



Community Notes

County schedules hurricane meeting

Volusia County's Community Assistance Division will host a public meeting with municipalities and the public at 10 a.m. Monday, April 16, to discuss Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds for those affected by Hurricane Matthew.

The meeting will be in the county council chambers at the Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center, 123 W. Indiana Ave., DeLand.

County employees will review the funding requirements, the unmet housing needs assessment, and proposed strategies for a regional application.

For more information, call Corry Brown at (386) 736-5955, ext. 12970.

Hospital museum reopens

The DeLand Memorial Hospital & Veterans Museum reopened to the public April 9.

The former DeLand Memorial Hospital, at Bill Dreggors Park, has served as the main offices for the city's Parks and Recreation Department after the facility was repurposed in 1993. The building's second and third floors have been used as a multi-floor museum operated by both the West Volusia Historical Society and DeLand Historic Trust Inc.

The museum was temporarily closed last year to refresh and create new exhibits.

For a tour time, call (386) 626-7280.

Friends of library book sale

The Friends of the DeLand Library's monthly Book Sale will be from 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 13 and 9:30 to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 14 in the Library auditorium at 130 E. Howry Ave., DeLand.

Renewals and non-members may purchase member- See NOTES, page A2

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Commissioners: Loiterers don't belong in jail

By Gina McKee gmckee@hometownnewsol.com

While most cities are cracking down on loitering, DeLand City Commissioners and city police officers are working to find middle ground to ensure the punishment fits the crime.

In a unanimous vote April 2, commissioners voted to decriminalize certain types of loitering, reducing the act to a misdemeanor punishable by a citation.

Rather than hauling a teenager who got a bit out of line to jail, some other options needed to be available, Mayor Robert Apgar said.

"Let's just use some kids hanging out at one of the fast-food restaurants as an example, and they're just being kids, maybe a little rowdy and all that, but it's now 8:30 at night," Mayor Apgar said. "It seems to

me that you don't have the decriminalized provisions to deal with them."

Police Chief Jason Umberger agreed, adding it's not reasonable to arrest someone for ringing a doorbell and running off unless they refuse to move on and desist.

"The reason we wanted to amend our particular ordinances to decriminalize the event where folks were coming up and ringing doorbells at different times of the evening, so we did amend that to read 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. to mirror our noise ordinance," Chief Umberger said.

In those cases, a decriminalized version of the city statute on the books can serve a dual purpose of providing punishment without a criminal charge and arrest.

In addition, two state statutes, which carry civil

penalties under misdemeanor classifications, can be utilized as well.

"We do have a state statute called loitering or prowling. It says it's unlawful for any person to loiter or prowl in a place, time or manner not usual for law-abiding individuals under circumstances that justify a normal and reasonable alarm or immediate

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Watching butterflies under the trees

By Gina McKee gmckee@hometownnewsol.com

Close on the heels of being the first city in Florida named a Monarch City USA, DeLand received word of its 30th consecutive year as a Tree City USA.

The honors are a direct result of the city's focus on, and commitment to, conservation, Mayor Robert Apgar said.

"The City of DeLand has a long history of supporting conservation efforts by preserving our beautiful oak trees as evidenced by our 30-year designation as a Tree City," Mayor Apgar said in a news release. "My hope is that decades from now, the Monarch butterfly will thrive alongside our

trees." Now that the designation of Monarch City USA has been bestowed, city officials are encouraging local residents to get involved to help protect, support and grow the monarch butterfly population.

According to the Center for Biological Diversity, the Monarch butterfly population was an estimated 682 million in 1997 compared to 150 million counted in 2016, a nearly 80 percent decline over a 19-year period. Because monarchs rely on vanishing milkweed plants and decreasingly available nectar-producing plants for their homes and their food, Monarch Cities are asked

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Sunny sculpture



Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

Pam Rocca, left, and Lynn Glynn, right, both of New Smyrna Beach, talk to DeLand artist Karen Tweedie about the sunflower bench by artist Jim Gallucci of Greensboro, N.C., on Friday, April 6, along West Indiana Avenue during the Sculpture Walk presented by the Museum of Art-DeLand and the city.

Lots of fun Among the Trees

By Gina McKee gmckee@hometownnewsol.com

A weekend of art, music, crafts and more is on tap Saturday, April 14, for the DeLeon Springs Community Association's sixth annual Art Among the Trees festival.

The event, which runs from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 5030 N. U.S. 17, DeLeon Springs, will have something for everyone to enjoy, said Amy Munizzi, DSCA president.

"In addition to fine art and crafts on show and for sale, there will be live bluegrass, old-time and rock music on stage through the day; a delicious food court grill and goody vendors, McInnis Elementary School student artwork on display; the Crankin A's beautifully restored Model



Hometown News file photo

Children look at artwork created by McInnis Elementary School students at last year's Art Among the Trees festival presented by the DeLeon Springs Community Association.

A car show; and a free Kidzone will include art projects and lots of fun activities for the kids," Ms. Munizzi said.

The activities aren't the only big draw the day of the festival, because the art show also is a juried event, meaning there will be judging and cash prizes, she added.

"It is a fine arts and music focused event," Ms. Munizzi said. "As a juried event, there are awards in three categories:

\$300 each for Best of Show, Best Fine Art and Best Fine Craft with second-place and third-place ribbons in all categories."

Budding musicians also can bring their instruments for free workshops and jam sessions with seasoned players.

"Musicians will host a free music workshop for anyone to bring an instrument and jam with the pros," she said.

For those who have string instruments in disrepair, bring those along, too, she added.

"We also have a Luthier (stringed instrument repairman) on site, so people can bring in a damaged or an old instrument and let him bring it back to life," Ms. Munizzi said. "Several people have been amazed at what he has been able to do."

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County moves \$300K to block grants

By Gina McKee gmckee@hometownnewsol.com

During a meeting for legislative updates, plans for future programs and county business, the Volusia County Council also did some budget spring cleaning.

In an effort to close out grant funding through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, the County Council approved transferring \$300,000 from the NSPI accounts into the Community Development Block Grant fund.

"The county has expended all of its NSPI grant funds and is undertaking administrative steps to close out its NSPI grant with the U.S. Depart-

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Jail

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concern for safety of persons or property in that vicinity, so we could use that (in cases where criminal charges are not warranted)," the police chief said. "There is also a state statute called Breach of the Peace or Orderly Conduct that basically reads whoever commits such acts that are of a nature to corrupt the public morals or an outrage of the public sense of decency or affect the peace and quiet of

persons who may witness them; or engage in brawling or fighting; or engage in such conduct as to constitute a breach of the peace or disorderly conduct."

In other cases, however, if the perpetrator refuses to move on, there are other options, Chief Umberger said.

"So, both of those are misdemeanors we could use if they are in violation of those statutes, and we can ask them to move along," he said. "And if they refuse we can charge them with resisting without

violence."

Decriminalizing the city's statute allows for more reasonable handling and provides additional options, allowing loitering itself to be a misdemeanor while refusing to cooperate or resisting without violence still carry criminal punishments.

"One of the advantages of decriminalizing is if somebody escalates, there's the other provisions that (Chief Umberger) referred to that do carry criminal penalties," Mayor Apgar said.

Watching

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to grow these specific plants to provide the butterfly population places to rest, stop, and flourish on their migration journey, according to Monarch City USA's website.

By supporting the organization, DeLand will work with local conservation and garden groups to create butterfly gardens throughout the city, according to city officials. Officials will also encourage residents to plant native milkweed and nectar plants, which are vital to the monarch species.

The city will also plans to post "Monarch City USA" signs at its major entry points, signifying the impor-

tance of the efforts.

The DeLand Garden Club already has a sensory butterfly garden planted in Bill Dreggors Park, 120 Florida Ave., DeLand. Self-guided tours are available daily during regular park hours.

Conservation efforts undertaken by the city, with the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA designation over the past three decades, are a direct result of the work of the city's public works department, Mayor Apgar said.

"We are proud of the city's tree heritage and my hope is that our heritage will continue to be preserved well into the future," he said. "I commend our public works crews for the hard work over

the years to maintain our distinction as a Tree City USA."

The distinction recognizes communities that practice sound urban forestry management, according to the news release. To be a Tree City USA, cities must maintain a tree board or department, have a community tree ordinance, spend at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrate Arbor Day.

The city has partnered with the DeLand Breakfast Rotary Club for the past 20 years to provide free trees to residents, according to information provided by the city. It is estimated more than 20,000 trees have been distributed as a part of that program.

Chainsaw artist



Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

DeLeon Springs chainsaw artist Sam Knowles, left, looks out over his display as others browse on Saturday, March 24, at the DeLand Outdoor Art Festival in Earl Brown Park.

Grants

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ment of Housing and Urban Development," Dona Butler, county community services director and staff explained within the agenda item. "HUD has issued formal written guidance that allows NSP grantees to transfer program income earned and received through its NSP program activities to its CDBG program, rather than using the program income in its NSP program."

The program income that is transferred to the CDBG program will still be subject to the regulations governing the CDBG program, ensuring the money is used only for permissible purposes.

Following the housing market crash and foreclosure crisis, HUD offered the NSP as a non-recurring grant program to address the financial impact on communities nationwide.

In addition to being a direct grantee of both NSP1 and NSP3 grant funds, Volusia also is a CDBG-entitled community, according to county staff reports.

"The funds to be transferred

are NSP program income earned from repayment of second mortgages attached to first-time homebuyer properties that were resold," Ms. Butler and staff said in the agenda item submitted to council. "The community assistance division estimates that it will receive \$300,000 of NSP program income from homes that are re-sold during (Fiscal Year) 2018."

In order to transfer the funds, a council vote was required and made unanimously during the April 2 meeting in DeLand.

The CDBG program is a flexible one that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of community development needs. Beginning in 1974, the CDBG program is one of the longest continuously run programs at HUD and provides annual grants on a formula basis to 1,209 local governments and states, according to HUD.gov.

"The CDBG program works to ensure decent affordable housing, to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and to create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses," the website states. "CDBG is

an important tool for helping local governments tackle serious challenges facing their communities."

