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Falcon 9 flies again



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A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket lifts off from Launch Complex 39A at Kennedy Space Center on July 5, carrying its heaviest payload to date: an Intelsat 35e satellite. Manufactured by Boeing and equipped with an advanced digital payload, Intelsat 35e will deliver high-performance services for wireless infrastructure, mobility, broadband, government and media customers in the Americas, the Caribbean, Europe and Africa.

Driver charged after car gets stuck in sand

By Austin Rushnell
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COCOA BEACH – Driving under the influence is never a good idea, and one Cape Canaveral resident learned that lesson the hard way when he tried to take his car out on a moonlit drive on the beach.

Early on July 2, Cocoa Beach visitors were

surprised to find a Chevy Impala sunk into the sand, with the Cocoa Beach Police Department and a backhoe working to pull the vehicle out of the sand.

Two witnesses told *Hometown News* that the driver broke through the lock and drove straight out onto the sand, where the car became stuck.

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Brevard schools earn 'A' grade

By Austin Rushnell
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BREVARD COUNTY – One of the most significant factors in determining the autonomy of a person is education, and here in the United States, that starts with quality schooling from public institutes.

This summer, Brevard Public Schools earned an 'A' grade for excellence in education, earning the district the No. 2 spot among Florida's 14 large districts.

"Improvement in our schools is always something to celebrate," BPS Superintendent Desmond Blackburn said in a statement. "When I consider the great diversity in our student population, the relatively new curriculum standards, and all of the many challenges faced, to be one of the top districts in the state is awesome."

BPS Assistant Superintendent and Public Information Officer Matthew Reed told *Hometown News* that BPS was judged on overall test scores and key subjects.

"Also learning games and test subjects improved, including how much we've improved with the 'bottom core-tile,'" Reed said.

BPS was also judged on 'middle school acceleration,' or how many students were capable of handling high school and college courses.

According to a recent press release, Sea Park Elementary of South Patrick Shores See SCHOOLS, page 13

Hank is ready to be taken home!

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Community Notes

Local manager elected to Florida board

Melbourne Deputy City Manager Shannon Lewis was elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Florida City and County Management Association Board of Directors during the association's annual conference recently in Orlando.

Serving with her on the FCCMA executive committee will be President James Hanson, Town Manager of Orange Park; Michael Cernech, City Manager of Tamarac; and Past President Robert Green, City Manager of Auburndale.

The more than 600-member FCCMA is an affiliate of the International City/County Management Association, whose mission is to promote ethics and professionalism in the council-manager and commission-manager forms of government.

For more information, call (321) 608-7265, email cheryl.mall@mlbfl.org or visit www.melbourneflorida.org.

Palm Bay to receive state funding for Bayfront restoration

The city of Palm Bay has announced that it has been awarded \$222,000 in State funding to be used for projects in Palm Bay's Bayfront.

The funding request, sponsored by State Senator Debbie Mayfield, will support efforts to repair and restore shoreline in the city's Bayfront area.

The primary goal of the project is to address the 2,000 linear feet of eroded harbor shoreline and near-shore sediment that was removed during Hurricane Matthew last year.

More Brevard students pass state English, math tests

More students in Brevard Public Schools earned satisfactory scores on state exams in critical subjects including third-grade reading and high school algebra and English in 2017.

The percentage of Brevard students

who earned satisfactory scores on the English language arts portion of the Florida Standards Assessment improved at all grade levels, especially in grades 3-5, according to recent data.

In the early grades – where reading proficiency is considered key to future academic success – passing rates increased by four percentage points, from 57 percent to 61 percent. In ninth and 10th grade, passing rates on the required state English exam increased from 58 percent to 60 percent.

In math, the percentage of students who passed the FSA algebra 1 exam increased from 61 percent last year to 64 percent in 2017.

In Florida, students must pass the Algebra 1 exam and 10th-grade English language arts tests to graduate.

For more information, email Reed.matthew@brevardschools.org or call (321) 591-6943.

18th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission appointment

Andrew Pickett, an attorney with Alpizar Law, LLC, has been appointed by Florida Governor Rick Scott to the 18th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission for a term ending July 1, 2020. The 18th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission is responsible for interviewing applicants and providing the governor of Florida with a list of well-qualified candidates for appointment as county and circuit judges in the 18th Judicial Circuit, which covers Brevard and Seminole counties.

