time is the charm for Jason Umberger, the soon-to-be police chief in DeLand, after failing to get the head job in New Smyrna Beach and Ormond Beach.

He'll take charge of the 56 sworn officers and the 25 or so civilians June 12.

"It's an outstanding opportunity," Chief Umberger, 49, said. "The people in DeLand are great. Everybody is so supportive. I'm looking forward to acclimating myself to the police department and community, and to help move the DeLand Police Department forward."

Chief Umberger, born in Hershey, Pa., has visited DeLand several times in the past month. When it was decided he got the job, he said he really had to

think hard about it because he grew up near the Swatara Township area in Pennsylvania, where he worked since 1993. He became police chief in 2011.

"I've lived here my entire life," he said during an interview last week. "All of my family is in the area. When I was actually faced with the decision, I had to really think about it.

"My wife (of 25 years Teresa) was able to come down for the last two days of the process," he said. "We ultimately decided this was something we wanted to do. We're excited to come down there."

And, the sunshine doesn't hurt.

"Well, obviously the weather is attractive," he said. Chief Umberger said he first got the idea of heading south from a friend and fellow police chief who

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On several occasions he was able to visit that police department, and during those visits his friend shared that city governments are very supportive of law enforcement.

"That's what really began my interest and my See POLICE, page A2

You can grow some things in Florida's summer

By Lori Carter For Hometown News

Now that the spring planting season is bearing food, it's time to think about what you might be able the plant in the summer, how to care for your lawn and start planning your fall garden.

"It's difficult to grow things in the summer in Florida," said Joseph Sewards, urban horticulture agent for the Volusia County Extension Services. "It's all about tim-However, Mr. Sewards said

corn, cowpeas or zipper peas, sweet potatoes, eggplants and various types of peppers do well in summer. He said stone fruit, such as peaches and plums are OK to go with

Again, "vegetable gardening in Florida is all about timing," he said. "It's difficult to teach sometimes to people who have moved from elsewhere. People think (when they move to Florida), they can grow anything all the time."

Mr. Sewards said other items that can be planted now are citrus trees and blueberries. It takes two to three years for citrus trees to bear fruit and one to two years for blueberries.

"It's not an immediate thing," he said. "It's something you're in for the long haul. I know how Americans are; they want instant gratification. You have to cultivate them. It's like raising a child."

Mr. Sewards said we're well into Florida peach season. 'The peach crop in Florida

is two to four weeks before

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Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

Musicians jam on Saturday, April 29, at one of the jam session tents at the 13th annual Spring Frolic at Pioneer Settlement in Barberville.

In Volusia, they teach your children well

By Diane M. Carey dcarev@hometownnewsol.com

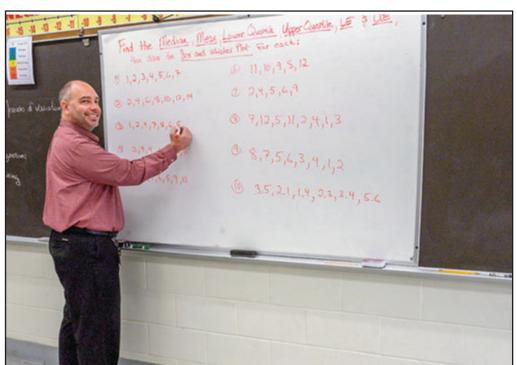
Crosby, Stills and Nash had the perfect line in their 1970 hit song "Teach Your Children" for teachers in Volusia County and nationwide.

For public schools, May 7-13 is Teacher Appreciation Week and Volusia County Schools will have several events to honor them.

"As you know, our public schools are a vital part of our community and the key to the success of our children" said Nancy Wait, Volusia schools director of community information services. "One of the greatest treasures we have in Volusia County Schools is the support of our community, businesses, Chambers of Commerce and local elected officials."

There are about 63,000 students attending Volusia County public schools with about 4,700 teachers. Jeanne Wright is one of those teachers. She is in her 24th year with Volusia schools and is an NBCT, STEM teacher at Cypress Creek Elementary in Port Orange.

"Teachers are so valuable today in this ever increasing age of technology,"



Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

Shannon Salisbury, DeLand Middle School seventh-grade math teacher. points to one of the problems on the board in his classroom on Friday, April

Wright said. "In the hands of a great teacher, technology can transform thinking and sharing but technology can't replace good teaching. Teachers can unlock the potential in every child. We are with kids sometimes more than their parents due to work sched-

ules, sports and extra-curricular activities. We are their biggest fans, advocates for what is right, and the first ones to comfort them when they are hurt. Teachers in Volusia County are amazing!"

She added "I work with some of the most dedicated people that give of their time to create lessons for the kids to remember but also value them as people. We have been using the #ottersmatter on Instagram and Twitter to help showcase our students, while the county uses similar hastags to bring kids to light from all over the county. Every day is a new adventure because my teaching is changing everyday between new resources, new ideas, and different kids each day."

Ms. Wright was the 2009 Volusia County Teacher of the Year and a finalist for Florida Teacher of the Year. She is a National Board Certified Teacher in Early Childhood Generalist. She is the Digital Learning Technology Leader for her school, leading technology training for teachers and students, while also being the STEM special area teacher during the day, seeing all 790 students at Cypress Creek in a six-day rotation.

"I work on trying to achieve balance every day and some days are better than others," Ms. Wright said. "We need to celebrate one another and our accomplishments. We need to continue to show our appreciation for teachers since we have the future in our classrooms and they need to dream big."

Dr. Scott Lifvendahl, principal at Cypress Creek, said, "Great educators do more than just teach academics. Great teachers combine aca-

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search," he said.

Chief Umberger wasn't new to the process. He was a finalist for the New Smyrna Beach police chief job in 2014 and then a finalist for the Ormond

Beach police chief in 2016. "For the last several years,

I've been looking at opportunities in Florida," he said.

Law enforcement was always something he thought of doing. He recalled as a youngster, he watched Adam-12. And then one time while in a mall, he sat in area that was reunited with his mother. "It was the first time I met a policeman," he said. "They had to take a report from me."

"reserved" for others. A young

man sat next to him, showed

him a knife and followed him.

He said he hid and then

After high school, he earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Maryland. He also was a pitcher for Maryland Terrapins baseball team for four

"You always dream that," he said about being a major league baseball player. "That never became a reality for me. I went to professional tryouts and was not signed. Many of my teammates play professional baseball in the minor leagues."

Chief Umberger started his career at a juvenile detention center, eventually working juvenile probation and adult probation. He joined the U.S. Army Reserves and later the National Guard. He was on active reserve duty for three years between the two and finished off with the latter as inactive duty for five years. Finally, he landed at the



Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

Jason Umberger, who soon will become DeLand's police chief, speaks to the audience about his plans for the police force on Saturday, April 29, at the Community Unity Day sponsored by the Color Line Roundtable group.

Swatara Township Department.

"It's been very rewarding for me over the years, rewarding

had a lot of opportunities to the men and women who help other people," he said. "In the leadership position, I've provided the tools and

to provide public service. I've resources and leadership to work for me. That's been really rewarding."

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Volusia County Extension horticulturist Joe Sewards talks to a class about growing potatoes at the Agricultural Center auditorium.

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the rest of the country," he said. "It can help keep farmers in business and it contributes to the local food movement."

Mr. Sewards said the Georgia peach season is generally from May to June, at the earli-

Planting and growing season is generally from September to May.

As for lawn care, Volusia County has a blackout period - June 1 to Sept. 30 - for the use of fertilizer, nitrogen and phosphates. In addition, St. Johns River Management District only allows watering twice weekly.

"What I try to tell people, just because you're allowed to water doesn't mean you have to," he said. "The turf does not need as much water as people think it does."

Mr. Sewards said the most common turf in Volusia County is St. Augustine. That type of turf usually needs vegetable garden. Planting about an inch of water weekly during growing season, which is April to October.

"If that comes from rainfall, that counts," he said. "If there's a 70 percent chance of rain on Wednesday and your day (to water) is Tuesday, the homeowner is needs to be willing to play those odds.

"Most people don't realize

we're running out of water," he said. "There's 20.6 million people in the state now. And we have the same resources today as we did when Ponce de Leon landed here. When you have 20.6 million drawing on the resource, do the math. Be more mindful of watering practices."