The federally funded Neighborhood Stabilization Program provides funds to Volusia to acquire and redevelop abandoned and foreclosed properties that might otherwise become sources of abandonment and blight within targeted neighborhoods, according to county officials and information on volusia.org. Volusia County has received NSP1 funds authorized through the Housing and Economic Recovery Act and NSB3 funds through the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection action of 2010.

Because of NSP grant limitations, Volusia's NSP funds cannot be used in Daytona Beach, Deltona or Port Orange, which are eligible separately as cities with more than 50,000 population. At least 25 percent of the funds must be used to benefit individuals with incomes at or below 50 percent of the area median income.

For more information on the NSP program, visit volusia.org/community-services.

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Historical society yard sale

West Volusia Historical Society will host a trash and treasure spring sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at Conrad Center, 137 W. Michigan Ave., DeLand.

Donations will be accepted until April 10 at the center. No clothing or large furniture.

For more information, call (386) 740-6813.

Genealogical society to meet

Roots and Branches Genealogical Society of See NOTES, page A3

Trees

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Not only is the event a great day for the family that focuses on the arts, it also serves as a

fundraiser for the DSCA's many worthy community programs.

"The proceeds from the event help to fund our college scholarships, Ride Into Reading third grade reading program, community events (such as the) International Walk To

School Day, support of Wildcat 5-K (and others); beautification projects like the recent median plantings, welcome sign plantings and others; and our initiatives with McInnis Elementary School and Malloy Head Start," Ms. Munizzi said. "Proceeds from sponsorships help to pay for the event itself, as it is free to the public and we don't charge any admission."

This year's sponsors include Florida Hospital DeLand, Volusia County government, I'm 4 Arts, Hidden Valley Parts, MainStreet Community Bank, Graphic Imagination, Allen Tractor Service, Deep Creek Ranch, LoSalle Farms, Custom Graphic Designs, Efrid Surveying Group Inc. and Creative Arts.

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A visit to LandShark and the Hard Rock

My wife, Lana, and I have spent well over 40 Easters together. Most of them involved a big sit-down dinner surrounded by family. This year, we decided on a radically different route and one that turned out to be very pleasurable.

We began with lunch at the new Jimmy Buffett-styled LandShark Bar and Grill. While still in the parking lot, it was plain to see two old parrot heads were home. The restaurant boasted a big shark's fin high atop the roof and a surfboard with a bite taken out of it on the outside wall. Shark's fins would prove to be the dominant décor.

The bar and grill is large, with plenty of room to stroll about and enjoy the great views and fun signs on the walls. My favorite was one that read: "I just want to live happily ever after — now and then." That is a line from an old Buffett song.

For lunch, I couldn't help but opt for the cheeseburger in paradise (here it is called a LandShark burger) while Lana ordered peel-and-eat shrimp in Old Bay seasoning. We



LAND LINES
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both agreed lunch was great.

The whole place sits on about two acres of sand atop the sea wall just off the beach. Out back, there is a deck where you can watch various beach games in progress. A short walk through the sand takes you to a big outdoor open-air tiki-hut bar. The place is well done, and the staff was efficient and courteous. As we left, we made plans to return.

After lunch, we took a short drive north to the new Hard Rock Hotel. All I can say about that place is – WOW! Immediately upon entering that gleaming facility, you are surrounded by memorabilia that is guaranteed to blow the mind of the average fan of rock and roll. I must say that I am not the average rock fan. I am much more hard core than that. What a place!

The Daytona Beach Hard

Rock has tried to stick to themes that reflect our local heritage. The beach, racing and our own Allman Brothers Band are all well represented.

In the lobby, first up was a full-body suit worn by Rhianna and then a glittery bikini worn by Taylor Swift. Also displayed is a plaque telling of our past ties to MTV and a Moon Man (the original MTV music award.) Just upstairs, you will see a bike donated by guitarist Steve Vai and walls of photos none of us ever knew existed. One shows the Beatles romping on a beach with The Rolling Stones. Rare pics of the Allman Brothers, Beach boys and lots of others are there, too. My favorite is a photo of the Fab Four in a swimming pool with only their heads showing.

There is a full Jimi Hendrix outfit that shows just how flamboyant the famed guitar virtuoso was (and how small in stature.) Guitars adorn the walls everywhere, with my favorites being one signed by Tom Petty and one by The Allman Brothers. There is a jacket worn by Elvis from the movie "Speedway," keeping

with the racing theme.

Later, we went to an outside bar that overlooks a big pool and the Atlantic Ocean. I ordered tequila and passion fruit juice with spices, and Lana asked the female barkeep to recommend something tasty. Her drink came out all red in a tall fluted glass, and I could tell by her first sip it was good. "What was the name of that," I asked? "I can't remember," she replied. "Maybe heaven!"

What a new and different Easter that was for us. I would urge you all to visit both places and see what great things are happening at our beach. LandShark is at 471 S. Atlantic Ave. and the Hard Rock is at 918 N. Atlantic. Have fun. We did!

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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West Volusia County will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at the DeLand Public Library, 130 E. Howry Ave., DeLand.

Bernice Gleason will teach a class at 1 p.m. on Research Log, Your Handy Helper. General meeting and program will start at 2 p.m. in

the auditorium with "Ari Morse: Finder of Lost Persons."

For more information, call (386) 734-2536.

Republican Club of West Volusia to meet

The Republican Club of West Volusia will meet at

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Summer Camps

LEC summer camps

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

The camps will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 4 to Aug. 3. The fee is \$80 a week.

Children should bring lunch and water in a refillable container. All camps will feature nature hikes, live animal encounters, games, snacks, and arts and crafts. Off-site field trips will be for 10-

14-year-olds.

For more information or to register, contact Education Coordinator Shari Smith at ssmith@volusia.org or (386) 789-7207, ext. #21026.

DeBary camps

DeBary Parks & Recreation Department has started registration for summer camp at DeBary City Hall.

Camps are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, starting June 4 at Florence K. Little Town Hall. Camps are for students entering second grade

through sixth grade.

Online registration is available for past participants with an account. Space is limited to 60 campers per week.

Participants do not have to attend the entire summer.

The cost is \$85 per week. All weeks must be prepaid. The cost includes camp T-shirt and field trips. Lunch is not provided. Children may be required to bring money for lunch on field trips (estimated range of \$8-\$15/trip)

For more information, call (386) 668-2040 Option 4 or visit debaryrecreation.org.

Camp scholarships

Summer camp scholarships are available to income-eligible children through Volusia County's Community Assistance Division.

Applications are now available at county libraries, camp sites and human services offices as well as at volusia.org/community_assistance/applications.

Applications will be accepted immediately online and at several sites after April 19. For more information, call Jill Marcum at (386)736-5955.



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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

- Shylo A. Tolliver, 25, of DeLand, was arrested March 31 and charged with possession of cannabis. Bail was not set.
- Arthur J. Grubbs, 52, of DeLand, was arrested March 31 and charged with child abuse and resisting an officer without violence. Bail was set at \$3,000.
- Eric W. Sharp, 26, of DeLand, was arrested April 2 and charged with possession of paraphernalia, oxycodone and cocaine with intent to sell, and possession of a weapon/ammunition by a convicted felon. Bail was set at \$16,000.
- Efrain Gaona Vargas, 18, of

- DeLand, was arrested April 2 and charged with possession of paraphernalia and a drug offense. Bail was set at \$3,000.
- Jenette Marie Davis, 42, of DeLand, was arrested April 2 and charged with a drug offense. Bail was set at \$2,500.
- Michael R. Jackson, 41, of DeLand, was arrested April 2 and charged with criminal mischief with damage to property, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and battery causing bodily harm. Bail was not set.

Volusia County Sheriff's Office

- Thaddeus J. Robinson, 38, of DeLand, was arrested March 30 and charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Bail was set at \$5,000.
- Devan Janel Dekmar, 27, of DeLand, was arrested March 30 and charged with abuse of

- an elderly person or disabled adult. Bail was set at \$5,500.
- Tracy K. Peterson, 45, of DeLand, was arrested March 30 and charged with habitually driving with a revoked license. Bail was set at \$1,000.
- Christopher A. Ramos, 33, of DeLand, was arrested March 31 and charged with carrying a concealed weapon, criminal mischief and attempted burglary of an unoccupied structure. Bail was set at \$6,000.
- Tracy L. Williams, 34, of DeLand, was arrested March 31 and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Bail was set at \$5,000.
- Brandon T. Jones, 19, of DeLeon Springs, was arrested March 31 and charged with battery on a person 65 years of age or older. Bail was not set.
- Thadeus Lendarrel Pigford, 49, of DeLand, was arrested April 3 and charged with driving with a canceled license. Bail was set at \$1,000.
- Flavel E. Jones, 54, of

- DeLand, was arrested April 3 and charged with felony battery. Bail was not set.
- Michael Anthony Crowley, 46, of DeLand, was arrested April 5 and charged with sale/possession of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a park. Bail was set at \$25,000.
- Bryan A. Laflame, 58, of DeLand, was arrested April 5 and charged with possession of paraphernalia and cocaine. Bail was set at \$7,000.

Florida Highway Patrol

- Antione Jarrod Ware, 30, of DeLand, was arrested April 1 and charged with reckless driving, DUI with damage to person/property and aggravated child abuse. Bail was set at \$2,500.
- Kelan Jerrett King, 36, of DeLand, was arrested April 5 and charged with possession of paraphernalia and cannabis, and sale of drugs. Bail was set at \$1,500.

CRIME STOPPERS

(888) 277-TIPS Wanted

This couple shown at Publix in Ormond-by-the-Sea are using one of three credit cards that were stolen from a shopper.

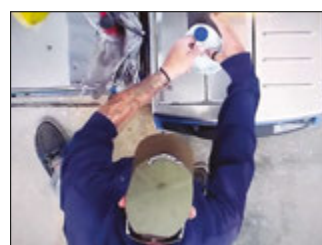
The theft occurred around 3 p.m. March 14 at Publix Supermarket, 1258 Ocean Shore Blvd. A 74-year-old female shopper, who returned home from Publix that afternoon, was alerted by her credit card companies someone was using her cards fraudulently.