Mr. Pickett has worked as an attorney for Alpizar Law, LLC since 2013 and previously served as a prosecutor for the 18th Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office, where he was awarded the 2011 Pride in Excellence Attorney of the Year Award by State Attorney Norm Wolfinger. Andrew currently practices in the area of civil litigation, focusing primarily on the representation of plaintiffs in personal injury and wrongful death

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Free screenings check for diabetes, kidney disease

By **Brittany Mulligan**

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COCOA BEACH – Are you uninsured or have you been thinking about getting your annual doctor's visit in sometime soon? Look no further than a free health screening provided by professionals as part of the National Kidney Foundation of Florida's "Keep Healthy" program.

This free screening is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 15, at Club Zion in Cocoa Beach.

The screening will aid in the prevention and early diagnosis of diabetes and kidney failure through blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, as well as through body mass index (BMI) screenings.

For those participants who shows signs of high risk for diabetes or kidney disease, further advanced testing is available at no cost. This includes a urine analysis, which looks for protein in the urine and is one of the early signs of kidney disease.

If a participant's blood sugar level is ele-

vated, despite coming in to the test from fasting, they will proceed with an A1C test, which is similar to the blood sugar test but shows a three-month average reading of blood sugar levels.

The Lion's Club will provide a retina test for those showing signs of high risk.

"The retina screening is something new we're doing," said Bill Hahn, patient advocate as a diabetic and kidney transplant recipient. "If somebody does have a high A1C they would move to a visual acuity test, which is a basic eye chart reading. If there is something wrong with the vision in that regard, they'll also have a blood pressure indication, and then they'll move on to a retinal scan."

As someone who had been diagnosed with diabetes at age 26 and had underwent a kidney transplant many years later due to kidney failure, Mr. Hahn explained that he has seen big advancements toward screenings and technology.

One such advancement in technology that Mr. Hahn told *Hometown News* about



is a wearable artificial kidney that has recently been approved by the FDA.

"For diabetics and testing for diabetes, the insulin pump is something they've been using for a number of years and that is the closest thing to simulating the work of a pancreas," Mr. Hahn said. "Now, the newer systems combine the use of an insulin pump, which you program. It gives you much more freedom and it also gives you insulin around your meals."

It also includes a built-in monitoring system that will show the user their blood sugar level reading every half-hour on their smartphone, Mr. Hahn added.

"The implantable kidney is not some-

thing that is just good for people who can't find a match or are unable to get a match," Mr. Hahn said. "When someone has kidney failure, they're on dialysis for three days a week, anywhere from three to five hours, so they're maybe getting nine hours of their kidneys' functioning as opposed to 24/7. That's a huge difference."

Mr. Hahn said that he recommends anyone to take the opportunity of the free health screening. Those who have high blood pressure or family history of kidney failure, diabetes or heart disease are also encourage to take an hour out of their day for a free screening.

"We really want people to come out and take advantage of these screenings to make sure they don't have any issues," Mr. Hahn said. "It is treatable and early detection can save you a lot of heartache and give you a better quality, and longer, life."

Club Zion is at 830 S. Atlantic Ave., Cocoa Beach.

To pre-register, call 1 (800) 927-9659.

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cases.

For more information, call (321) 676-2511 or email info@alpizarlaw.com.

Eagle Scout receives proclamation

Recently, an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony for Eagle Scout Mason Ripper took place at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Merritt Island. Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in Boy Scouting.

His Eagle Scout Project was to plan, lead, build and install three kiosks depicting the Keeper's Cottage and information about the Cape Canaveral

Lighthouse. Each kiosk has pictures showing the original cottage, the planned new cottage and detailed information about the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse.

Mason Ripper became an Eagle Scout on May 10, 2017 on completing his Board of Review.

In recognition of this achievement, a proclamation by Florida State Senator

Dorothy L. Hukill, District 14, was presented to Eagle Scout Mason Ripper during his ceremony. Eagle Scout Mason Ripper is a member of Troop 701, which is sponsored by St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Merritt Island.

Local author's book debut

In her debut autobiography, "Two

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In celebration of the City's founding 150 years ago, the City is hosting an Anniversary Tree Program to provide up to 150 trees to its citizens at no cost. Available trees are Florida-friendly, which means these species are adapted to Florida's climate, are not invasive, and require minimal water, fertilizer and chemicals.

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Massage Envy offers therapeutic services

By Brittany Mulligan

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BREVARD COUNTY – It's human nature to enjoy being pampered, whether it's after a long day of work or because it's to treat yourself.