Mr. Sewards said it doesn't hurt to start planning the fall season is usually the middle to the end of August.

"The more stuff you can grow at home, the less you have to go to the grocery store to get it," he said. "There's nothing like picking a tomato in the backyard."

For more information, visit volusia.org/services/community-services/extension.

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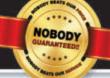
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Wildlife refuge to host Fishing Derby for children

Lake Woodruff National

Wildlife Refuge will host its sixth annual Kid's Fishing Derby form 8-11 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at the refuge impoundment, Pool 1, at the end of Mud Lake Road in DeLeon Springs.

Children ages 5 to 12 years compete within three age See NOTES, page A3



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Fast foods, the best of the worst

ack when this paper asked me to begin writing an opinion column I'm pretty sure they had no idea what a can of worms they were releasing.

Yes, I do have lots of opinions and, aside from politics, a lot of those deal with food. In the past I have railed about the poor quality of local pizza and written at length about the unimaginative state of area hot dogs.

With that, I have decided it is now time to offer my opinion on some of the better fast food offerings our depressed market has to offer.

When you talk about fast food you must begin with hamburgers and McDonald's. While that bastion of junk food has little taste, it is at least fresh due to the rapid turnover. Burger King? Forget it. Hardee's and Checkers are also forgettable. For my money you are better off grabbing a bag of Krystals. While those little sliders are a poor substitute for the original White Castle, they are still worthwhile.

To me the best fast food burger is the Wendy's double burger with cheese. Well balanced and as hot and juicy



as advertised.

Hot dogs in Volusia County suffer because they begin with a poor wiener and an inferior bun. A spicy wiener that snaps is a must and the only proper cooking means is the dirty water method. That always yields a plump and juicy dog. Lately Burger King has begun to serve up a grilled dog but horror of horrors it comes with KETCHUP!

Forget the pizza altogether. I do not eat Pizza Hut, Papa John's or Dominos. When I have pizza, my wife, Lana, buys a crust and makes it in our own oven with real whole milk mozzarella cheese, lots of spicy Italian sausage and hand cut pepperoni.

Roast beef is non-existent. Arby's had to get a pass from the FDA in order to call their sandwich roast beef. Arby's does score with their tasty Jamocha shake. There is not nearly enough meat in a Subway sub. I long to get one

that resembles the picture in their ad but so far that has never happened.

When it comes to fried chicken you must get the spicy version of Popeye's. Until recently I was single minded in that thought, but these days I am loving the KFC Nashville Hot style they are serving. It is not for the faint of heart but If you have not tried that you are in for a treat. Until the Colonel came up with Nashville Chicken, I had not been in a KFC in decades. By the way, Popeye's also has the best side with their Cajun red beans and rice. So very tasty and filling as long as you don't mind a bit of lard. KFC is the

down. Taco Bell has offerings that only vaguely resemble real Mexican food, but I have to hand it to them. It is always filling and at a reasonable price. Get the five buck box.

leader in cole slaw hands

So far I have avoided the most important part of any fast food joint – the fries. That is where the real competition lies. No doubt about it, McDonald's made their name on their fries. They are good but over the years have been left behind. Checker's now has

the best. Greasy, salty, seasoned and a bit overcooked. Perfect! You never want to eat them in the parking lot for you won't be able to leave without going back through the drivethrough. Burger King has sorry French fries as does Wendy's. They keep experimenting but so far have missed the mark.

Well, as I knew I would, I have run out of space, for this is a subject that would fill a book. Let me leave you with one last thought. McDonald's McGriddle sandwich (listen for the trumpets from heaven). Oh my! Sausage, egg and cheese between two pancakes that have been infused with maple syrup? Pure genius my friends – pure genius.

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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Raffle tickets, which are free, are drawn at random throughout the event until all items are given away.

Bait is provided, just bring fishing gear, sunscreen and folding chairs. Fishing poles and tackle will be provided to children who do not have their

own gear.

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

Master gardeners plan plant clinics

Volusia County's master gardeners will share summer gardening tips and answer questions during plant clinics in May.

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

•10 to 11 a.m. Friday, May 5, at the DeLand Regional Library, 130 E. Howry Ave. The gardeners will offer tips on growing herbs in contain-

•10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 13, at the Deltona Regional Library, 2150 Eustace Ave. Howard Jeffries will discuss tree care from 11 a.m. to noon.

•10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, May 16, at the DeBary Public Library, 200 N. Charles R. Beall Blvd.

For more information, call the Volusia County Extension Service at (386) 822-5778.

Low-cost pet clinics slated

There will be two low cost pet shot clinics sponsored by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Rescue on Sunday, May 7.

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 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.

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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

•Paul B. Lauter, 40, of DeLand, was arrested April 21 and charged with a drug offense, operating a vehicle with a canceled license and possession of paraphernalia. Bail was set at \$3,500.

•Daniel Villaverde Sr., 40, of DeLand, was arrested April 22 and charged with habitually driving with a revoked license, battery and burglary of an occupied dwelling. Bail was not set.

•Keithen Roberts, 21, of DeLand, was arrested April 23 and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Bail was not set.

•Roderick Fludd, 62, of DeLand, was arrested April 23 and charged with leaving the

scene of an accident with serious bodily injury. Bail was set at \$2,500.

Pierce, 60, of Bobby DeLand, was arrested April 24 and charged with battery and battery on a law enforcement officer. Bail was set at \$5,500.

Volusia County Sheriff's Office

•Tiffany A. Timmerman, 33, of DeLand, was arrested April 21 and charged with dealing in stolen property and knowingly giving false info to law enforcement. Bail was set at \$2,000.

•Brandon P. Torres, 30, of DeLand, was arrested April 21 and charged with possession of methamphetamine and a listed chemical and manufacture or delivery of methamphetamine. Bail was set at \$15,000.

•Erica T. Seitzer, 31, of DeLand, was arrested April 21 and charged with possession of paraphernalia, a listed chemical and methamphetamine and manufacture or delivery of methamphetamine. Bail was set at \$13,000.

•Jarad T. Laster, 30, of DeLand, was arrested April 22 and charged with possession of paraphernalia and a drug offense. Bail was set at \$1,500.

•Carl P. Clark, 37, of DeLand, was arrested April 23 and charged with trafficking in amphetamine. Bail was set at \$50,000.

•Brandon A. Hunter, 22, of DeLeon Springs, was arrested April 23 and charged with aggravated battery on a pregnant person. Bail was not set.

•George H. Williams, 44, of DeLand, was arrested April 24 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and battery. Bail was not set.

•Jeffrey D. Paltrow, 68, of DeLand, was arrested April 25 and charged with grand theft. Bail was set at \$2,500.

•Jared B. McLauchlin, 26, of DeLand, was arrested April 25 and charged with possession of a Schedule II substance. Bail was not set.

•Alford J. Staten, 57, of DeLand, was arrested April 26 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bail was set at \$25,000.

•Damon Alexander Vescera, 29, of DeLand, was arrested April 26 and charged with burglary of an unoccupied structure and grand theft of a motor vehicle. Bail was not set.

•Shakim J. Alexander, 32, of DeLand, was arrested April 26 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and felony battery. Bail was set at \$2,000.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

•Timothy James Byrd-Olson, 28, of DeLand, was arrested April 21 and charged with possession of a sexual performance by a child. Bail was set at \$55,000.

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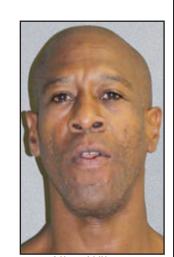
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Distinguishing features: Tattoos on both arms and chest, scars on face and neck Reason wanted:

Absconded sex offender Last known location: DeLand

Crime Stoppers of Northeast Florida is seeking information regarding the whereabouts of convicted sex offender Allen Wilson. The 50-year-old Wilson is required by Florida law to maintain his address on record with law enforcement and re-register twice a year.

Arrest warrants were issued for Wilson April 11, charging him with failure of a sex offender to properly register and possession of cocaine. His last registered address was on East Howry Avenue in DeLand, but his present whereabouts are unknown.