The first charge was made at that Publix at 3:15 p.m. Shortly after, suspects used her card at the Shell station in Ormond-by-the-Sea and then at the Ormond Beach Walmart Supercenter.

Volusia County sheriff's detectives need the public's help to identify the couple shown here. The male suspect's arm tattoos also are shown in hopes that someone knows him. If anyone knows the identities of these suspects, please contact Deputy James Greene at JGreene@vcso.us regarding case 18-6313. Or, to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers of Northeast Florida, 1-888-277-8477 (TIPS) or westopcrime dot com. A cash reward is possible.



Unknown suspects



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noon Tuesday, April 17, at Fan Central Station, 614 S. Alabama Ave., DeLand.

Optional lunch will be at 11:30 a.m.; reservations required. Guest Speaker is Michael Waltz, candidate for U.S. House District 6 and Fox News contributor.

For more information or a reservation, call (386) 337-8095, visit rcwv.us or email rcwv2010@gmail.com.

Folk singer to perform at DeLand library

Folk musician Al Poindexter will perform original songs about Florida legends, colorful characters and backwater places from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, at the DeLand Regional Library, 130

E. Howry Ave.

Mr. Poindexter has been a performer and avid collector of Florida folk lore and songs for more than 20 years.

The free concert is sponsored by the Friends of the DeLand Library. For more information, call (386) 822-6430, ext. 20762.

Historical society to meet

West Volusia Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, at at Conrad Center, 137 W. Michigan Ave., DeLand.

The topic will be Midwifery in Early West Volusia and Today. A talk sharing the history of the practice of midwifery in the early 1900s.

The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call (386) 740-6813 or email delandhouse@

msn.com.

Residents invited to pick up trees at tree giveaway

Hundreds of trees will be available as the City of DeLand and DeLand Breakfast Rotary Club host the annual Tree Giveaway.

Beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 21, residents within the city's Utility Service Area will be able to pick up trees from the city's Public Works Complex, 1102 S. Garfield Ave. Vehicles will enter from Amelia Avenue and follow the signs to the giveaway area.

Some of the species of trees include Bald Cypress, Blue Beech, Chickasaw Plum, Chinquapin, Elderberry, Live Oak, Parsley Haw, Redbud, Snowbell, Sweetgum, Tabebuia (Yellow) and Winged Elm.

All trees will be given away

on a first-come, first-served basis.

Citizens Police Academy set to begin in May

The DeLand Police Department is seeking residents interested in participating in its annual Citizens Police Academy.

The program will offer a hands-on, behind-the-scenes look at what happens at the police department.

The academy is free. Classes will be from May 17 to June 28 and will begin at 7 p.m. at 219 W. Howry Ave. The class is limited to 25 participants.

To join the program, stop by the Police Department to pick up an application or email Officer Rod Hancock at hancockr@deland.org.

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so that we can include more entries.

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

Too much restriction

The Daytona ballpark has banned all forms of tobacco at the park.

There is another business that decided they have power to take away tobacco. I hope in their power decisions they decide also to take away soda, hot dogs, cotton candy and chewing gum.

I hope the buses that deliver the visiting team don't use diesel fuel. The visiting team can jog over across the bridge. It is so unfortunate that all these businesses decide what is right for the people. I no longer go to the mall, speedway, restaurants, Disney and other places. It is a shame.

Thanks, Haynes Furniture!

This is a special shout-out to Haynes Furniture on State Road 44 in New Smyrna Beach and, in particular, manager Kyle and salesman Richard.

Thank you very much for your invaluable guidance and assistance in the selection and purchase of our new living room furniture. A small issue was readily resolved and we sincerely appreciated their total care and concern. Wonderful experience!

We love our new furniture and can't wait to do more shopping at Haynes in New Smyrna Beach. Thanks. Haynes.

Year-round DST not so good

Since our government is considering making daylight savings time year-round, I am reminded of an experience I had during World War II.

When I was a teenager living in New Jersey, our government, I don't remember if it was state or national, decided to extend daylight savings time through the winter. I remember waiting for my school bus in the dark. I had school mates who had to walk about a mile on county roads with no sidewalks.

The whole program was unpopular and it was canceled the following year and we went back to standard time.

In response to: 'Be nice'

I also live here and had the opportunity to visit the beach in Daytona Beach Shores.

I also had a simple "yes" or "no" question for one of the beach patrol officers. As I approached a life guard that was talking to a patrol officer, sitting in his patrol vehicle, to ask my simple question, "Will the beach be open to driving soon?" the patrol officer rudely shouted, "We don't know!" and reacted like I was interrupting their conversation.

When the patrol officer drove away, I went back to the life guard to get that officer's name. I phoned the beach patrol, reported the incident, and they said that officer would be coming off duty soon and they would talk to him. Did it solve the problem?

In response to: 'County needs to enforce short-term rental law'

They do have an avenue against short-term rentals, but it requires some work.

You have to go over to DeLand to the zoning business office. You may talk to Brian Giles. He is the compliance manager.

You have to file a complaint with the zoning office in regard to the rental property not in compliance with the law. This is were a lot of people stop, because they don't want their names on record

Funeral honors



Randy Barber/staff photographer

Gail Wall of DeLand and Carol Collet, right, of DeLeon Springs hold an American flag with fellow members of the Patriot Guard Riders as they prepare to escort the remains of Navy Lt. Caleb King from the White Chapel Church Of God in South Daytona to Cape Canaveral National Cemetery on Saturday, March 24. Mr. King was killed on March 14 when the F/A-18 he was flying in crashed at the Naval Station in Key West.

as filing a complaint. We had to do this with a property across the street from us.

There is an avenue, but you have register a complaint. It does become public record. That is the price you'll have to pay to shut them down.

Also looking for extraterrestrials

Dan, I love that you are encouraging the aliens to come visit. Here's the thing, though, why would they want to?

When you go to the zoo to see your favorite animals, do you get in the enclosure with them? Nope. Too many humans here on Earth still cannot live in peace with other humans they perceive to be different. Why would aliens put themselves in danger to communicate with a species that would be technologically inferior and likely hostile?

For a long time I have wanted to meet an intelligent extraterrestrial, because I thought they would be able to help me, or help all of us, with some better brain power.

What I realized (while waiting!) is there are plenty of strange creatures here on Earth that are intelligent in ways other than human and we need to learn to "hear" what they have to teach us before we go looking out there. It's all here. What if any of these creatures now on Earth were originally extraterrestrials who crash landed?

Also, look into Ancient Sumerian culture. Their clay tablet writings say we were genetically engineered by extraterrestrials using part of their own DNA and they taught us all the math and sciences. Created in God's image indeed. Who knows?

In response to: 'County needs to enforce short-term rental law'

There is an answer to the short-term rental issues in residential neighborhoods, if you as a property owner are willing to pay the price by filing an affidavit with the zoning compliance department in DeLand, and take the risk of angering the offenders.

We did it two years ago and peace has been restored to our block, but the owners are upset with us because they have lost almost \$40,000 income and the house was sold to them as a short-term rental money maker.

Any questions, call zoning.

Be safe and aware

Be aware neighbors: Be aware of who your neighbors are.

I have had a sexual offender move into my neighborhood. This person walks around the neighborhood several times a day

and tries to befriend the neighbors. Got news for this person: Don't try to talk or wave.

Neighbors, it's easy to look up the offenders in your neighborhood: go to offender.fdle.state.fl.us. Be safe and be aware.

Exercise some common courtesy

My husband and I visited the beach at Flagler Avenue over the Easter weekend.

Beach parking spots were at a premium, yet several people monopolized multiple parking spaces with canopies and sunbathing areas next to their cars. There was plenty of room elsewhere on the beach to spread out.

Arriving vehicles were hard pressed to find parking. I think the practice of sunbathing in the parking areas should be prohibited during busy periods. Of course, it would also be nice if all beach goers would exercise courtesy and common sense.

At almost a complete standstill

Traffic in New Smyrna Beach has become increasingly overwhelming.

To help alleviate such an intolerable situation, not only year-round residents, but also snow-birders and tourists should offer suggestions, such as the following, to encourage the uninspired City Council to cope with ever-growing gridlock.

1. Mail or online purchase of beach passes prior to arrival
 2. Restriction at rush hour and lunch times of vehicles (school buses, delivery and mail trucks, golf carts, rented beach buggies, vintage cars) detrimental to steady traffic flow
 3. Synchronization of traffic lights according to traffic patterns
 4. Message boards between Interstate 95 and causeway bridges announcing beach closings
 5. Rapid response of police throughout city during holidays, festivals and parades
 6. Consistent ticketing and/or towing for illegal parking in or blocking driveways, on yards, and at fire hydrants
 7. Increased number of beach ramps equidistantly located throughout designated areas for beach driving
 8. Strategically placed parking garages, with shuttles, between Canal Street and Flagler Avenue
 9. Ads promoting New Smyrna Beach curtailed until traffic hardships have been rectified
 10. Encouragement of coming to (before noon) and leaving from (before 4 p.m.)
 11. Regular availability of mass transit alternatives
- Otherwise, make sure when heading to New Smyrna Beach you're in a cool, comfortable vehicle with delicious refreshments, good gas mileage and lots and lots of patience.

DEADLINES

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

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LEC plans nature hikes, programs

Discover Volusia County's native plants and wildlife during outdoor hikes and indoor programs at Lyonia Environmental Center, 2150 Eustace Ave., Deltona.

The free programs begin in the center's classroom. Reservations are required; call (386) 789-7207, ext. 21028.

Programs include:

- Springtime in the scrub hike: 2:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 14. Look for signs of spring during a two-mile guided hike through the preserve.
- Florida flashback: 3 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 15. Learn about the lifestyle and culture of the Timucua, Florida's original natives. Learn how the Timucua made primitive pottery and create your own piece of pottery to take home. The cost is \$3 per participant.
- Critter corner: 11 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 19. Have you ever wondered why snakes

shed their skin, or wanted to know the difference between alligators and crocodiles? Learn the answers.