Massage Envy of West Melbourne offers residents more than just spa services. Professionals are there to help whether you're there to relax or to get relief from pain.

"I'm a spa girl," said Xzondra Bergman, business manager of Massage Envy. "I've been going to the spa since I was 8 and what I find, for me, is that Massage Envy is more of a healing clinic as opposed to a spa. So, if you have something that ails you, we have people here who work with a multitude of things that require more to a healing process than a simple relaxation massage."

Massage Envy offers massage and skin care services, and recently added a total body assisted stretch service, which focuses on 10 specific stretches in a 30-minute session.

"It's a full-body stretch experience where the practitioner assists the client in stretching throughout the session," said Jean-Paul Ross, regional director of Massage Envy. "It's for anyone looking for a deeper relaxation; that has been something I noticed since we implemented it, and they may not have realized how tight and tense they are. We've seen a lot of improvement when we've incorporated it



Alex Schierholtz/staff photographer

Xzondra Bergman, Don Zondervan and Jean-Paul Ross are ready to welcome you to a relaxing and healthy experience at Massage Envy in West Melbourne.

with a massage afterwards."

Athletes in particular have been able to benefit from these services, and Mrs. Bergman told *Hometown News* that a recent partnership with the PGA will teach players' personal trainers in the total body stretch method.

As an individually owned business, Massage Envy is owned and operated by Don Zondervan, who managed several businesses before opening the West Melbourne location as well as another Massage Envy in Orlando.

"I love the great people I get to work

with and the clients I get to meet and help," he said. "We truly get to help people who deal with stress, chronic pain, headaches and so much more."

Massage Envy offers products used by massage therapists during sessions, so that clients can take the products home and continue care recommended by a practitioner.

It will soon offer chemical peels and micro-derm infusions, with instant results. It currently offers Dr. Murad's line of skin care products.

At Massage Envy, first-time clients can book an introductory session for \$50.

Members can receive benefits such as one 60-minute wellness massage or facial per month, and if they miss a month, their session can roll over to the next month. Members can also receive unlimited massages or facials at a member rate and can get discounts for family members.

Starting July 31 and running until Sept. 3, Massage Envy will host a "Summer Glow," during which clients who spend \$100 or more on retail will receive a gift.

Massage Envy will have a ribbon cutting ceremony from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, to celebrate the business' February opening.

Following the ribbon cutting, Massage Envy will host a grand opening from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 12.

Massage Envy is at 4311 Norfolk Parkway, Suite 112, West Melbourne.

For more information, call (321) 608-4295 or visit www.massageenvy.com.

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Police Report

Editor's note: There will be no police report in this week's Hometown News. Please check back in next week's edition.



Community Calendar

FRIDAY, JULY 14

Launch Federal Credit Union announces Rockledge branch remodel reveal event: Launch Federal Credit Union will host a grand re-opening celebration on Friday, July 14 to welcome the community to its newly remodeled branch. The branch is located at 3300 Murrell Road, Rockledge.

The remodel reveal will include food, beverages, a ribbon cutting at noon by the Cocoa Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, adoptable pets from the Brevard Humane Society from 1-4 p.m. and police representatives from the Rockledge Police Department from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Attendees can enter to win an Amazon Echo, and the first 100 people in the door receive a gift bag.

Launch Federal Credit Union is a full-service, community credit union, rated 5-Stars on Bauerfinancial.com, with 12 branches throughout Brevard and Volusia counties.

Membership is open to all who live, work, worship or attend school in Brevard or Volusia counties.

For more information about Launch Federal Credit Union, visit Launchfcu.com

or call (321) 455-9400.

Brevard's Got Talent Competition 2018 auditions: Space Coast Cultural Arts & Business Organization Charities, Inc., invites all spoken word artists, step groups, rappers, singers and dancers/dance groups to audition to compete in the annual "Brevard's Got Talent" competition.

The competition offers a \$500 first-place prize in the five categories listed above. A "Youth" category for performers 12 years and younger (first place prize is \$100) has been added.

There are three ways to audition:

1) Submit a video, 2) Pre-schedule your live audition or 3) Walk-in audition. Go to www.sccabo.org, complete the registration form and pay the \$10 audition fee.

If submitting a video audition, paste your video link in the space provided in the registration form or send your video to sccabo0915@gmail.com. You can audition in one or more categories.