Allen Wilson

Wilson is 6 feet, 2 inches tall and weighs about 200 pounds and has black hair and brown eyes. If you see Wilson, don't try to apprehend him. Anyone with information regarding his whereabouts is asked to call Crime Stoppers toll-free at (888) 277-TIPS. You can also submit a tip by downloading the smartphone app from westopcrime.com. Callers to Crime Stoppers will remain anonymous and can qualify for a reward of up to \$5,000.

Health News

Cooking demo: Barbecue makeover

The community may attend a free cooking demo at 5 p.m,. Wednesday, May 10, at Florida Hospital DeLand, Classrooms A, B & C, 701 W. Plymouth

Hospital Chef Brian Gruskin will teach attendees the benefits of adding fiber to a meal plan. Chef Gruskin will demonstrate how to prepare a summer barbecue that is lower in fat and sugar. A taste test is included.

For a reservation, call (386) 943-3151.

Free health screening

The Hispanic Health Initiative will host a free health screening for West Volusia residents.

The screenings will include blood pressure, glucose, cho-lesterol and body mass index from 1-6 p.m. Friday, May 12 and 19, at 111 Fountain Drive, Pierson, and from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesdays, May 10 and 17, at 70 Spring Vista Drive, Unit 2, DeBary.

For an appointment, call (386) 320-0110 or (386) 320

COPD support group

Anyone diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease as well as family and friends may attend a support group at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, in classrooms A and B of Florida Hospital DeLand, 701 W. Plymouth

The Lung Institute of Tampa will discuss stem cell therapy for lung disease. Attendees can learn how stem cell therapy works, the different treatment options available and how to qualify for treatment. Participants will also be able to ask questions about cellular therapy and their specific condi-

For more information, contact Dave Thompson, hospital COPD educator, at David. Thompson@fhdeland.org or (386) 943-3038.

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

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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,

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It was just a dream some of us had

I'm unhappy but also a realist. Nothing I state will be undone and improved driving conditions are a pipe dream.

A guy complained about Orange Camp Road traffic. Well, I complained for three years at many meetings and hearings that approval of Victoria Park would be a disaster for many DeLand folks. The newcomer is right and this 40-year resident was, too. Think it's bad now, watch for lots more growth because the survey stakes are already planted on Orange Camp. Can confusion on Kepler be far behind?

Consider these roads as well; LPGA Boulevard, Daytona Beach, with 7,000 new homes planned, locals and bears should be worried. International Speedway Boulevard, Daytona Beach, a traffic nightmare now with lots more stores on the way. Dunlawton Avenue, Port Orange, surely everyone's horror. State Road 44, New Smyrna Beach, a road destined to bog down in short order as growth explodes. Lastly, State Road 44, DeLand, traffic-snarling growth planned at I-4 so "westside folks don't

West Volusians will find that getting to the beaches may one day be a real adventure as west-east arteries just become parking

Say what you will about growth and jobs. Far too little is being said about quality of life. Stop pounding on your steering wheel and getting red-faced. Think about a slower time when most of us were less frazzled and a whole lot happier.

South Causeway needs some love

Is there not a reason why the City of New Smyrna Beach cannot embellish the South Causeway?

They have a hard time keeping the grass green. They have not trimmed the trees since the storm. They put in pitiful bushes. This is the entrance to the south end of the beach.

The North Causeway had a million dollars spent on landscaping. Why is the South Causeway neglected?

Good AutoZone experience

I was apprehensive about going to the new Auto Zone on State Road 44 after reading about a woman's experience.

What I found was the exact opposite. Service clerk Daniel was wonderful. He picked out my wipers and even offered to put them on my car. Thank you, Daniel for your customer service, and maybe the unhappy customers just woke up on the wrong side of the bed.

Wasting money away in Edgewater

Welcome to Edgewater where wasting money is a science.

We have the bridge to nowhere so why wouldn't the wonderful city officials build a sidewalk to nowhere? You will also note that even though the City of Edgewater has a whole lot of houses sitting empty they want to build more houses, not businesses, nor does it encourage business unless you are an auto parts store or a thrift shop. Soon our sign will read Welcome to Edgewater, The Thrift Shop Capital of Florida.

Complaining does nothing. Encouraging businesses that will bring jobs falls on deaf ears. The battle for chickens has finally been won because they could no longer argue that it brought down property values any more than parking a dozen cars in your yard.

Reign in TV industry

When is our government going to crack down on the communication industry in this country?

They are daily in violation of the law that prohibits increasing volume on TV commercials and seem to have devised ways to get around all the built-in protections supposedly provided by manufacturers of TV equipment.

We also need a sensible law similar to our Canadian neighbors where commercials are limited to six minutes per hour. The networks would scream bloody murder, but, oh well. The industry needs to be reigned in and the FCC is doing nothing as far as I

Write your congressman.

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Yard sale hunting



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Vernon Linder, a U.S. Navy veteran and DeLand native, looks over a couple of tennis rackets for sale on Friday, April 7, at the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum's yard sale. Mr. Linder's father, a Navy cook, was one of the first naval personnel to be stationed at the facility when it was built in 1942.

Check the trailers

Why don't the police get on people who do not have trailers with lights on them.

We don't know when they are going to stop.

In response to: 'Where are they going to park?'

There is underground parking at the new hotel on Flagler Avenue in New Smyrna Beach.

I don't know where the people got the information, but they shouldn't make comments when they don't know what they are

I love your newspaper. I really look forward to receiving it. I like the Volusia Business by Cecil Brumley and Dan Smith's columns. Mr. Smith's columns are excellent. He is very intelligent.

Keep your habit to yourself

We were sitting in our car with the windows down during a warm day. People in cars on both sides of us were smoking with their cigarettes out their windows right next to our windows.

I don't think its fair that we have to move, especially since we were there first. I think its rude that they do this and smoke is coming in our windows. Also flicking the butts down in the sand. Don't they realize there's a city worker who has to pick these butts up.

Turtles are in the dunes

knowledge, you are correct gopher turtles should not be put in

the ocean as they can drown.

However your statement that their location is miles from the beach is way off base. They are living all over the dunes by the beach and are in yards and even walk on the beach.

If someone finds a turtle and feels the need to be helpful, if not sure of what kind, you can call animal control. This is an easy solution and no drowned gophers. Also, I am a fifth- generation Florida native, happy and have lived in Volusia County all my

The incredibly shrinking DMV

Anyone who has ever stepped foot in a Florida drivers' license office knows they are invariably crowded, busy places.

The ability to accomplish some essential services online unfortunately appears to have done little to alleviate these conditions, primarily, I would suppose, due to the increase in the number of drivers new to the state.

Armed with this knowledge of a steadily growing number of customers, you might think the state would consider adding more offices to service the public need. Sadly they do just the opposite, and close the only Southeast Volusia office in Edgewater. I would dearly love to know the logic of this moronic decision. Now drivers and potential drivers are relegated to only two offices, either in Orange City or Daytona Beach, both of which are already notoriously overcrowded. How convenient for the residents of Oak Hill, Edgewater and New Smyrna Beach.

The state website offers no clues to solving this mystery, though one can only surmise that it does indeed trim a little money from the state's bottom line and adds to the already long and constantly growing list of actions detrimental to Florida res-

Thanks (again) Rick Scott. Another winner. Just once it would To the 75 year old Florida native telling about their turtle be nice to think the governor worked for us, and not the other way around.

Letters

In response to: "Russian spies in our midst? You bet!"

I take exception to Mr. Smith's statements that "most of us are tired of hearing about how the Russians affected the outcome of our presidential election" and "so far no evidence has been brought forth to suggest they had any sort of plan to influence voters."

While Mr. Smith is entitled to his opinions, neither of these statements is true. The dismissive attitude that the Russian spies are all just good guys doing their jobs is chill-

Mr. Smith talks about his days as a young military policeman in Germany where it was part of his job to report the locations and activities of the Soviet Military Liaison Mission (SMLM) personnel. He says the Soviet spies were such good guys he could socialize with them and "share a taste of their fine vodka." I doubt his military commander's knew of this activity as it may have been in violation of Article 104 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. I also doubt many of our combat soldiers whose lives were on the line would have been sympathetic towards this relationship.

At the time, the Soviet doctrine was to invade and conquer western Europe. The teams to help prepare for this.