- Popcorn and a movie: 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 21. Watch "Call of the Killer Whale" to learn about the most complex marine species on the planet, the orcas. Free popcorn will be served. Snacks and beverages will be available to buy.
- Scrub strolls: 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday and Friday. Environmental specialists lead these exploratory hikes through the preserve. Participants should wear closed-toe shoes, bring water, and be prepared to hike on sugar-sand trails.

For more information, visit lyoniapreserve.com.

Registration open for St. Johns River Cleanup

Volunteers are needed for the 22nd annual St. Johns River Cleanup, which will be from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 21.

Boaters, scouts, civic organizations, environmental

groups, businesses and individual volunteers are encouraged to join in the effort to remove trash and debris from the St. Johns River.

Participants should bring water and wear sunglasses, a hat, sunscreen, work gloves and comfortable clothing. They may also bring rakes, shovels, trash grabbers, and canoes or boats.

Volunteers can choose from nine starting points:

- Ninemile Point Park at the west end of Ninemile Point Road, Pierson
- DeLeon Springs State Park, 601 Burts Park Road, DeLeon Springs
- Ed Stone Park, 2990 W. State Road 44, DeLand
- Lake Beresford Park, 2100 Fatio Road, DeLand
- French Avenue boat launch/Starks Landing, where French Avenue meets the St. Johns River, Orange City
- Lake Monroe Park, 975 S. U.S. 17/92, DeBary
- Stone Island boat ramp, 1501 Prairie Road, Deltona
- Lemon Bluff boat ramp, 907 Lemon Bluff Road, Osteen
- C.S. Lee Park, 4600 E. State Road 46, Geneva (Seminole

County)

Registration ends April 18. Pre-registered participants will receive a T-shirt.

For more information or a registration form, email Joane Coil at jcoil@volusia.org or visit volusia.org/cleanup.

United Way distributes \$231,281 in hurricane relief

The United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties recently distributed \$30,739 in Hurricane Irma Relief and Recovery, totaling \$231,281 in support since September.

The money will support the Children's Home Society of Florida, VIND, the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, and the United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties' 2-1-1 Free First Call for Help program.

Funds were raised by the United Way Worldwide, United Way of Florida, SunTrust Foundation, Parks Dermatology, Duke Energy, Publix Supermarkets Foundation and individual donors.

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Land company leads the way

As the Volusia County economy, and average temperatures, heat up, the company that continues to stay in the middle of it is Consolidated-Tomoka Land Co.



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The company has bought in a ton of development simply in selling the thousands of acres of land it owns in the Daytona Beach area. Just look out along Interstate 95 between Daytona Beach and Ormond Beach, and you can see a lot of that development.

In the past few years it also has begun doing a lot of its own developing on its land. The company just sold four office buildings it developed to Dr. Hussain Rawji, a DeLand ob/gyn physician, for \$11.425 million, according to Volusia Clerk of Court records. The portfolio included the two-story, multitenant Concierge office building at the northeast corner of LPGA and Williamson boulevards, two buildings on Williamson in the Mason Commerce Center and a building in Williamson Business Park, according to SVN Alliance, which brokered the deal.

On its own land, it submitted plans last week for East LPGA, a 301-unit apartment complex on LPGA Boulevard, just east of Clyde Morris

Boulevard in Daytona Beach.

But it has moved away from its land lately, buying property elsewhere in the area and developing it. Most notably, the company bought a strip on the oceanfront and developed the two-restaurant complex of LandShark Bar & Grill and Cocina 214.

If you thought that was something, hold onto your hat. The company just bought the First Baptist Church property in downtown Daytona Beach for \$2 million. It hasn't submitted any plans for the property, yet, but then the church is still using the property as it builds its new campus between Interstate 4 and U.S. 92, way out west of I-95. With the other plans for downtown Daytona, including Brown & Brown's new headquarters, it will be extremely interesting to see what Consolidated-Tomoka does with the church property.

We've got our biggest real

estate deal of the year, so far. Monmouth Real Estate Investment Corp. announced it has acquired the new 399,440-square-foot industrial building at 1341 N. Clyde Morris Blvd. in Daytona Beach for about \$30.75 million. The property is net-leased for 10 years to B. Braun Medical Inc.

Some other recent commercial real estate transactions include Coconut Grove investors have bought an old strip retail center near the corner of Sixth Street and Nova Road in Daytona Beach \$1.75 million. Bill Jones has bought another restaurant building, along with residential properties behind the property, at 63 W. Granada Blvd. in Ormond Beach for \$1.5 million.

Ponce Inlet investors have bought the Famous Shores Motel at 3738 S. Atlantic Ave. in Daytona Beach Shores for \$1.15 million. MI Homes of Orlando has bought another batch of lots at Riviera Bella at DeBary for about \$1.05 million. Daycap Holdings LLC has bought a house, vacant lot and apartments along Washington Street in Ormond Beach for \$1.02 million. Big Bubba Investments has bought the Hotel Putnam at 225 W. New York Ave. in DeLand, for \$1 million.

O'Reilly Auto Parts has bought vacant land at 497 Howland Blvd. in Deltona for \$555,000. Area businessman Michael Benedict of Daytona Beach has bought the restaurant site at 65 Dunlawton Ave. in Port Orange (down under area) for \$265,000.

Apparently 7-Eleven isn't ready to cede the Volusia County market to Circle K. It has construction underway on stores in Holly Hill, Ormond-by-the-Sea and Port Orange. Now, a developer is trying to squeeze one in next to the CVS Pharmacy at Beville Road and Clyde Morris in Daytona Beach.

On a final note, once an Austin 5 store opens, Tanger Factory Outlet Center in Daytona Beach will be pretty much fully leased.

Managing Editor Cecil G. Brumley has been tracking business and the economy in Volusia County for more than 21 years. Contact him at cbrumley@hometownnewsol.com (no hyphens) or follow him on Twitter @cecilbrumley.

Business News

Area chamber hosts monthly events

The DeLand Area Chamber of Commerce and the Orange City 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 Cloister's of DeLand, 400 E Howry, DeLand.

For more information, call (386) 734-4331 or visit DeLandChamber.org.

Hospital chain selects cancer services director

Dr. Victor Melgen has been selected to serve as regional medical director of the cancer

services for the Florida Hospitals in Volusia and Flagler counties.

Dr. Melgen will help guide the strategic vision and direction for the entire spectrum of oncology services



Dr. Melgen

for Florida Hospital DeLand, Florida Hospital Fish Memorial in Orange City, Florida Hospital Flagler in Palm Coast and Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center in Daytona Beach.

AM Connection set

The West Volusia Regional Chamber of Commerce will

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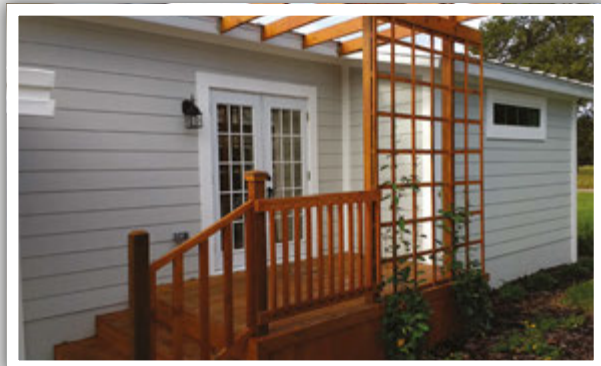
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Florida Hospital DeLand gastroenterologists Dr. Martin Prado and Dr. Maria Soriano Co (shown) discussed common disorders and symptoms associated with the digestive system on March 26.

Hospital presents colorectal cancer seminar

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Florida Hospital DeLand hosted a free seminar on colorectal cancer on March 26.

Gastroenterologists Dr. Martin Prado and Dr. Maria Soriano Co discussed common disorders and symptoms associated with the digestive system, such as celiac disease, Crohn's disease, irritable bowel syndrome, diverticular disease and colorectal cancer.

"In the U.S., colon cancer is unfortunately all too common," Dr. Co said. "About 1 in

20 will be diagnosed with colon cancer in their lifetime and it is the second leading cause of all cancer deaths."

Colon cancer is also one of the more preventable cancers.

"Approximately 60 percent of all colon cancer deaths could be prevented with regular screenings," she said. "However, 1 in 3 adults are not up-to-date with the recommended colon cancer screening, putting them at risk for developing colon cancer."

Colonoscopies have been shown to prevent colorectal cancer altogether by finding

and removing polyps early, before they can become cancerous, which can take about 10 to 15 years.

"There are two different types of polyps: hyperplastic and adenomatous polyps," Dr. Prado said. "Hyperplastic polyps are low risk polyps, as there is a very small chance they'll grow into cancer. However, adenomas start out as benign tumors, but are at a high risk for becoming cancerous. In fact, about 9 out of 10 colon and rectal cancers start as adenomas."

Bridging the gap when taking early retirement

Ready to retire? Many people can hardly wait! Maybe you are in your late 50s and know retirement is just around the corner. If you've been a good "saver" and/or investor, you could be asking yourself if retiring at 62, instead of waiting until your full retirement age, is a possibility. (The earliest you can take Social Security is 62, but, if you wait, your monthly benefit will continue to increase through age 70).

If you've already made the decision to retire early, there is an important thing to keep in mind: health insurance is a major expense and rates continue to rise. So, how do you bridge the health-insurance gap between an early retirement and applying for Medicare at age 65? There are several strategies; here are just a few:

Spouse's Plan: If your spouse is still working, you may be able to obtain health coverage as a dependent under his/her employer-sponsored plan. Make sure to find out the details and cost ahead of time. Depending on the plan, the size of the group and other factors, this could still be an expensive option.

Look to the ACA: Regardless of your opinion of "Obamacare," the Affordable Care Act is still in effect and it



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could provide the answer to your short-term health insurance needs. You can log on to healthcare.gov to compare rates and plans.

Semi-retire: Many people equate receiving Social Security benefits with a total discontinuation of employment. But you don't have to quit completely! If you take SS benefits at age 62, you could opt to work just enough hours to qualify for a company's health insurance plan. Then, at age 65, you could file for Medicare and move into retirement.

This could be a great transitional step between full-time work and full-time retirement. The only catch, however, is if you are younger than your full retirement age, and earn more than \$17,040 (in 2018), your SS benefit will be reduced by \$1 for every \$2 you earn over that annual limit. (Beginning in the month you reach full retirement age, there will no longer be a reduction in SS benefits.)