All selected video auditions and live audition registrations will receive a call back to schedule your live audition date, place and time. All live auditions will be from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, at the

Emma Jewel Charter Academy, Community Room, 705 Blake Ave, Cocoa.

For more information, visit www.sccabo.org or call (321) 430-2002 or (321) 215-1226.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

Palm Bay Police partner with Back 2 School Festival to promote pedestrian and bicycle safety: The City of Palm Bay Police and Fire Departments are joining CenterPointe Church in kicking off the 2017-18 school year on a high note at the Back 2 School Event to be held from 8- 11 a.m. Saturday, July 15, or while supplies last.

The Palm Bay Police Department will focus on pedestrian and bicycle safety at this year's event, hosting a "Bike Rodeo" for attendees. Officers, VCOPS, and citizens, who are trained in fitting helmets, will hand out more than 200 helmets to children who participate in the bicycle rodeo.

The helmets and bike/pedestrian safety information materials were supplied through the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization's "Alert Today

Alive Tomorrow" program, which also provided training on proper helmet-fitting techniques. In addition to a free helmet, participants will be given an opportunity to navigate a bicycle safety course, which will include miniaturized traffic and pedestrian safety scenarios.

Lessons, such as where to ride on the road, how to hand signal, how to safely cross an intersection and how to properly wear a bicycle helmet, will be demonstrated and discussed.

Bicycles will be on loan for the event in a variety of sizes so that participants can test their steering skills and practice safe riding, all while having fun.

In addition to the bicycle safety course, there will be other demonstrations, resources and activities provided by both the Palm Bay Police and Fire Departments. The Police Department's SWAT team will be on hand for demonstrations and the city's V-Cops will provide free fingerprinting. Palm Bay Fire-Rescue will have a fire engine at the event and will be providing coloring books, pencils and other items for the backpacks being distributed at the event.

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Rants & Raves

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Where are the public restrooms?

Yes, lovely job on Minuteman Causeway - lots of bricks, lots of trees. But where the public restrooms? And where in this town of Cocoa Beach are the public restrooms?

Thank you.

'You know? You know what I mean?'

I am calling to get some feedback on this and get it off my chest.

What irritates me is when people are talking and every other word is "you know, you know, you know;" or "you know what I mean."

Please, people, leave that out of your sentence. I gets on my nerves - I don't know about anybody else - but I would sure like to know if anybody else agrees with me.

For the health of our kids

I am trying to understand why the Palm Bay and Melbourne areas have every possible fast food restaurant there is available?

With our population overweight and diabetes on the rise why wouldn't family restaurants be encouraged here instead?

I was most disappointed when Bob Evans left, as they served good meals at a low cost for families. I'm sure there are others that could be had.

Too many families don't cook at home today, so good family restaurants at low cost are a must, without needing to drive a distance to Viera.

I was most disappointed that Michelle Obama's healthy lunch program was abolished. I can't believe really good food preparers couldn't serve "healthy"

meals that are palatable to children instead of the high calorie meals often served. If kids were throwing out food, then I tend to blame the people who didn't serve "whole wheat" pizza, for example, instead of the normal fare. There is a need to become creative for the health of our kids.

It has all changed here

I could have written the letter titled "It used to be a nice place to live," which appeared a couple of weeks ago.

We moved from Winter Haven three years ago because of the traffic, and we were told what a great place Viera was. We cannot believe what has taken place here over the last three years.

This area has become so congested and crowded, not to mention the trash that has suddenly appeared on the sides of the roads. I was witness to a pick-up truck with a construction sign on the back and three men - I pulled along side of them at the rotary briefly - in the truck who threw bags of lunch, cups and trays out the window on the road. I called the number on the back, and no one ever answered.

I want to know where are the signs for fines for littering we all grew up with.

Our country is becoming a dump, as we have traveled recently and see the same trash on the sides of the roads.

Back to the destruction of our land. With the birds, turtles, snakes, lizards, etc. destroyed for land development comes more and more mosquitoes and ants, which need more and more chemicals to kill them and eventually us.

Be a defensive driver

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Getting creative



Alex Schierholtz/staff photographer

Lilyanna Sanders, 5, of Merritt Island, plays with sensory water beads during the 3rd annual Space Coast Baby & Kids Expo on Saturday, July 8, at the Melbourne Auditorium.

Do we need nonprofits?

This is a fair question, one that should be better explained to the readership at large. Since there are many books written on the subject, I will confine my comments to a discussion of what we generally perceive of as nonprofits.