The U.S. had soldiers stationed in East Germany as part of the United States Mili-Liaison Mission tary (USMLM). Their job was to gather intelligence to help us defend against attack. West Germany was mostly open territory for the SMLM agents. East Germany was not for U.S agents. Confrontations, car rammings and short detentions were not uncommon experiences for USMLM teams there.

In March 1986, while performing his duties as a USMLM team member, Army Major Arthur D. Nicholson Jr. was shot and killed by a Soviet soldier. In September 1987 another USMLM team was under fire and one of the team members was wounded. By the way Mr. Smith, they were in uniform and using a properly identified jeep-like vehicle for transportation, not a

Cadillac as you suggest. What has changed in 30 years? Today the Soviet Union is named Russia and it's government is using information warfare instead of tanks and planes to defeat the United States and western Europe. In the big picture view, I don't see this as a change at all.

American people deserve a thorough and bi-partisan investigation to find out the extent of the Russian involvement in our elec-

Soviets used their SMLM tion. We also need a definite answer on whether or not US citizens were cooperating with, or aiding the Russians in their efforts. All Americans need confidence in the loyalty of our governmental officials. It is the least we can do to honor Major Nicholson's sac-

> Last thought: I doubt that the Russian government will share its "fine vodka" with us if they win.

> > Edward L. Kaster Jr. Port Orange

The Salvation Army needs you

The Salvation Army is so much more than ringing a bell during the Christmas season.

I am a college student, and I recently wrote an English class essay on local homeless and mentally ill street people. I was amazed to learn of the multitude of services the Salvation Army provides to our community.

Many of the homeless people you see on the streets are veterans and they are in desperate need of help, but they often have a deep mistrust of the government. Many, but not all, street people are suffering from some form of mental illness. The Salvation Army goes out onto the streets seeking out the people in need.

They also visit homeless camps and direct needy people to the services available in the

Also, the Salvation Army provides spiritual care on the streets as well as in their church located on LPGA Boulevard in Daytona Beach.

On Wednesday nights, the facility at LPGA is full of children and young people. They are served a meal, get spiritual guidance and an opportunity to use the gym to do everything from playing basketball to hula hoops.

During the summer, the Salvation Army provides Vacation Bible School for the public, and the children and youth are provided a meal.

The Salvation Army is in dire need of volunteers to help provide these services to the public. They need more than your coins in the Red Bucket in December. They need you physically, and as often as you can be of service.

Please consider volunteering at the Salvation Army. They need everyone including some computer geeks to help update their website and social

Take a drive out to the facility at 1555 LPGA Blvd. They will make you feel like you are at home, or call Major Caleb Prieto at (386) 236-2020.

> Taya Summers Ormond-by-the-Sea

The king is dead, long live the king!

fter blazing forth the past three or four years as the growth king of Volusia County, in the latest population estimates, DeLand led in neither percentage growth nor numerical growth, according to the Florida Bureau of Business and Economic Research.

Oak Hill, of all places, was the fastest growing area in the county at 5.51 percent. Of course, the actual growth from the period covered by the report April 2015 to April 2016 was 103 people, so Oak Hill's population is still just 1,972. Deltona, on the other hand, which led in numerical growth, was up 1,425 residents to 88,922. The county's largest city population-wise hadn't been growing that much since the Great Recession, but with it back on the way up, West Volusia is going to get really

By the way, DeLand was still up 1,299 or 4.26 percent to 31,792. Some other municipalities with significant growth were Daytona Beach, up 1,035 or 1.63 percent to 64,569 1,035; New Smyrna Beach, up 793 or 3.27 percent to 25,078; and Port Orange, up 659 or 1.12 percent to 59,315. You can bet that growth is

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continuing with the latest news from the housing market. Sales of existing houses by Volusia/Flagler Realtors were at 1,103 in March, up 2.3 percent from March 2016, even with the median price up 12 percent to \$185,000. Sales of condos by Volusia/Flagler Realtors were at 276 in March, up 15 percent from March 2016. The median price was at \$177,750, up 14.7 percent.

The U.S. Census Bureau reported 171 permits were issued for new housing units in March in Volusia, up from 133 last year (with about 70 percent of the county reporting in both years.

So, hopefully this helps explain to you why you see so much commercial and highway construction going on was you drive around the county.

Not a lot of big commercial

the biggest was a company named Pouchfill Packaging buying the manufacturing plant and warehouse at 811 Fentress Court in Daytona Beach for \$1.825 million. An Orlando investor bought the vacant office property at 109 North Causeway in New Smyrna Beach for \$700,000. KVAR Energy Savings bought a warehouse and vacant commercial land in the 700 block of Orange Avenue in Daytona Beach for \$600,000. Donald Walker of Daytona Beach, under the name Walker Landing LLC, bought the Bob Lee Airport in DeLand for \$577,500. A Fort Lauderdale investor bought the office/residential property at 201/205 E. Voorhis Ave. in DeLand, including a 100-yearold house, for \$497,500. **Professional Sunshine Roofing** bought a warehouse and adjacent lots in the Garland Industrial Park in Orange City

real estate deals to report, but

Some other stuff to report includes the billiard place Rack 'N Cue is going into Park Plaza at 3761 Nova Road in Port Orange, close to the Beall's

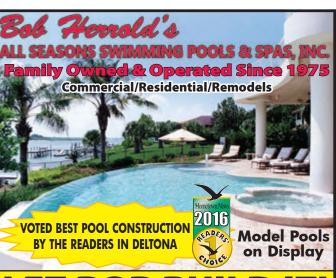
for \$450,000.

Department Store. Construction is underway on a 107-room Home 2 Suites Hotel by Hilton at 200 Fentress Blvd. in Daytona Beach. Site work is underway for an AutoZone at 1179 Beville Road in Daytona, in front of Sam's Club. Harvest Time International wants to open one of its cheap to nearly free food warehouses at the old Daytona Mall at Nova Road and West International Speedway Boulevard. The city rejected its first attempt to get approval to open there.

On a final note, here's a company to keep an eye on. Security Sales and Solutions has moved to a larger, 9,880-squarefoot building in Deltona. SS&SI, as it's called, will host its second dealer conference at the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach on the weekend of June 21. It has a huge dealer network across the country.

Managing Editor Cecil G. Brumley has been tracking business and the economy in Volusia County for more than 20 years. Contact him at cbrumley@hometownnewsol.com (no hyphen) or follow him on Twitter @cecilbrumley.

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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 The

Howry, DeLand.

For more information, call 490-4527 or visit DeLandChamber.org.

Learn financing for home-based businesses

SCORE will host a free workshop on "Financing Options for your Home Based Business" from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at UCF Building 150, Room 100, 1200

Cloister's of DeLand, 400 E W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach. Registration is required.

For more information, visit score87.org or call (386) 255-

AM Connection set

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

The speaker will be from the

University Titans Athletic Booster Club.

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

For a reservation or more information, visit westvolusiaregionalchamber.org or call (386) 490-4606.

Hispanic chamber luncheon

Volusia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will

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The Garden Club of DeLand hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday, April 1, for the Wounded Warrior house, a project that started in 2016.

Garden club completes Wounded Warrior project

For Hometown News newsdy@hometownnewsol.com

The Garden Club of DeLand hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday, April 1, for the Wounded Warrior house, a project that started in 2016.

The club's Weedettes started putting the finishing

touches on the new home of Robert Loria on Monday, March 20. They were able to use plants that will thrive in each area of the landscape.

Select Growers, 4391 State Road 11, DeLeon Springs, donated almost all of the plants, so the club was able to stretch its dollars further and able to donate

much-needed sod for the front yard.

Much of the money for the Wounded Warrior house project was raised by the 2016 Garden Tour.

Select Growers also has opened its doors to Circle Field Trips and donates to the Garden Tours.



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demics with social and emotional development that help make students successful and that success in turn leads to confidence. A cycle we all find in life is success and confidence. Teachers are really looking at kids holistically."

"The teaching profession is the most important job there is. No matter what job you do, they all have been impacted in their lives by teachers. Somebody has taught them along the way. Teachers never get the attention and recognition they deserve," Dr. Livendahl said.

His career includes teaching social studies in an inner city Chicago high school as well as other administrative positions

Regarding challenges teachers face, Dr. Livendahl said, "The nature of the job has become more diverse in terms of what teachers are expected to do. It is not just about teaching. The students that come to general education settings now bring with them a much larger set of complex issues than they have in the past."