Line of Credit: If you are age 62 or older, and own a home, you could consider a reverse mortgage line of credit loan

(HECM). The borrower must continue to pay homeowners insurance, property taxes and home maintenance, but a HECM could provide the money to pay for expenses, like health insurance, prior to applying for Medicare at age 65. You could also use it to meet your cash flow needs in order to delay taking Social Security payments. (Again, the longer you wait to take Social Security, the larger your monthly benefit will be.)

Whether you decide to retire in your 50s, at 62, at your full retirement age or beyond, it's important to have a sound financial strategy. Sit down with an experienced financial planner. With careful planning, he or she can help you achieve your goal of an early retirement.

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 financialquestions@planstronger.com.

Business

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present an AM Connection at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 17, at Gateway Center for the Arts, 880 N. C.R. Beall Blvd., DeBary.

Shari Simmans will explain how to use Twitter.

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.

Chamber of Commerce will host a Junto Men's Club Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 20, at Antonino's, 275 S.C.R. Beall Blvd., DeBary.

The guest speaker is Nancy Beth Goren, who will discuss business law.

Chamber membership is not required to attend; lunch will be available for purchase.

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

Learn Google Analytics

SCORE will host a free workshop on "Using Google Analytics" from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 19, in Room 100 at Daytona State College,

University of Central Florida Building, 1200 W. International Speedway, Blvd., Daytona Beach.

Registration is required.

For more information, visit volusiaflagler.score.org or call (386) 255-6889.

Speed networking

The West Volusia Regional Chamber of Commerce will host a Speed Networking/Vendor Blender from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Fan Central Station, 614 Alabama Ave., DeLand.

Seating is limited. To register or for more information, visit westvolusia-regionalchamber.org or call (386) 490-4606.

Men's club meets April 20

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Out & about

Friday, April 13

• **Sweet Adelines:** Coastal Harmony Region 9 Sweet Adelines International Harmony on the Beach will be April 13-14 at the Peabody Auditorium, 600 Auditorium Blvd., Daytona Beach.

Nearly 1,000 Sweet Adelines will participate in chorus and quartet performances. Also, special performances from previous year champion, Spirit of the Gulf, and an appearance by the 2005 Sweet Adelines International Queens of Harmony: The Buzz!

Contests are 4:30 to 9 p.m. Friday for Quartet and 12:30 to 5 p.m. Saturday for Chorus. Tickets are \$15 per contest, active military (with ID) free, youth ages 6-19, \$5 per contest, children 5 and younger, free. Purchase tickets in The Peabody lobby.

• **Concert:** Stetson Men & Stetson Women's Choral performance will be at 7:30 p.m. in Lee Chapel in Elizabeth Hall, 421 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand. The cost is \$10 adult, \$5 youth and student, no charge for 12 and younger. Tickets available at the door or at stetson.edu/music-tickets.

• **Bonkerz Comedy Club:** The Center at Deltona invites the public to comedy night, starring comedian Carmen Vallone, who has been on HBO and was featured on Last Comic Standing. Center at Deltona is at 1640 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. Doors open at 7:15 p.m., and tickets are \$5 plus fees at bonkerzcomedyproductions.com/locations/the-center-at-deltona until the day of the show. Tickets also available at the door for \$12. There is a two item purchase minimum, and food and a full bar is available. The age limit is 18.

• **Cinematique:** Now playing is "Furlough" at 242 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach. Tickets are \$7 general or \$5 members. For more information, call (386) 252-3118.

Saturday, April 14

• **Civic Ballet of Volusia County:** The Civic Ballet of Volusia County's presents its third annual "Festival of Dance," featuring its dance showcase at Peabody Auditorium, 600 Auditorium Blvd., Daytona Beach.

For more information, visit civicalballetvc.org/festival-of-dance-2018.

• **Concert:** Great Pianists at Stetson series will be at 7:30 p.m. at Lee Chapel in Elizabeth Hall, 421 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand. Free and open to the public.

Sunday, April 15

• **Concert:** The Daytona Beach See OUT, page B2



Hometown News File Photo

DeBary rock band Grindstone Sinners, which has two performances scheduled at the DeLandapalooza Original Music & Art Festival on Saturday, April 14, performs during last year's festival. From left are bass player Jeff Hunt, singer Ashlyn Weidemiller, drummer Daniel Conner, and guitarist Jay Lemlaut.

DeLandapalooza takes over downtown

For Hometown News
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Songwriters Showcases of America will present the seventh annual DeLandapalooza Original Music & Art Festival from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, April 14, in downtown DeLand.

More than 160 acts will perform on 28 stages during the 12-hour Original Music & Art Festival, consisting of rock, folk, blues, Americana, jazz, country

and metal.

Stages will be at the old courthouse on West Indiana Avenue, Chess Park, Half Wall Beer House, De La Vega, Woodland Corner Stage, Brickhouse Grill, Yolo, Pioneer Park, the Elusive Grape, Issues Lounge and Package, Jamin Shop, the Abbey Wine Bar, the Blind Pig, DeLand City Hall, Trilogy Coffee, Cafe DaVinci, Georgia Avenue Main States and Steve's Downtown Music.

Also, there will be more than 40 art

displays and various vendors.

Pets are allowed at all outside stages.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at Atlantic Sounds, 138 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach; Steve's Downtown Music, 108 S. Woodland Blvd., DeLand and Yancey Music, 601 S. Yonge St., Ormond Beach. Tickets will be available at the gate day of show for \$15.

For more information or to see a full schedule of entertainers, visit ssa.cc.

Not so 'Dearly Departed' at Shoestring

For Hometown News
newsdy@hometownnewsol.com

"Dearly Departed," the brainchild of authors David Bottrell and Jessie Jones will be presented by Shoestring Theatre beginning Thursday, April 19.

In the Baptist backwoods of the Bible Belt, the beleaguered Turpin family proves living and dying in the South are seldom tidy and always hilarious. Despite their earnest efforts to pull themselves together for their father's funeral, the Turpin's other problems keep overshadowing the solemn occasion: Firstborn Ray-Bud drinks himself silly as the funeral bills mount; Junior, the younger son, is juggling financial ruin, a pack of no-neck monster kids and a wife who suspects him of infidelity in the family car; their spinster sister, Delightful, copes with

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Photo courtesy of Anne Sollien

"Dearly Departed" will open on April 19 at the Shoestring Theatre, 380 S. Goodwin St., Lake Helen. The family plans Daddy's (Bud Turpin) Funeral. Standing left to right: Junior (Steve Ballesteros), Lucille (Karin Ballesteros), Ray-Bud (Matt Lenssen). Seated left to right: Suzanne (Sarah Wilson), Marguerite (Andrea Finkle), Raynelle (Cindy Dusenber), Royce (Josh Childers); and front: Delightful (Lindsey Demetree).

Horoscopes



ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, things may seem to be going smoothly when something unexpected pops up out of the blue. Thinking quickly will ensure you do not miss a step.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you may want to help solve a problem at work, but in this case, it might be best to let others draw their own conclusions. Take a step back.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, teamwork is the name of the game in the days ahead. If you learn to work with others, seemingly unsolvable problems can be solved rather easily.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, your performance at work is a topic of discussion this week. Others' recognition of your hard work will provide a confidence boost.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Communication between you and close friends this week is a breeze, Leo. You are able to tackle quite a number of subjects and may even plan a brief getaway trip.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, your week starts out on solid footing. All you need to do is maintain the status quo for the next few days and things will progress in the way that you expect.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Be proud of the way you are able to remain neutral in complex situations, Libra. This is why others will come to you when they need advice in the days ahead.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, others may misinterpret your willingness to offer an opinion as intrusive. Reassure them that you are just offering help, not trying to pry.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you are tempted to color outside the lines and break all sorts of boundaries. But at this juncture in time, it may be better to play things a bit more moderately.

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Art Notes

Museum opens exhibit, presents lecture

The Museum of Art DeLand will host an opening reception for “Neil Welliver: Painting with a Passion” from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 13, at 100 N. Woodland Blvd. Admission is free for members and \$10 for non-members.

The Walter May Art Speaks Lecture Series will present “Masters of Post War Realism from Pearlstein to Welliver” from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 20, at 100 N. Woodland Blvd. Dr. Louis Zona will focus upon narrative painting since World War II, including the

Mainstream Realism of Jamie Wyeth and Norman Rockwell and the dramatic New Realism of the '60s and '70s. Reception will be from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and presentation from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Reservations required. Admission for museum members is \$20 and \$25 for non-members. For reservations for the reception and talk, visit moartdeland.org or call (386) 734-4371.

Digital arts seniors display work

Stetson University Homer & Dolly Hand Art Center will have “Welcome to the New Age: Digital Arts Senior

Exhibition” on display from April 14 to May 2, at 139 E. Michigan Ave., DeLand. The presentations are the capstone works created by Stetson's graduating seniors in the Creative Arts Department. All events at the Hand Art Center and free and open to the public. For more information, visit stetson.edu/hand-art-center.

Tapestry group meets

The Tapestry Reading Group meets from 8 to 9:30 a.m. each Thursday at the Boston Coffee Shop, 109 E. New York Ave., DeLand. The public may attend.

Out

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Choral Society, under the direction of Tawn Thomas, will perform a concert of 20th century music by composers Irving Berlin, George Gershwin and Cole Porter at 3:30 p.m. at All Saints Lutheran Church, 761 Dunlawton Ave., Port Orange. A donation of \$10 is suggested. For more information, call (386) 274-5604 or visit daytonabeachchoralsociety.com.

• **Stetson Percussion Ensemble:** Stetson University Percussion Studio will perform at 3 p.m. at Lee Chapel in Elizabeth Hall, 421 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand. Free and open to the public.

• **Volusia Community Symphony:** The Volusia Community Symphony will perform at 3 p.m. at First Congregational Church of Orange City, 201 W. University Ave. The outdoor concert will feature “His Excellency March,” “Star Wars

through the Years” and songs from “The Magnificent Seven” and “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.” For more information, visit volusiacommunitysymphony.org.