Here I mean those organizations in Brevard County that address basic needs, such as housing for the homeless, care of the frail and elderly, feeding the hungry, etc.

Numerous organizations meet the criteria for being designated as a nonprofit. Unfortunately, some of these are self-serving organizations that pass themselves off as being necessary providers to those in need when, in fact, they are primarily money-making machines.

The purpose of my column is to help the generous and giving citizens in Brevard be better informed about where their money goes and how it is used to assist others.

There are many worthwhile causes that seek our support. Generally speaking, I will not donate to any cause that has a profit-making phone-calling



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service seeking the donation.

There are many views on what constitutes a "fair" up-front cost to solicit your donation, but in my book any such cost turns me off.

Years ago when I was the alumni director at Florida Tech, I used students to solicit donations from graduates. They were fed pizza, made calls, told the person why they were calling and did a good job obtaining funds for alumni programs.

One way to establish the "worthiness" of a soliciting organization is to look up its IRS Form 990 online, which will give you its actual revenues and expenses. If you determine that salaries, medical and retirement benefits and building operational costs are in the 50-percent range, you may not want to donate to it.

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Rants

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I just read the rant from the school bus driver about how rude and dangerous people are to them on the road. I totally agree but it's not to them, is also to truck drivers and anyone pulling a trailer. It's an "all about me" world now.

Unfortunately, bus drivers have precious cargo on board, and extra care and caution should be given them. But it works both ways. Where I drive, the bus drivers never use their blinkers or seem to respect other drivers. I used to have to travel in town, back and forth, to work when school buses were on the road, and I used to get very annoyed with their drivers, just like semis on I-95. I like the middle lane, they are normally in the right lane, and it's nerve-wracking every time there's an on ramp because if there are cars, the semi "zips" over in front of me, and cuts me off, since no one seems to know how to merge anymore, everyone seems to think we, on the main road, have to move out of their way. What's that yield sign for? You have to really be a defensive driver these days.

Response to 'Brighthouse/Spectrum'

I agree with the writer of the Brighthouse/Spectrum rant. Our service has declined, the equipment, especially the remotes, are inferior and cheap and our prices have skyrocketed.

They are giving super deals to pull in new customers; yet, all of us long-time customers get higher prices to subsidize these newer customers.

When they installed my rotor for my internet, they put it on one end of our house, so that we can barely get WiFi on our back porch. When I called them up about it, it's of course not their problem. They told me it's a \$50 charge to come out and see what they can do, plus whatever it costs to do it in excess of that \$50. We need a new, better cable company here to give them some competition.

Artists up to the challenge?

I've attended art festivals but seldom find anything worth buying. So, I have a few suggestions if there are any enterprising artists up to the challenge.

First, paint portraits or profiles of kids, grandkids and adults. Work from a digital photo if necessary. Use paint, pencil or charcoal. Make it inexpensive and quick. Personal art like this is kept forever.

Second, make an American flag, using material that won't fray and fade within a year of flying in our harsh weather. There is nothing on the market today.

Lastly, instead of a flag made of material, paint an American flag or other images on garage doors, driveways or interior walls using large, custom-made stencils. Multiple stencils may be needed per image per color. Hold the stencil in place with Velcro at the corners. Make your own images or purchase copyrighted ones to sell. Godspeed!

Nonprofits

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You can also determine how many organizations provide similar type services to identify those known to you and worthy of your support.

Like you, I receive calls from all over the United States and some foreign countries and make it a point to give only to a charity I know.

There are ways for you to determine the worthiness of almost any soliciting organization. You can certainly ask your friends, for many have already done the research I mention above. Why give to an organization that does not answer the required questions on its IRS 990, or that demonstrates poor leadership through mismanagement of already scarce funds, or that does not provide the service for which it is funded? Most importantly, as funding becomes more stringent, are its services really needed?

Helping Seniors did a county-wide survey in 2014 and found that the two biggest senior needs were for informa-

tion and financial support. "Do we need nonprofits?" is a significant question for seniors. We have some of the best nonprofit adult day care organizations in Brevard, but only a few receive United Way or county assistance.

Perhaps it is time for the Housing and Human Services Department to conduct its own survey to determine the actual needs of Brevard's elderly and the capability of the nonprofit community to serve them.