Bill Dunnigan, principal at Deland Middlel, said, "An effective teacher sets rigorous expectations in the classroom and expects all students can and will experience academic success. Rather than giving up on or ignoring underachievers, effective teachers find a way to unlock those students' learning potential."

Mr. Dunningan looks for teachers that consistently engage their students, teach their students how to think with an analytical and inquisitive mind.

"An effective teacher builds relationships with their students and showing that they care are essential components in creating an active learning environment," he said.

Shannon Salisbury, who was named a First Year Teacher of

the Year, is a seventh grade math teacher at Deland Middle School.

"Coming from a family of educators, both current and retired, the field of education has always held a special place in my heart," Mr. Salisbury said. "Now that I have started my journey into the teaching profession, I have caught a glimpse of why teachers find the role they play in their students' lives so rewarding. The opportunity to positively impact the future of a child is a reward that far outweighed the challenges and uncertainty of making the choice to begin a new career."

Before starting teaching, he was in medical equipment sales and retail management.

Many businesses have offered discounts and deals to teachers during the special week. Hurley Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram in DeLand is offering a two-year lease for one teacher on a Jeep Renegade.

Notes

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Watch 'Hacksaw Ridge' at DeLand library

The DeLand Regional Library will present a free showing of "Hacksaw Ridge" at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, May 7, 130 E. Howry Ave.

The R-rated film tells the true story of Desmond Doss, a World War II American Army medic who saved 75 men in Okinawa. He became the first conscientious objector to earn the Medal of Honor. Andrew Garfield stars.

For more information, call (386) 822-6430, ext. 20762.

Council members may attend Roundtable

Two or more members of the Volusia County Council may attend the meeting of the Roundtable of Volusia County

Elected Officials at noon Monday, May 8.

Supervisor of Elections Lisa Lewis and Clerk of the Circuit Court Laura Roth will give brief overviews of the functions in their offices.

The meeting will be in the second-floor Dennis McGee Room of the Daytona Beach International Airport, 700 Catalina Drive.

The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call the County Manager's Office at (386) 740-5160.

Book groups review 'The Lake House'

Readers can share their insights into "The Lake House" during book discussion meetings at the DeLand Regional Library at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 10; and 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11, 130 E. Howry Ave., DeLand.

The 2015 novel by Kate Morton focuses on the myste-

rious disappearance of an 11-month-old boy in Cornwall, England.

The discussion group is free and open to the public. For more information, call (386) 822-6430, ext. 20762.

Extension offers homebuyer classes

The Volusia County Extension Service Agent Lisa Hamilton, an accredited financial counselor, will instruct homebuyer classes from 6 to 8:45 p.m. May 11, 18 and 25 at the Volusia County Agricultural Center, 3100 E. New York Ave., DeLand.

There is no cost for Volusia residents. Classes apply to county and City of Deltona residents only.

Advance registration is required. To register, contact Ms. Hamilton at (386) 822-5778 or hamilton@ufl.edu. For more information, visit volusia.org/homebuyer.

The trickle-down effect of long-term care costs

'm going to start, and end, this column by encourag-Ling you to talk to your family about this important subject.

Long-term care (LTC) touches so many people! Two-thirds of those 65 and older will need some form of LTC in the future. Brad Breeding, CFP, and I talked about this topic on a recent PlanStrongerTV episode.

Though the majority of people will eventually need some type of assistance, not all LTC involves a nursing home. There are actually many



PLAN STRONGER DAVID D. **HOLLAND**

different levels in what's called the "continuum of care." The least amount of care is found, of course, with independent living, which can be in a person's own home or in a special community. The next level is supportive services where a skilled person comes into the home for a couple hours (or more) of daily support.

When more assistance is needed (surpassing what can be provided in the home environment), there are assisted living facility options. Finally, when a full range of support is needed, memory care and skilled medical care provide around-the-clock services in a specialized setting.

As you can imagine, most people want to stay in their homes as long as possible. However, when the activities of daily living become difficult, it's time to pinpoint where your loved one is on the continuum of care spectrum. Nursing home care is not cheap, but neither is the cost to family members who attempt to provide unskilled/ unpaid caregiver services. Time off from work can cause caregivers to forfeit thousands of dollars in earnings, retirement savings and future

Social Security benefits.

Those who are forced to put their careers on hold (sometimes for years) often find that integrating back into the workforce is extremely difficult. Many realize they no longer have the means to retire. If the family member is still in relatively good health and can afford an entry fee and monthly fees, a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) may be a viable solution. A CCRC can provide lifetime access to housing and a wide range of care services which are all located in one

Ioin me next week for a more in-depth discussion of CCRCs. But until then, I strongly suggest you talk to your family about long-term care. Don't wait until a medical emergency forces you, your family or spouse, to make a hasty, emotional decision. The best time to talk (and plan) is now.

David D. Holland, a Certified Financial Planner practitioner, hosts a weekly TV show Mondays on WDSC Channel 15 at 7 p.m. He has also authored two books in his Confessions of a Financial Planner series. Mr. Holland offers investment advice through Holland Advisory Services Inc., a registered investment adviser in Ormond Beach. He can be contacted at (386) 671-7526. Email financial questions to questions@planstronger.com.

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Out & about

Friday, May 5

• Cinematique: "Chasing Trane: The John Coltrane Documentary" will be shown May 5-18, at 242 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach.

Featuring the voice of Denzel Washington, it is set against the social, political and cultural landscape of the times. Chasing Trane brings John Coltrane to life as a fully dimensional being, inviting the audience to engage with the man and the artist.

Join Cinematique for a special film discussion with Rob Whiting from the Northeast Florida Jazz Association following the screening at 2 p.m Sunday May 7. Tickets are \$7 general or \$5 members. For more information, call (386) 252-3118.

• Italian Festival: Our Lady of Lourdes will host its Italian Festival through May 7 at 201 University Blvd., Daytona Beach. The event will include carnival rides, games, live entertainment, arts and crafts, Italian food. Festival hours are 5-10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, noon-10 p.m. Saturday and noon-6 p.m. Sunday, May 7. The midway will stay open until 8 p.m. Sunday. Ride bracelets will be \$20 Thursday, Friday and Sunday, and \$25 Saturday. Bingo will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday and 4-7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. There will be a Bocce Ball tournament at 1 p.m. Sunday. A "Meatball Boss" best tasting meatball contest will be at 2 p.m. Saturday.

• "Sideways Stories from Wayside School:" Daytona State College will present this play at 10 a.m. Friday, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the performing arts center at 221 N. Beach St., Daytona

Imagine the confusion at Wayside School when the builder made a terrible mistake. Instead of building 30 classrooms side-by-side, he built them one on top of another. Maybe that accounts for the wacky goingson on the 30th floor. Where else will you find tango dancing mayhem, children being turned into apples, and dead rats wearing raincoats? Just don't ask for Miss Zarves ... because she doesn't exist.

Free to Daytona State College students as well as Volusia and Flagler county elementary, middle and high school students, all others \$8 per person or \$15 for two: online ticketing available at DaytonaState.edu/

For more information, visit DaytonaState.edu/TheArts.

• Shoestring Theatre: "The Mousetrap" will be performed May 5-7 and May 12-14. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are

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Photography courtesy of Oxley photography The Athens Theatre will bring the Kentucky Derby to DeLand with its second annual "fun-raising"

event, The Derby, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Wayne Sanborn Center, 815 S Alabama Ave., DeLand. Shown is a photo from the 2016 event.

Athens will host Derby extravaganza

For Hometown News

newsdy@hometownnewsol.com

The name "Kentucky Derby" says it all when it comes to horseracing, prestige

The name Athens Theatre says it all when it comes to entertainment and elegance.

The Athens will bring the Kentucky Derby to DeLand with its second annual "fun-raising" event, The Derby, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Ave., DeLand.

Hosted by Megan Welch Gunby (1994 Miss Florida, former news broadcaster and Delandite) and Craig Uppercue (Athens Theatre Artistic Director), this fashion affair will include a bluegrass band, a large-screen live-broadcast of the "The Run for the Roses," live performances from the Athens' cast of "Guys and Dolls," Derby themed cuisine, mint juleps, bourbon flights, out-door cigar

Wayne Sanborn Center, 815 S Alabama bar, casino-style gambling, horse wagering, and hat and bowtie contests.