Tuesday, April 17

• **Peabody Auditorium:** Theresa Caputo Live! The Experience will be at 7:30 p.m. at 600 Auditorium Blvd., Daytona Beach. Ms. Caputo is from TLC's hit show, “Long Island Medium.” “The Experience” brings Ms. Caputo face-to-face with her fans, as she lets spirit guide her through the audience. Learn more about Theresa at theresacaputo.com. Tickets start at \$39.75 (plus applicable service charges) and are subject to change. Purchasing a ticket does not guarantee a reading. For more information, call (386) 671-3460.

• **WISE:** Wisdom In Senior Education of the Daytona State

College Foundation will present “Cooking With Chef Costa And Eve” at 2 p.m. at DSC's Advanced Technology College, 1770 Technology Blvd., Daytona Beach.

Enjoy a live cooking presentation with Chef Costa and his wife, Eve, as they recreate one of their TV episodes from WDSC's Local Harvest show.

Free to WISE members. WISE is open to anyone age 50 or older for \$25 for an individual or \$45 per couple per year. For more information, visit DaytonaState.edu/foundation email Foundation@DaytonaState.edu or call (386) 506-4506.

• **Stetson Guitar on the Rocks:** This event will feature solo performances by the guitar students of Stephen Robinson will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Tinsley Room in Presser Hall, 419 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand. Free and open to the public.

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Guitar-picking fun



Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

Bob Bronar of Rockledge, left, joins Apopka folksinger Brian Smalley on Saturday, April 7, on the Family Stage for some old-fashioned guitar picking at the Pioneer Settlement's Spring Frolic in Barberville.

The Club Scene

• **Bank & Blues Club:** A Night of Blues with Martin and The Dead Guys, and Shaw Davis & The Black Ties will be at 9 p.m. Saturday, April 14. Tickets start at \$8. The club is at 701 Main St., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 252-9877.

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

• **Café Da Vinci:** Jazz in the Courtyard (inside if raining) with The DaVinci Jazz Experiment, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17. 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 in Unit N at 482 Fentress Blvd., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (844) 352-2337 or visit daytonabeachbrewingcompany.com.

• **Down the Hatch:** Upcoming performers are Donnie Bostic, 6-10 p.m. Friday, April 13, and 1-5 p.m. Saturday, April 14; Silver Creek, 6-10 p.m. Saturday; and Jimmy Z., 1-5 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at 4894 Front St., Ponce Inlet. For more information, call (386) 761-4831 or visit downdethatchseafood.com.

• **Frappe's 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. For reservations, call (386) 615-4888.

• **Grille at Riverview:** Upcoming

performers are Mark Venneri, 6-10 p.m. Friday, April 13; Kayonne Riley & Downtown Trio, 6:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14; 5 Island Steele, noon-4 p.m. Sunday, April 15; Christie Beu, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, and Thursday, April 19, at 101 Flagler Ave., New Smyrna Beach. Dinner reservations required. For more information, call (386) 428-1865.

• **Halifax Yacht Club:** Mark Venneri will perform from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at 331 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 255-7459.

• **Lagerheads Bar & Grill:** Upcoming performers are Reuben Morgan, Friday, April 13; Robert Keele, Saturday, April 14; Don Hill, Sunday, April 15, and Tuesday, April 17; Ed Wolford, Monday, April 16; Reuben Morgan, Wednesday, April 18; and Gary “Not Quite” Wright, Thursday, April 19. Weather permitting, live music is at 2986 Ocean Shore Blvd., Ormond-by-the-Sea. For more information, call (386) 265-1977.

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

• **Mulligan's Family Sports Grille:** Karaoke with Just George will be at 9 p.m. Friday. Karaoke by Rube is at 9 p.m. Saturday. Live Team Trivia is 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday. Free to play and win prizes. Eddie Uzzle will perform rock oldies from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday. Jay Paski acoustic solo at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Karaoke with Just George is 9 p.m. Thursday at 3830 S. Nova, Port Orange. For more information, call (386) 788-3268.

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

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

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

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

• **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.

• **Tiano's Italian Restaurant:** Mark Venneri will perform from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at 1000 Wayne Ave., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 423-0330.

Shoestring

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death as she does life, by devouring junk food; and all the neighbors add more than two cents. As the situation becomes fraught with mishap, Ray-Bud says to his long-suffering wife, “When I die, don't tell nobody. Just bury me in the backyard and tell everybody I left you.” Amidst the chaos,

the Turpins turn for comfort to their friends and neighbors, an eccentric community of misfits who just manage to pull together and help each other through their hours of need, and finally, the funeral. When the patriarch of the Turpin family keels over dead in the first scene, the struggle to get him buried involves the whole clan, including the not-so-grieving widow who wants to put “Mean and Surly” on the tombstone.

Show dates are 7:30 p.m. April 19, 20, 21 and April 26, 27, 28 and 2:30 p.m. Sundays April 22 and 29, at 380 S. Goodwin St., Lake Helen.

Ticket prices are \$18 for adult, \$15 for senior, and \$10 for students and children. Thursdays are BOGO, buy one adult ticket and get one free.

For reservations, call (386) 228-3777.

Scopes

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CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, if you are serious about your goals, you have to hunker down this week and draw out a plan. Seeing things

in black and white will help you set your course.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, although it may seem foolish at this point to scale back on your workload, doing so will enable you to focus more intently on specific

details and do your best.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, don't be afraid to go off on your own this week. Sometimes you need some time to think for yourself to get into a zone.

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Are we eating any healthier?

I know people are eating healthier because I receive great information every year about this time from a reliable source.

No, it is not a survey or national trend published in some magazine or from watching TV shows. No, I don't watch people buying food in the grocery stores.

It is information and research I gather from a very special group of people based on data from observing their eating habits. Who are these people? What makes them so special? Is the information accurate? Absolutely, positively yes and here is why.

My bother-in-law is the special weapons instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., and each year, at Spring Break, he takes the Combat Arms Team to compete in several events on the east coast. The last event is in Volusia County, so he always brings the team to our home to spend the night, and I feed them dinner and breakfast the next day.

For years I have fed them meat and potatoes, prime rib, pork roasts, potatoes and no



CHEF COSTA'S COOKING CORNER
COSTA MAGOULAS

vegetables with brownies for dessert. Breakfast was biscuits and gravy, bacon and eggs, and more bacon. Not this year. Yes, I had the prime rib, but they requested roasted chicken, salmon, fresh salads, gluten free bread and lots of fresh fruit.

Now these 12-14 college students, ranging from freshmen to seniors, represented a cross-section of America. Each year they would normally eat two prime ribs, a beef brisket, 20 pounds of roasted potatoes, five big loaves of homemade bread, five pounds of cheese and 50 brownies. This year they ate six roasted chickens, two salmon slabs, 3/4 of a prime rib, a large salad, and I mean large, little bread, 15 brownies and all the fruit in the house, which included more than six flats of strawberries, six flats of blueberries, five pounds of

grapes and two dozen oranges. The next morning I made eggs and bacon, and some shrimps and cheese grits, and, yes, more fresh fruit. They ate the eggs and bacon, all the fresh fruit plus five gallons of orange juice, little shrimp and grits.

Yes, times are changing and so are the eating habits of the country, because I have the facts to prove it. I am afraid they missed out on a great Southern treat, but you don't have to. Here is my New Orleans style cheese shrimp and grits recipe. It's still worth trying.

Shrimp and Grits

Serves 6

- Ingredients**
1-1/2 pounds medium shrimp, peeled, halved lengthwise and deveined if you wish
Juice of 1 lemon
1 teaspoon Tabasco or other hot pepper sauce
1-1/2 teaspoon salt or more to taste
1-1/2 cups stone-ground grits, not instant or

- quick-cooking
6 thick slices bacon, chopped
2 cups half and half cream
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 cup grated medium to sharp Cheddar cheese

Directions

Combine the shrimp with the lemon juice and a couple of generous splashes of hot pepper sauce; set aside. Add grits, half and half cream, butter, and salt into a two quart pot. Simmer over medium heat stirring slowly until grits are tender (additional cream may be needed), about 5 -10 minutes.

In a separate sauté pan cook bacon until slightly brown. Then add shrimp and cook until pink. Add bacon and shrimp to cooked grits. Add cheeses and mix well. Serve warm.

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.

Hanging plants



Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer
Kathryn Sickling of Silver Springs hangs potted plants at her Four Sisters Foliage display on Saturday, March 24, at the 12th annual Florida Wildflower and Garden Festival in downtown DeLand.

Out

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Thursday, April 19

• Stetson University Theater Arts: Student Directed One-Act Plays will be performed at 8 p.m. April 19-21 and 3 p.m. April 22, at Second Stage Theater in the Museum of Art, 600 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand. Students from the advanced directing class test their story-telling skills as they lead their fellow students in a production of their choice. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and non-Stetson students. Stetson students, faculty, and staff are free with their ID. For more information, visit stetson.edu/creative-arts/programs/theatre-arts/second-stage-2017-18-season. For ticket reservations or questions, call (386) 822-8700.

Upcoming events

- Concert:** Stetson Concert Choir will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 20, at Lee Chapel in Elizabeth Hall, 421 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth and free for 12 and younger. Tickets available at the door or at stetson.edu/music-tickets.
- Peabody Auditorium:** Jo Koy: Break The Mold Tour Live will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at 600 Auditorium Blvd., Daytona Beach. Tickets range from \$35 to \$45, plus applicable surcharges.

For more information, call (386) 671-3460.

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.
- DeBary Hall Historic Site:** Tours of the 1871 hunting lodge are available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$2 for children ages 3 to 12, and free for children 2 and younger. For more information, visit debarryhall.com.
- 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.
- 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.
- VFW Post 8093:** Bingo is at 5 p.m. Sundays. Pinochle is at 6:30 p.m. and corn hole at 7 p.m. Mondays. Tuesday there is free pool all day until 7 p.m.; then the pool league plays. Bunco is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Karaoke is at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Dinner is served from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday. The dice game Left Center Right is played at 7 p.m. each Thursday. There is an all-you-can-eat fish fry Friday from 5-7 p.m. Friday and Saturday entertainment is at 7:30 p.m. Drinks and pizza are served at the Canteen. The post is at 351 S. Charles Richard

Beall Blvd., DeBary. For more information, visit vfwpost8093.com or call (386) 668-8640.