Without timely surveys to determine actual need, how do the county commissioners and United Way determine funding priorities? Both county and United Way dollars come from the private sector, so this is a valid request. The need for advocacy and information has been demonstrated in many ways. We do need nonprofits, and we do need to find ways to financially support them.

Joe Steckler is the President of Helping Seniors of Brevard, a nonprofit organization designed to advocate, educate and fundraise on behalf of Brevard's senior citizens. Contact us at info@helpingse-niorsofbrevard.org or (321) 473-7770.

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Leaves and a Bud" (published by West-Bow Press), Yvonne Tomlin tells the story of growing up in of Dr. Graham's Homes in Kalimpong, India, and her difficulty fitting in.

The book begins with the story of

how six Anglo-Indian children – Ivan, Rick, Mitchell, Ashton, Julian, Sandra and the author – were abandoned by their father and their mother was forced to give them to a group home in the remote foothills of the Himalayan Mountains. The fourth child tells her story of growing up in the 1940s in a restricted and sheltered environment
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Florida Tech to offer marine conservation degree

By Austin Rushnell
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BREVARD COUNTY – In recent times, there have been a number of programs that support the research and conservation of the environment, but the ecosystems and the animals that live within it are just as important—and just as fragile.

That's why Florida Institute of Technology will offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Conservation beginning this fall term.

Dr. Mark Bush, chair of the Conservation Biology and Ecology Program in the Department of Biological Sciences, told Hometown News about the new program, including hands-on techniques that students will experience.

"The new way marine conservation has been going is very tech-oriented," Dr. Bush said. "Understanding chemistry and applying it in the real world, understanding statistics and [its applications] in the real world, ecological modeling, and things like Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and non-traditional mapping techniques are really important.

"Any and all of these will get students a

job at the end of [the program]," Dr. Bush continued. "And that's really our goal here: to produce someone who's not how we sort off traditionally in marine conservation — someone who'd go out and recognize a dolphin by its fin.

"Rather, we're looking for someone who really is quantitative, and technology-oriented, so they can fit into the modern workplace."

The program offers a unique opportunity for students seeking a degree in marine conservation and marine biology, which is Florida Tech's location.

Because the degree is offered in Florida, there is an advantage for marine biology and conservation students, as their field work is not limited to the summer months, where it is too cold to be in the water in northern states.

Brevard County's Indian River Lagoon offers unique fieldwork for students, Dr. Bush said.

"We've got a lot of work of course in the Indian River Lagoon restoration programs going on," Dr. Bush said. "People are involved with surveying fish, fish recruitment are out there doing seagrass surveys, looking at oysters and clam



Alex Schierholtz/staff photographer

Florida Institute of Technology will offer a new Marine Conservation Bachelor's degree this fall.

recruitment, and all these other indicators of how the lagoon is doing.

"Certainly our students will be eligible to take part in any aspect of [the lagoon research] according to their interest."

The undergraduate program is the first to be offered as an undergraduate degree

instead of a postgraduate degree, Dr. Bush said.

For more information about the degree program, visit web2.fit.edu/programs/7093/bs-biological-sciences-marine-conservation.

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This is an annual event hosted by CenterPointe Church, 891 Copley St. S.E., Palm Bay, where more than 500 volunteers work

together to provide backpacks, school supplies, doctor and dentist check-ups, eye exams and much more for more than 2,000 children in South Brevard.

For more information, call (321) 474-4510, email karyn.barber@pbfl.org or www.palmbayflorida.org/police.

Enchanted Forest to Host Creepy Crawly Day: Come meet, greet and even eat some creepy crawly critters at the Sixth Annual Creepy Crawly Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 15, at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary.

Bring the whole family and enjoy a fun-filled day discovering some of nature's most unique, spine-tingling and sometimes misunderstood critters. The cost is free.

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Model trains chug into Cocoa library

By Brittany Mulligan

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COCOA – Model trains have captivated and delighted people for many years and for some, collecting trains have become a passion.

For those who still enjoy conducting and watching model trains, the Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library in Cocoa will be hosting a free event centered around model trains from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 22.

“Trains, Trains, Trains” is returning for its ninth year at the library, and this popular event has lately outgrown its original set up.

Visitors can see a model of the Florida East Coast Railway, a regional railroad that runs from Jacksonville to Miami. The

model takes up about 50-by-50-feet, and it takes 10 minutes to watch one train to cross the layout of the model.