Derby-goers will enter the Wayne Sanborn Center in grand style, receiving celebrity treatment with photos on the red carpet. Guests are encouraged to wear their most stylish hats and bow ties for the contest.

Proceeds from this socialite soirée will help provide summer camp acting scholarships for low-income youths, contin-See ATHENS, page B3

Art on display in the gardens May 6-7

For Hometown News newsdy@hometownnewsol.com

The 45th annual Art in the Park will be from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 6, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, May 7, in Rockefeller Gardens in Ormond Beach.

Thousands of attended last year's two-day event, which was sold out with 100 artists and crafters, entertainment and food vendors.

Art and crafts will be judged. A single award of \$1,500 will be for "Best in Show" in the Fine Arts category. The winner will be featured on the main stage in Rockefeller Gardens in 2018. First Place will be awarded \$400; Second Place, \$300; Merit Award, \$200; and honorable mention, \$100; to four fine artists and four crafters.

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Hometown News file photo

Guests mingle through rows of art during the 41St annual Art in the Park in Rockefeller Gardens in Ormond Beach last year.

Horoscopes



ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Accept that sometimes things will not go your way, Aries. However, you can learn to adapt and find balance in any situation you find yourself in.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Discovering all of the answers need not be your goal all the time, Taurus, Keep in mind that the journey can sometimes be more rewarding than the destination.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, don't hesitate to let others know how much they mean to you. Such simple gestures will be appreciated and help you maintain strong relationships with those you love

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, when in doubt, speak with someone who has more experience than you. It's a big person who can accept help when it's needed, and others will be willing to help.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Next week may be a better time to make a big decision, Leo. Coast along for a little bit longer and get a feel for the lay of the land before making your

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Coming across memorabilia or old photographs may have you thinking about those who came before you, Virgo. It is a good week for introspection and reminiscing.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

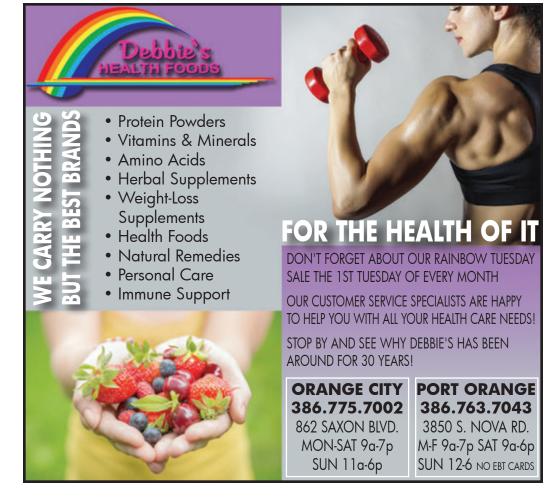
Libra, don't let any opportunity pass you by this week - even those that may seem like they won't yield much reward. Everything is a learning opportu-

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Obsessive thoughts will not make the solution to a problem come any easier. It's better if you clear your head and then maybe the ideas will arrive when you least expect.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Think of something you can do that will be a big risk and out of character, Sagittarius. It may give See SCOPES, page B3







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April's top garden



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The creative and colorful art-studded garden of Norma Thomas of Robin-wood Drive is The Garden Club of DeLand's April Garden of the Month. White irises, white crape myrtles, and foxtail fern serve as backbone plants to beds of red salvia, yellow bulbine and pin purslane. Interspersed among purple terrestrial orchids, crotons, and bromeliads the movement of breeze grass and ming fern are hypertufa leaves and hand paintedtiles.

Cinco de Mayo — a great festival of food

n May 5, roughly 54 million Hispanics in the United States will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Mexican culture, heritage and food.

I want a burrito, fajitas, nachos, enchiladas, guacamole, chimichangas, black beans, and red beans now! Oops don't forget the Margaritas.

The top three most popular ethnic foods choices in the US are Italian, Chinese, and Mexican. Nachos have replaced chips as a snack and salsas have pushed ketchup out of its number one spot.

The fastest growing casual dining restaurant is Hispanic. Yes, Hispanic food is going wild in the U.S. and it is bringing the heat to food everywhere. Spicy pepper infused flavors were the hottest trend in 2015 and it will continue into 2017. Chile infused beer is now on the market with a blend of habaneros, jalapenos, Serrano, and Anaheim peppers.

The Hispanic culture is putting flavor and zing in foods. Remember, the heat is in the membrane and seed of CHEF COOK CORN

CHEF COSTA'S COOKING CORNER COSTA MAGOULAS

the pepper and not in the meat. Try it – take a jalapeno pepper and just cut the outer green skin off no white or seed and taste it raw – it will taste like green pepper with almost no heat. Another tip is, when eating Hispanic food, remember to eat rice and beans together. No gas will form, if you get my meaning.

Here is a great recipe that is easy to make for all occasions. All ages love it, too!

Seven Layer Dip

Serves 15-20

Ingredients 4 cups fresh Roma or Plum tomatoes chopped ½ inch

- 2 can re-fried beans 4 cups shredded Monterrey jack or cheddar cheese
- ack or cheddar cheese 2- 16 oz containers sour

cream (your choice regular,

- fat free, low fat)
 2 can sliced olives
- 1 cup sliced green onions 2 containers 12 oz guacamole
 - 2 cups chopped lettuce 2 cups salsa
 - 2 cups salsa Large bag tortilla chips

Directions

Using a large cake platter or large round plate begin by spreading

- •Re-fried beans evenly on plate leave a one inch border
- •Lettuce evenly on beans
- •Sliced tomatoes on lettuce •Guacamole on lettuce
- Salsa on guacamoleSliced olives on guacamo-
- •Graded cheese on olives
- •Top with sour cream, sprinkle with sliced green onions (optional chopped jalapenos)

Prepare as close to serving as possible.

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.

The Club Scene

 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, May 11. 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.

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

• 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.

• Grille at Riverview: Upcoming performers are Mark Venneri, 7-11 p.m., Friday, May 5; Kayonne Riley & Downtown Trio, 7-11 p.m., Saturday, May 6; Calypso 5 Island Steele, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, May 7; and Christie Beu, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, at 101 Flagler Ave., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 428-1865.

• Lagerheads Bar & Grill:
Upcoming performers are Lou
McNally, Friday, May 5; Robert
Keele, Saturday, May 6; Don
Hill, Sunday, May 7; Eddie
Wolford, Monday, May 8 and
Tuesday, May 9; Reuben
Morgan, Wednesday, May 10
and Don Hill, Thursday May 11.
Weather permitting, live music
is at 2986 Ocean Shore Blvd.,
Ormond-by-the-Sea. For more
information, call (386)
265-1977.

• Mr. Dunderbak's: Mr. Dunderbak's next Monthly Beer Tasting will be from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, May 5. The 10 featured beers are MIA Beer Co. Mega Mix Pale Ale, Moa Brewing South Pacific IPA, Weihenstephaner Kristallweizenbock, Rogue Sriracha Hot Stout Beer, Uinta Farmside Saison, Weyerbacher Line Street Pilsner, Lagunitas Brown Shugga, Dogfish Head Palo Santo Marron, Sierra Nevada Bigfoot Barleywine Ale and Cerveza Modelo. 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. The next beer tasting will be May 19 to benefit Sophie's Circle.

• Mulligan's Family Sports **Grille:** Karaoke with Just George will be 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday. Blue Diamond will perform 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 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. String Shine and Open Mike start at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Karaoke with Just George and Ladies Night is 8 p.m. to midnight Wednesday at 3830 S. Nova, Port Orange. For more information, call (386) 788-3268.

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

• Ocean Deck: Morning Buzz plays at 9:30 p.m. Mondays. Orange Avenue plays at 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Caribbean Posse performs from 9:30 p.m.-2 a.m. Thursday through Sunday. Robert Keele plays acoustic guitar from 5 p.m. to 8p.m. Wednesdays. Tom Redmond performs classic rock from 5-8 p.m. Fridays. Karaoke with Stormin' Norman is from 4-8 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday, at 127 S. Ocean Ave., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 253-5224 or visit oceandeck.