• 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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Church hosts Lifetree Cafe

First Christian Church will sponsor Lifetree Cafe with the topic, "How to Live Before You Die," at 7 p.m. Monday, April

16, in the Church Library, 1401 W. New York Ave., DeLand.

Additional meetings will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, in the Activity Room, Grand Villa, 350 E. International Speedway Blvd., DeLand, and

at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at the Artisan Inn, 215 S. Woodland Blvd., DeLand. A food and beverage menu will be available. Jerry Drooker is the host.

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School News

DSC open house in Deltona

Daytona State College will host an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, at the Deltona Campus, Fathi Hall, 2351 Providence Blvd.

DSC representatives will be available to talk about the college's programs. Financial Aid experts also will be available.

Refreshments will be provided and the open house culminates with a drawing for two \$500 Daytona State scholarships (must be present to win) presented by the DSC Foundation. For more information, call (386) 506-4471.

Learn about gravitational waves

Dr. Sarah Caudill, a Stetson University alumna who was a

member of the team that detected gravitational waves, will present "When Neutron Stars Collide: Cosmic Messages from GW170817" Monday, April 16.

Dr. Caudill will explain how gravitational signals allow us to test the fundamental physics of the universe, including the speed of light, the nature of extreme matter and gravity, and the origin of the heavy elements.

Dr. Caudill's lecture is free and open to the public and will be at 7:30 p.m. in Rinker Auditorium in the Lynn Business Center, 345 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand.

ERAU adds to trustees

Cellular and developmental biologist Dr. Sally Mason, who served as the 20th president of the University of Iowa from 2007 to 2015, has been named a member of the

Board of Trustees of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Dr. Mason, who retired in 2016 as Professor Emerita with the University of Iowa's Department of Biology, oversaw a historic era of campus transformation.

B-CU announces spring speakers

U.S. Rep. Val Demings and Henry Thomas will be the speakers for the Bethune-Cookman University Spring Commencement at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at the Mary McLeod Performing Arts Center.

Rep. Demings will speak at the 9 a.m. commencement. Mr. Thomas, a U.S. entrepreneur and civil rights activist, will speak at the 3 p.m. commencement.

Health News

Power Parenting

Florida Hospital DeLand will host a one-day class for expectant parents from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 15, in classroom 3A of Florida Hospital DeLand, 701 W. Plymouth Ave.

The cost for this class is \$50 per couple; scholarships are available.

For a reservation, visit FHBabies.com or call (386) 943-4489.

Free health screening

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

The screenings will include blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol and body mass index from noon-6 p.m. each Wednesday at 70 Spring Vista Drive, Unit 2, DeBary, and 1-6 p.m. Fridays, April 13 and 20, at 111 Fountain Drive, Pierson.

For an appointment, call (386) 320-0110 or visit hhi2001.org.

Motivational speaker at YMCA

The DeLand Family YMCA Healthy Living Center and Halifax Health will host a motivational speaker at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at 761 E. International Speedway Blvd., DeLand.

Dr. Primrose Cameron, motivation speaker and empowerment coach, will speak about women issues. Participants should be 18 years or older.

For more information, call (386) 425-5210 or visit vfymca.org/hlc.

Quit Smoking Now

A free Quick Smoking Now class will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday from April 17 to May 22, at Florida Hospital DeLand, 701 W. Plymouth Ave.

There will be free patches, lozenges, and gum, quit plan,

workbook, water bottle and stress ball.

For more information or to register, call Northeast Florida AHEC at (904) 482-0189 or (877) 784-8486.

General cancer support group

Florida Hospital DeLand will host a support group for those affected by any type of cancer at 5 p.m. April 18, at Florida Hospital DeLand Cancer Institute, 680 Peachwood Drive, DeLand.

For more information or to make a reservation, call (386) 943-7160.

Sleep Apnea Support Group

Florida Hospital DeLand will host a support group for those with sleep apnea at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, in the boardroom at Florida Hospital DeLand, 701 W. Plymouth Ave., DeLand.

Family members and friends of people with sleep apnea who use CPAP or BiPAP are also invited to attend.

For information or a reservation, call (386) 943-4777.

Parkinson's Group Exercise Class

Florida Hospital DeLand will host a free exercise class for those with Parkinson's disease from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 17, in classrooms B and C of Florida Hospital DeLand, 701 W. Plymouth Ave., DeLand.

For more information or to make a reservation, call (386) 943-4707 or email Nikki.Miller@fhdeland.org.

AA meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous offers meetings in all of Volusia County.

For more information, visit aadaytona.org or call the

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TOPS meets at Sanborn

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly is a non-profit support group for people trying to lose weight.

The group meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Sanborn Center, 815 S. Alabama Ave., DeLand.

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Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous

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

For more information, call (386) 775-7275 or visit foodaddicts.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.