“The FEC Railway is about a 351-mile run,” said Gregg Stoll, member of the Florida East Coast Railway Society. “Our modules each represent a small piece of that railroad, and so when we put it all together it’s almost like you’re running up and down the east coast of Florida.”

With the latest advancements made in technology, visitors can see how the trains will be run wirelessly from a command center.

“We don’t get to set up our layout that often because we need a large space,” Mr. Stoll said. “We’re able to set up about 2/3 of our layout in the main library room. It also gives us an opportunity to open it to the public.”

One feature of this event is the Junior Engineer program, which allows kids to come in and run trains. Participants will receive a memento to say they became a certified junior engineer.

Narrator “Caboose Mikey,” who will be dressed up in a conductor’s uniform, will describe the model train set operations.

Jerry Groothouse will be the guest speaker, and he will have a presentation on moving historic railroad equipment and its preservation at noon.

When a railroad museum in Fort Pierce closed down, the FEC Railroad steam locomotive, steam crane and cars needed to be moved. Mr. Groothouse helped move them to the U.S. Sugar Railroad near Lake Okeechobee.

“We have videos, photographs and all kinds of stuff from that move,” Mr. Groot-

house said. “A lot of people are asking us about how we did it, how it was moved, what it took to move it. It doesn’t happen every day. It’s kind of a rare event, so we decided to share this presentation on saving and moving that equipment.”

Mr. Groothouse will also do appraisals of visitor’s model trains and memorabilia, and said he encourages people to bring them in.

“We really look forward to the people coming in and enjoying what we present,” Mr. Groothouse told Hometown News. “They’re so interested in the history of trains and the FEC Railway. We get a kick out of it.”

The central library is at 308 Forest Ave., Cocoa.

For more information, call (321) 633-1792.

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of Dr. Graham’s Homes. Struggling to find her identity and experiencing discrimination, she learns to embrace both her Indian and British roots, while she passionately seeks to reunite with her mother.

“Two Leaves and a Bud” By Yvonne Tomlin is available in hardcover, softcover and E-Book, at Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

At present, she is an artist living and

enjoying life with her family in Florida.

For more information, visit www.westbowpress.com or call (866) 928-1240.

League members gather to shape the future

Nearly 200 League of Women Voters members gathered in Fort Lauderdale Beach recently at their state convention to make decisions that will help direct and shape the League of Women Voters of Florida for the next two years.

But the overriding headline was the League’s explosive 65 percent member-

ship growth this past year. LWVF is now the second largest state league in the country.

There were workshops, caucuses and meetings, as well as time to make friends, influence people and hear words of wisdom from the League’s National President Chris Carson, Rick Christie, editorial page editor Palm Beach Post, former U.S. Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fl., and Chris Hand, the senator’s co-author of “America The Owner’s Manual.”

Officers and Board Directors were also elected.

For more information, visit the league’s website at www.TheFloridaVoter.org.

Program pumps funding into four Brevard County projects

Four projects in Brevard County are among 43 statewide environmental cleanup efforts that will share in approximately \$21.3 million from the St. Johns River Water Management District for construction of water supply and water conservation, water quality improve-

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Dig into these sweet treats to help a good cause

By Brittany Mulligan

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BREVARD COUNTY - Everybody loves ice cream, but not many people love the fact that it is dairy. So, Ben & Jerry's came out with some non-dairy ice creams that are just as tasty as the original.

If you're curious to see what a non-dairy "Cherry Garcia" or "P.B. & Cookies" tastes like, Space Coast Animal Rights (SCAR) is inviting the public to its July 15 fundraiser at a local Ben & Jerry's in Melbourne.

This fundraiser will help the nonprofit organization with travel and expenses for the Animal Rights National Conference taking place in Washington, D.C. this August.

The event is said to be the world's largest, and longest-running animal rights conference, according to its website.

"It's a great opportunity for organizations like ours to grow and make connections," SCAR founder Alycia Corpiel said.

Farm Animal Rights Movement provided tickets for SCAR members to attend and two corporate sponsors donated

money toward the conference.

"Our goal is to be able to get to a place where we can help other smaller cities like ours have more small animal rights groups, and to be a mentor to them," Mrs. Corpiel said. "That's going to be the main focus toward attending this conference - to learn new methods, learn how to reach out to smaller groups and to help people get started."

Once a small organization itself, SCAR has been able to make an impact by reaching out to the community, largely in part due to a grant given by Lush Cosmetics in December as part of SCAR's "#NotJust4Easter" campaign.