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

visit myohanaluau.com.
• Sinatra's Laldila Ristorante:
Pianists play from 6-9 p.m.
Wednesday to Saturday.
Karaoke is 9 p.m. to close
Saturday at 355 Cassadaga
Road, Lake Helen. For information, call (386) 218-3806.

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

• Tomoka Brewing Co.: Food truck rally is 6-9 p.m. each Wednesday and the second Tuesday of each month. Eggs and Kegs Brunch is at 10 a.m. Sundays and live trivia is Tuesdays 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. Friday and Saturday at 1665 Dunlawton Ave., No. 105, Port Orange. For more information, visit 95andvine.com.



Gardens

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year will be the Girl Scouts Art Exhibit presented by Sunrise Community. The display will be inside The Casements and will feature several hundred multimedia pieces by 5-18 year old girls from Volusia County and Central Florida. The show will host photography, painting, drawing, sculpting, textiles and collage. A fashion show and awards presentation begins at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday. The Girl Scouts also will be in the Free Kids' Craft Zone on the North Lawn in the food and entertainment area. Children are invited to make a special gift for Mother's Day and contribute to the coloring mural.

Free parking is available at The Casements and Fortunato Park. Rockefeller Gardens is at 26 Riverside Drive.

For more information, call (386) 676-3241 or visit ormondbeach.org.

Athens

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ued performances for schoolaged children and theater access to low-income citizens in the community.

Supporter level sponsorships at \$300 and \$500 are still available at athensdeland.com/kdsupporter. These levels include event tickets.

Each ticket for entry includes 10 drink tickets and \$100 casino money. Tickets are \$50 per person at athensdeland.com/derby, The Elusive Grape or by calling the box office at (386) 736-1500.

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you a rush of adrenaline this week and pave the way for new interests.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, look at yourself in the mirror and tell yourself that you can handle whatever comes your way. You are the only one who can derail your plans. AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Someone you wouldn't normally look to for advice provides some invaluable wisdom in the days ahead, Aquarius. Heed this advice and express your gratitude.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, instead of focusing on all of the little details, look at the bigger picture. This will prove to be the inspiration you need to stay motivated.





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available at shoestringtheatre. net or at the box office from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 380 S. Goodwin St. Lake Helen or call (386)

• "The Girls of the Garden Club:" The Little Theatre of New Smyrna Beach will present this production at 8 p.m. May 5-6,

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11-13 and 2 p.m. May 7 and 14, at 726 E. Third Ave., New Smyrna Beach. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$19 seniors, \$10 students. For more information. call (386) 423-1246, or visit nsbplayers.org.

• Movie in the Park: Orange City will show a movie at 8 p.m. at Dickinson Park, 120 East Graves Ave. Either "Nine Lives" or "Finding Dory" will be shown. The Orange City Police Explorers will have hot dogs for sale and there will be free

popcorn. Bring lawn chairs and blankets to get a good seat. Movie in the Park is sponsored by Florida Hospital Fish Memorial For more information,call Danielle FitzPatrick at (386) 775-5410.

Saturday, May 6

• Day on the River: Edgefest will host this event from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Menard May Park, 413 S. Riverside Drive. There will be water safety information, water activities, entertainments, vendors and a car show.

For more information, email specialevents@cityofedgewater.org.

Sunday, May 7

• Concert: Bel Canto Singers will present the final concert of the season at 3:30 p.m. at Central Baptist Church, 142 Fairview Ave., Daytona Beach. Under the direction of Dr. David Redman, the singers will present "The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass" by Carol Barnett and other American Folksongs. Admission is \$10 for adults and free for students with ID. For information or tickets, visit belcantodaytona.org.

Tuesday, May 9

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

• Guitar Ensemble: Daytona State College will host a guitar ensemble at 7:30 p.m. at the performing arts center, 221 N. Beach St., Daytona Beach. Admission is free, no ticket required.

Wednesday, May 10

• Rails - Ales & Tails: The Museum of Arts & Sciences will host this event from 6-8 p.m. at 352 S. Nova Road, Daytona Beach. Learn about the history of railroads in Volusia County, sample craft ales, listen to live music and enjoy food by Cousins Maine Lobster Food Truck. Tour the

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Photos courtesy of FUTURES Foundation

Graduates from the 2017 Tomorrow's Leaders Program of the FUTURES Foundation from DeLand High School are, from left, Elijah Wheeler, Grant Weltman, Isabella Roman-Secor, Christopher Heydolph and Courtney Gifford.



Graduates from the 2017 Tomorrow's Leaders Program of the FUTURES Foundation from Taylor Middle-High School are, from left, Isaac Otero and Keyla

FUTURES graduates 40 of 'Tomorrow's Leaders'

For Hometown News newsdy@hometownnewsol.com

FUTURES Foundation for Volusia County Schools graduated 40 high school juniors Thursday, April 20, from its 29th annual Tomorrow's Leaders Program, which develops young leaders for their com-

The students, representing all 10 Volusia County public high schools, participated in five day-long seminars coordinated by community leaders. Each seminar is designed to familiarize the students with different aspects and services in Volusia and to develop leadership skills.

Included in the program were lectures, discussions and tours of various businesses and governmental facilities. Seminar subjects include: criminal justice and the court system; economic development and manufacturing; the apy and USTA/FL. The gradu-Arts; education and governmental systems: leadership. diversity and ethics; and health care and social services.

Tour sites and partners included Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare, Raydon Corp., Atlantic Center for the Arts,

Houligan's in Port Orange, Halifax Health Medical Center, Halifax Urban Ministries, the Historic Volusia County Courthouse, Volusia County Council, Volusia County Supervisor of Elections, Seventh Judicial Circuit Judge Leah Case's courtroom, Volusia County Branch Jail, and Volusia County School District's DeLand Administrative Complex.

Seminar sponsors included Duke Energy, Halifax Health, Houligan's, SGM Engineering, Melvin D. Stack, P.A., Upchurch Counseling & Theration sponsor was MedExpress Urgent Care.

For more information about FUTURES Foundation, visit FUTURESVolusia.org or contact Executive Director Cynthia Ramirez at (386) 255-6475, extension 50730, or caperric@ Volusia.K12.FL.US.

School News

DHS awards May 9

DeLand High School will host senior awards at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, at DeLand High School Auditorium, 800 N. Hill Ave.

Graduation will be at 4 p.m.

May 27, at the Ocean Center, 101 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach. Admission will be \$3 per person. Parking will be \$5. Tickets will be pre-sold at each the school.

For more information, call (386) 822-6500.

Art Notes

Art camps for adults

The Museum of Art-DeLand will host two art camps for adults with instructor Pam Coffman.

Your Time to Create Session One will meet from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 26-30. Session two will meet from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 10-14.

Both camps meet at 600 N.

Woodland Blvd., DeLand.

The cost per workshop is \$160 for members and \$185 for non-members. Additional materials fee is \$15. Pre- registration required by June 20.

Register for both weeks and receive a 10 percent discount on the second week tuition.

For more information or to register, call (386) 734-4371 or visit MoArtDeLand.org.

Religion Briefs

Church hosts Lifetree Cafe

First Christian Church will sponsor Lifetree Cafe the week of May 7. The topic will be

The Cafe will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Grand Villa Activity Room, 350 E. International Speedway Blvd., and 7 p.m. Monday at First Christian

will lead the group on Tuesdays while Paul and Dorothy Ashton will lead the group on

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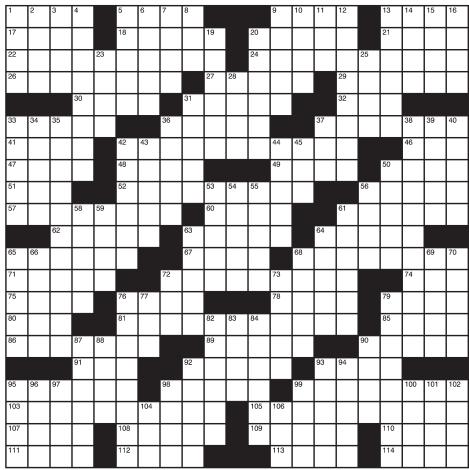
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Embracing Change. The cafe will be at the Arti-

san Inn, 215 S. Woodland Blvd., DeLand, at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11. Food and Church Fellowship Hall, 1401 W. New York Ave., DeLand. The Rev. Linda Kemp-Baird

(386) 734-0677.

beverage menu will be available. Host is Jerry Drooker.