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<p>\$13,999</p> <p>AFFORDABLE LOT RENT!</p> <p>SPACIOUS 2BR/1BA SINGLEWIDE WITH A DOUBLEWIDE FEELING!</p> <p>Open floor plan. Large updated kitchen w/ SS appliances. Newer laminate and tile in living area. Updated bthr. Private backyard w/patio and FL rm on each side of the home.</p> <p>RUBY BISSELL, 386-492-0720</p>	<p>\$14,900</p> <p>NEEDS SOME TLC!</p> <p>2BR/2BA LOCATED IN MAPLEWOOD ESTATES IN PORT ORANGE VERY CLOSE TO BEACH</p> <p>Very motivated seller! Huge lot! Shed in backyard. Vinyl flrs, FL rm, outside awnings & roof over. Nice deck! Home is on a huge lot. Vinyl flooring. Newer guest bath. Park has lots of amenities.</p> <p>FOUR STAR HOMES, 866-355-2974</p>	<p>\$17,500</p> <p>RECENT 4-POINT INSPECTION</p> <p>2BR/2BA ON CUL-DE-SAC JUST MINUTES TO THE BEACH!</p> <p>Open flr plan. Kitchen has an eat-in table. Formal dining & living rms. 2 walkin closets. New A/C in '17 with transferable warranty. Architectural roof. Indoor laundry rm. Scrm'd porch w/nature & water views!</p> <p>ROSETTA MUNLEY, 386-267-4384</p>	<p>\$19,900</p> <p>COLONIAL COLONY SOUTH</p> <p>LARGE 2BR/2BA ON CORNER LOT CLOSE TO CLUBHOUSE AND POOL!</p> <p>Open floor plan w/ formal living & dining rms. Fla room on the front of the home with privacy floor on windows. Large covered carport, storage shed, newer carpets, and Alarm system.</p> <p>FOUR STAR HOMES, 866-355-2974</p>
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<p>\$19,900</p> <p>GREAT CURB APPEAL!!</p> <p>VERY CLEAN, FURNISHED 2BR/2BA ON CUL-DE-SAC!!</p> <p>New sub-flooring throughout. Some newer updates are sun porch, vinyl windows in Florida room, Berber carpet throughout and handicap ramp in shower.</p> <p>TRISH HAYES, 386-246-7407</p>	<p>\$21,900</p> <p>NICE 2BR/1.5BA WITH COVERED CARPORT ON CORNER LOT! GREAT PARK!!</p> <p>Large open floor plan. The bedrooms have laminate flrs, built in dressers & double closets. Newer Kitchen appliances and carpet in the living & dining area. Storage shed. Home is close to clubhouse and pool.</p> <p>RUBY BISSELL, 386-492-0720</p>	<p>\$21,900</p> <p>COZY 2BR/2BA WITH LOTS OF CHARM LOCATED IN HACIENDA DEL RIO!</p> <p>Perfect size hm w/out all the maintenance on the intracoastal. Sun tunnels for lots of natural light. Kitchen features new cabinetry, countertops, built-in microwave & newer SS refrigerator. New A/C in '16. Lots of storage. Double driveway and pump/sprinkler system.</p> <p>JOYCE DYKES, 386-338-0880</p>	<p>\$21,900</p> <p>BEAUTIFUL 2BR/2BA JACOBSEN IN A FABULOUS 5-STAR COMMUNITY!</p> <p>Home is in exc. condition! New A/C in '15. Termite bond valid until 12-24-18. Cathedral ceilings and open floor plan. 1st class amenities. 24hr manned gated security. Minutes to the ocean. New carpet in bdrms & living rm and vinyl in bthrms & kitchen.</p> <p>ROSETTA MUNLEY, 386-267-4384</p>	<p>\$21,900</p> <p>MOVE-IN READY, FURN'D 2BR/2BA IN ACTIVE SENIOR COMMUNITY IN DAYTONA BEACH!</p> <p>Updated. Fresh paint, newer carpet throughout, A/C system, thermopane windows in living rm & master bdr. French drs lead to a beautiful FL rm w/new windows. Lot rent incl: water/sewer/trash/lawn/cable.</p> <p>TRISH HAYES, 386-246-7407</p>
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<p>\$21,900</p> <p>HOME WARRANTY INCLUDED!</p> <p>GREAT 2BR/2BA RETIREMENT HOME IN A BEAUTIFUL 55+ COMMUNITY!</p> <p>Open floor plan w/cathedral ceilings. All appliances included. Drywall in living & dining rms. Inside laundry rm. 1st class amenities. Recent 4-point inspection was just completed. New carpet in bdrms & living rm and vinyl in bthrms & kitchen.</p> <p>ROSETTA MUNLEY, 386-267-4384</p>	<p>\$22,000</p> <p>LOCATION + CHARM + VALUE!</p> <p>MOVE-IN READY, UPDATED 2BR/1.5 BA MINUTES TO BEACH!</p> <p>Freshly painted inside and outside along with new laminate flooring. New vanities and commodes in both bathrooms. Nice covered patio in front along with a Florida room. This home has great curb appeal.</p> <p>TRISH HAYES, 386-246-7407</p>	<p>\$26,900</p> <p>PET FRIENDLY PARK NEAR BEACH!</p> <p>LOVELY 2BR/2BA READY FOR YOUR RETIREMENT LIFE IN LOW LOT RENT PARK!</p> <p>Open flr plan w/dining area off kitchen. Laminate flrs throughout. 12x14 FL rm w/ indoor-outdoor carpeting. 12x14 laundry/storage shed with W/D. Newer vinyl-clad windows. Updated vanities w/high-rise toilets.</p> <p>CAROLE DOSWELL, 386-530-4611</p>
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<p>\$30,000</p> <p>SHOWS LIKE A NEW HOME!</p> <p>BEAUTIFUL 2BR/2BA WITH GREAT CURB APPEAL AND BACKS UP TO WOODS FOR PRIVACY</p> <p>Open layout. Kitchen w/island cooktop, lrg breakfast bar & new oven in '16. Wet bar for entertaining! Indoor laundry rm with W/D, sink & storage. Newer roof. New A/C in '15. Screened porch.</p> <p>ROSETTA MUNLEY, 386-267-4384</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>\$34,900</p> <p>BEAUTIFUL RENOVATED 2BR/2BA MINUTES TO BEACH!</p> <p>Over 1200sq.ft. living space. Kitchen features SS appliances w/ updated countertops, cabinets & storage galore. New, tall toilets in both bthrms. Soaking tub in master bthr. Freshly painted. New carpet in both bedrooms. Lrg scrm'd porch w/privacy blinds.</p> <p>TRISH HAYES, 386-246-7407</p>	<p>\$38,900</p> <p>FAMILY FRIENDLY</p> <p>UPDATED, OPEN & SPACIOUS 3BR/2BA WITH SIDE-BY-SIDE PARKING IN PARKWOOD!</p> <p>Beautiful updated kitchen w/breakfast bar. Low maintenance laminate flrs throughout. Sliding glass door in dining area. Jack & Jill bathroom. Lrg inside laundry rm w/sink. New roof in '16 & A/C in '17.</p> <p>TRISH HAYES, 386-246-7407</p>	<p>\$39,900</p> <p>LOCATED IN FLAGLER BEACH!</p> <p>EXCEPTIONAL 2BR/2BA WATERFRONT HOME WITH OWN DOCK & BOAT LIFT!</p> <p>1,504sq.ft. of living space. Newer bthrms & AC. New windows throughout. Handmade barn doors on track separate living rm from new addition on back of house. Lrg shed with roll-up garage door.</p> <p>RAY BREWSTER®, 386-530-4267</p>	<p>\$44,900</p> <p>WELCOME TO PARADISE!</p> <p>SPACIOUS 2BR/2BA TRIPLEWIDE ON WATER IN 5-STAR ORMOND COMMUNITY</p> <p>1,600sq.ft. Gourmet eat-in kitchen w/cntr island, Jenn-Air range & breakfast bar. Formal dining/living rms. Inside laundry w/ aff. 8 skylights. New hot water heater. Like new A/C. Recent 4-point inspection.</p> <p>ROSETTA MUNLEY, 386-267-4384</p>
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<p>\$44,900</p> <p>POSSIBLE OWNER FINANCING!</p> <p>THE FALLS AT ORMOND SPECIAL! BEAUTIFUL, UPDATED 2BR/2BA IN UPSCALE 5 STAR COMMUNITY!</p> <p>New roof. Custom cabinetry, new countertops, sink & SS appliances. Freshly painted textured walls throughout. New vanities, sinks & commodes in both bthrms. New carpet and vinyl flooring in kitchen, both bthrms and laundry room. Scrm'd porch overlooking the lake.</p> <p>TRISH HAYES, 386-868-4909</p>	<p>SOLD</p> <p>\$64,900</p> <p>HUGE AND BEAUTIFUL 3BR/2BA, 2004 PALM HARBOR IN 5-STAR COMMUNITY ON INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY!</p> <p>Over 1,800sq.ft. of living space! Large kitchen w/center island. Crown & large base board molding in all rooms. Gorgeous Trey ceiling in formal dining room. Large garden tub & walk-in shower in master bath.</p> <p>LAURA CHRISTIAN, 386-689-6761</p>	<p>\$84,400</p> <p>BRAND NEW HOME!</p> <p>WOW!!! BEAUTIFUL, 3BR/2BA FLEETWOOD WITH LARGE CARPORT IN CARRIAGE COVE</p> <p>Carpet/laminate flooring throughout home. Amazing colors! Beautiful espresso shaker cabinets & pantry in kitchen w/new appliances. Garden tub & walk-in shower in master. Pristine landscaping w/irrigation system.</p> <p>LUANA LUDOVICO, 386-492-0720</p>	<p>\$94,900</p> <p>COLONIAL COLONY SOUTH</p> <p>BRAND NEW 2018 2BR/2BA HOME WITH LARGE, OPEN FLOOR PLAN!</p> <p>Lot rent incentives. 1,056sq.ft. living space. 36" drs. Built to current wind zone 2 standards w/2X6 exterior wall construction. Island kitchen. Double pane windows, 200AMP electrical svc/30gal hot water heater.</p> <p>RUBY BISSELL, 386-492-0720</p>	<p>\$109,900</p> <p>COLONIAL COLONY SOUTH</p> <p>NEW 3BR/2BA WITH OPEN FLOOR PLAN AND LARGE SCREENED PORCH!</p> <p>Built to current wind zone 2 standards with 2 x 6 exterior wall construction. Energy efficient. 8ft cathedral ceilings. 36" doors. 12X10 shed. Furnishings optional. Lot Rent Incentives.</p> <p>JAMES PETERS, 386-310-2897</p>
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<p>\$89,999</p> <p>BRAND NEW HOME!</p> <p>BEAUTIFUL, BRAND NEW 3BR/2BA WITH CARPORT AND FRONT PORCH!</p> <p>Open floor plan. Kitchen w/convenient island & spacious white cabinets. Beautiful bathrooms; master has garden tub & tiled shower. Dark laminate wood/tan carpets to match!</p> <p>PAT C. 386-878-4944</p>	<p>\$100,950</p> <p>BRAND NEW HOME!</p> <p>WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE???</p> <p>2br/2ba w/dbl carport & front scneed porch. Beautiful layout inside w/tray ceiling in living rm. Grey wood-like vinyl flooring in living areas & coordinating grey wood-grained cabinets in eat-in kitchen. Crown molding & drywall construction.</p> <p>CAROLE K. 386-878-4944</p>	<p>\$42,000</p> <p>COVERED CARPORT</p> <p>SPACIOUS 2BR/2BA IN PREMIER 55+ COMMUNITY ORANGE TREE VILLAGE!</p> <p>Spacious living rm w/ bay window. Kitchen w/Island cooktop, skylight, lots of cabinets & spacious pantry. Family rm w/wet bar. Lrg FL rm & master ste w/jacuzzi tub. Skylights in both bthrms.</p> <p>MICHELE J. 386-878-4944</p>	<p>\$39,900</p> <p>WATER CONDITIONER & IRRIGATION SYSTEM</p> <p>2BR/2BA WITH DOUBLE COVERED CARPORT IN PREMIER ORANGE TREE VILLAGE!</p> <p>Spacious living rm w/fireplace. Kitchen island w/stove-top, lots of cabinets & lrg pantry. Dining area and FL rm off kitchen. Fla rm adds 20sq.ft. of living space. Laundry rm w/AC.</p> <p>MICHELE J. 386-878-4944</p>	<p>\$62,000</p> <p>LOVELY 3BR/2BA WITH LAMINATE THROUGHOUT IN 55+ COMMUNITY</p> <p>Open floor plan. Textured walls. FL rm w/thermopane windows. Newer hot water heater & metal R/O. Dining area & kitchen overlook lrg living rm. Scrm'd porch with shed.</p> <p>LOIS B. 386-878-4944</p>
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<p>\$94,500</p> <p>BRAND NEW HOME!</p> <p>FRONT PORCH OVERLOOKING POND!</p> <p>Newer 2BR/2BA that has not had an owner yet. Very open flr plan w/wood-look vinyl flooring/carpet. Crown molding throughout. White bead board walls, chair rail height give hm real beach/country feel. Separate laundry rm.</p> <p>CAROLE K. 386-878-4944</p>	<p>\$79,999</p> <p>BRAND NEW HOME!</p> <p>CUTE AND COZY 2BR/2BA HOME READY FOR YOU!</p> <p>Nice open floor plan. Plenty of cabinet storage, nice black appliances and convenient kitchen island! C/H/A. Carport. Storage shed in backyard. Hurricane Tie-downs.</p> <p>PAT C. 386-878-4944</p>	<p>\$39,900</p> <p>PRICED TO SELL</p> <p>BEAUTIFUL, REFURNISHED 2BR/2BA ON CORNER LOT IN ORANGE TREE VILLAGE, AN ACTIVE 55+ COMMUNITY</p> <p>Textured walls. 1800sq.ft. Island kitchen w/pantry closet and family rm w/wet bar. Large master bdr. w/ garden tub Jacuzzi & step in shower. FL rm w/ C/H/A. Laminate/carpet.</p> <p>PAT C. 386-878-4944</p>	<p>\$22,900</p> <p>UPDATED 2BD/2BA ON LARGE LOT WITH PRIVATE BACKYARD!</p> <p>Many interior updates, large kitchen, S/S appliances, gray tone wood-looking flooring & newer carpet. The homes rubber roof has a lifetime transferable warranty and a 7 year old A/C. The large lot and backyard field views make you feel like you're in the country.</p> <p>CAROLE K. 386-878-4944</p>	<p>\$29,900</p> <p>HOME WARRANTY!</p> <p>SPACIOUS 2BR/2BA ON CORNER LOT IN MEADOWLEA ESTATES! PRICE TO SELL!</p> <p>Close to clubhouse, pool and mailboxes. Fresh paint. New flooring & landscaping. Fireplace. Living room. 2 master suites. Indoor laundry. Kitchen w/center island. Large screened porch. Lot rent incl: lawn care/water/irrigation/sewer/trash/cable.</p> <p>SHARON L. 386-878-4944</p>
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FOUR STAR SELLS A HOME EVERY 6 HOURS!