Sports Briefs

EWGA hosted Volusia golf championship

The Executive Women's Golf Association hosted players from 14 leagues at the 54th annual Volusia County Women's Golf Championship April 10-11 at LPGA.

Ladies played the Jones & Hills course, competing in seven flights. Winners were:

 Championship Flight: Champion Janice Wilson, Second Place Pat Larsen, Third Place Pat Roadarmel

 Medalist (Low score day one) Janice Wilson 77

•Flight One: First Place Fran Bush, Second Place Lauri Roy, Third Place Patricia Roberts

•Flight Two: First Place Sharon Nouchi, Second Place Ann Bowman, Third Place Sheree Frazier

•Flight Three: First Place Randi Leone, Second Place Marjorie Palm, Third Place Judy Evers

•Flight Four: First Place Sula

Macedo, Second Place Joanne Clark, Third Place Karen Knox

•Flight Five: First Place Ruth Herron, Second Place Patti Belliveau, Third Place Theresa Stepien

•Flight Six: First Place JoAnn DeCarlo, Second Place Joan Companaro, Third Place Rosemary Parlade

The Daytona Chapter of the EWGA continues to host many league tournaments including VIP & Intercity. The chapter recently joined Sea Gals and will be playing at their events in the fall.

For more information, visit ewgadaytonabeach.com.

Tortugas face Hammerheads

The Daytona Tortugas will face the Jupiter Hammerheads at 7:05 p.m. Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6, at Jackie Robinson Ball Park, 105 E. Orange Ave., Daytona Beach.

The final game of the series will be at 5:35 p.m. Sunday, May 7.

The Tortugas remain home to face Florida at 7:05 p.m. Monday, May 8 and Tuesday, May 9 and at 10:35 a.m. Wednesday, May 10.

For more information, call (386) 257-3172 or visit daytonatortugas.com.

Special needs fishing tourney

The Halifax Sport Fishing Club will host its annual Special Needs Fishing Tournament for children and young adults with mental and physical challenges from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 6.

The tournament will be at the lake at Buschman Park, 4575 Spruce Creek Road.

nished for those who do not have their own.

All bait and tackle is fur-

There will be food, refresh-

ments, and prizes. The first 80 anglers to sign up will receive a ditty bag.

Participants should bring lawn chairs and sun tan lotion.

For more information, email Helen Klenk at rklenk7555@ aol.com or call (386) 547-1813.

Play for WORC Charity Classic

The 45th annual golf tournament, Play for WORC Charity Classic, sponsored in part by The Daytona Beach Kennel Club & Poker Room, will be May 20, at LPGA Internation-

The event, chaired by local community leaders, raises nearly \$100,000 in funds each year for the WORC mission to help the developmentally challenged with jobs and housing.

To sponsor, volunteer, or play in the event, call (386) 274-6474 or email nprasse@ worcinc.org.

Charity tourney



Photos by Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer Wes Matheny of DeLand chips his ball onto the green on Saturday, April 29, as other members of the Sportsanity team watch in the 23rd annual Rotary Club of DeLand Charity Golf Classic presented by Florida Hospital DeLand at the Victoria Hills Golf Club.



Kevin Reid of DeLand chips his ball onto the green on Saturday, April 29, as he plays with the Sportsanity team in the 23rd annual Rotary Club of DeLand Charity Golf Classic presented by Florida Hospital DeLand at the Victoria Hills Golf Club.

When kayaking — don't feed the gators!

↑hese days I get lots of questions about kayaks. They come by way of e-mail, telephone and in person.

People want to know what type to buy, how to fish one and where to try, but by far the majority of questions from newcomers to the sport concern alligators. Yep, most of the would-be kayakers ask me about our native crocodil-

When I get those inquiries I am pretty certain they are coming from folks who hail from points north of Florida. Crackers having lived with gators all of their lives have come to terms with them. As for me, although I am not a native Floridian, my previous home was in the bayous of Louisiana.

When I was only 11 years old, I caught a baby gator on my cane pole. Quite an event for a kid. We have all watched old Troy Landry killing alligators on the Swamp



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People TV show. As a youngster I fished those same waters. The show is good fun even if it is a bit repetitious.

I have met Troy and his son, Jacob, and told them when they get the alligators caught in Louisiana they could come to Volusia County and do quite well. To be sure we have a strong population of gators here. To check that out you only need to go to Lake Woodruff or the St. Johns River down around Osteen.

Let me say that although I am not afraid of alligators, I sure don't take them for granted either. My little kayak only has about four or five inches of freeboard above the water. Not much to keep a big reptile from climbing in.

Not long ago I was paddling up near High Bridge on the northern edge of the county in very shallow water. The only channel was right along the edge of the land and I was sticking close. As I rounded a tiny point, a five-foot gator was spooked and dived for the water. It just missed the nose of the Green Peanut.

Of course I was startled, but I loved getting a good look at the thing. Over the four and a half years I have been kayaking I have encountered maybe a half dozen alligators. A couple of those were in the eight-foot range. One thing all of those gators had in common was they were afraid of

me. An alligator has few predators with the main one being us. Most of the bites that occur happen when they are startled. Everyone should keep their children and pets away from alligator habitat during the prime feeding times of dusk and dawn, but adults

have little to fear. Gators see us as a danger not food.

If you are in a kayak, you should not worry. I don't. It is a fallacy put forth by the old Tarzan movies that when you see a gator slide into the water it is coming to attack your boat. When they see us they enter the water for self-preservation.

One thing is for sure, sooner or later every Volusia County kayaker will encounter an alligator. When that happens enjoy it! Take a couple pictures and think about what a privilege it is to share the water with such a remarkable creature. Have fun and remember you are NOT gator bait!

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

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Silver Holly and Hiawatha train cars on display. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members. This event is for people 21 and older. For more information, call (386) 255-

Upcoming events

• Daytona Playhouse: "The Last Romance" by Joe Dipietro will be performed select nights from May 12-20, at 100 Jessamine Blvd., Daytona Beach. A crush can make you feel young again. even a widower named Ralph. Taking a new path one night leads Ralph to an unexpected second chance at love. Ralph attempts to woo the distant Carol, hoping to regain a

happiness that seemed all but

Ticket prices are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors 55 and older and \$10 for 18 and younger

• Smithsonian Exhibit: "The Way We Worked," a traveling Smithsonian Institution exhibition that explores how work shaped America, opens May 13 at the Enterprise Hertiage Center & Museum for a six-week showing. Museum hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m,.-5 p.m. Sunday, at 360 Main St., Enterprise.

For more information, call (386) 259-5900 or visit oldenterprise.org.

 Coca-Cola 400 Concert: Country music star Tyler Farr will entertain race fans with a pre-race concert for the 59th annual Coke Zero 400 NASCAR

race on Saturday, July 1. The concert will mark Farr's second performance at Daytona International Speedway, Fans that have already purchased a Coke Zero 400 race ticket can upgrade their experience to the VIP Pit package for \$75.

Tickets for the June 29-July 1 Coke Zero 400 Weekend can be purchased online at daytonainternationalspeedway.com or by calling 1-800-PITSHOP.

Ongoing Events

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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-

• 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.

 DeLand Flea Market: 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, at 535 Fair St. For more information, call (386) 631-6500.

• Great Tasting Tours: Tours take place from 2-5 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday in DeLand. Wine, craft beer and sweet and savory food tours are

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• 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.

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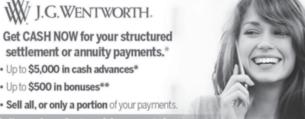
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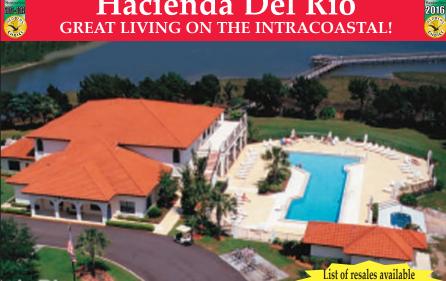
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large updated kitchen...Cabinets, counter tops, double sink, faucet & newer S/S appli ances & file backsplash. New dbl sink vani-ties & vinyl firs in bthrm. Textured walls laminate flooring throughout. Scm'd porch of

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