"We're getting a lot more people interested who have heard our PSA's on the radio or they saw a newspaper article," Mrs. Corpiel said. "We're getting a lot more attention."

When the group first began, she added, only one or two people would show up for protests. But now the organization sees a steady number of activists join in at each event.

Another factor that helped legitimize the organization, according to Mrs. Cor-



Photo courtesy of Alycia Corpiel

Nonprofit organization Space Coast Animal Right brings awareness for their #NotJust4Easter campaign earlier this year.

piel, is the group's attainment of a 501(c)3 status in January.

Mrs. Corpiel and members of SCAR are encouraging people to come out to its fundraiser at Ben & Jerry's from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 15. The event will have

live entertainment, raffles and, of course, ice cream.

Ben & Jerry's is at 1800 W. Hibiscus Blvd., Suite 120, Melbourne.

For more information, go to <http://scanimalrightsteam.wixsite.com/scar>.

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tance of bats, unearth the world of reptiles and amphibians, learn and play in the Creepy Crawly Carnival and participate in

an insect Olympics on this very special day dedicated to the creepy crawly critters of Central Florida. The day will also feature buggie crafts, insect hikes, hands-on stations, log dissections and so more.

For more information, visit eelbrevard.com, and don't forget to check it out on

Facebook.

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary is at 444 Columbia Blvd., Titusville.

Carla Funk tour: On July 15, Carla Funk, executive director and chief curator of university museums at Florida Tech, will

lead a free public gallery tour of the "Flora and Fiber" exhibition at Ruth Funk Center for Textile Arts.

The tour will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 15.

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Joseph M. Capizzi, 63, of Merritt Island, died Wednesday, June 21, 2017. Arrangements were by Island Cremations Funeral Home, Merritt Island.

Barbara Wynne Gurr Rosseau

Barbara Wynne Gurr Rosseau, 63, of Cocoa Beach, died Saturday, June 24, 2017. Arrangements were by Ammen Family Cremation & Funeral Care.

Mary K. Goins

Mary K. Goins, 85, of Cocoa, died Thursday, June 29, 2017. Arrangements were by Island Cremations Funeral Home, Merritt Island.

Robert G. Van Arsdalen Jr.

Robert G. Van Arsdalen Jr., 78, of Merritt Island, died Thursday, June 29, 2017. Arrangements were by Island Cremations Funeral Home, Merritt Island.

John Clifford Bergstrom

John Clifford Bergstrom, 79, of Cocoa, died Saturday, July 1, 2017. Arrangements were by Island Cremations Funeral Home, Merritt Island.

Tove K. Pedersen

Tove K. Pedersen, 96, of Merritt Island, died Sunday, July 2, 2017. Arrangements were by Island Cremations Funeral Home, Merritt Island.

Ronald K. Hibner

Ronald K. Hibner, 66, of Merritt Island, died Sunday, July 2, 2017. Arrangements were by Island Cremations Funeral Home, Merritt Island.

Frances A. Gogulski

Frances A. Gogulski, 89, of Merritt Island, died Monday, July 3, 2017. Arrangements were by Island Cremations Funeral Home, Merritt Island.

Joycelin A. Little

Joycelin A. Little, 90, of Merritt Island, died Tuesday, July 4, 2017. Arrangements were by Island Cremations Funeral Home, Merritt Island.

Harvey Olson

Harvey Olson, 93, of Merritt Island, died Wednesday, July 5, 2017. Arrangements were by Island Cremations Funeral Home, Merritt Island.

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ment, flood protection and natural systems restoration projects.

The four projects in Brevard County are:

- Cocoa Beach Muck Removal Phase III, a \$1.8 million project that will receive \$608,684 in cost share for removal of \$261,000 cubic yards of muck from Indian River Lagoon
- Cocoa Toilet Rebate Program, a \$2,500 project that will receive a \$1,250 cost share to provide rebates to residents

who replace 50 3.5gpf toilets with 1.28gpf

- Titusville South Street Basin Baffle Boxes, a \$337,920 project that will receive a \$110,000 cost share for installation of second generation baffle boxes within the 202-acre South Street basin and reduce nutrient load reduction into Indian River Lagoon

- Brevard County Micco Sewer Line Extension, which is a \$1.95 million project that will receive a \$644,793 cost share to connect 34 commercial waterfront businesses and homes that are currently on septic system to the Micco sewer line.

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Brevard school board speeds security improvements to all campuses

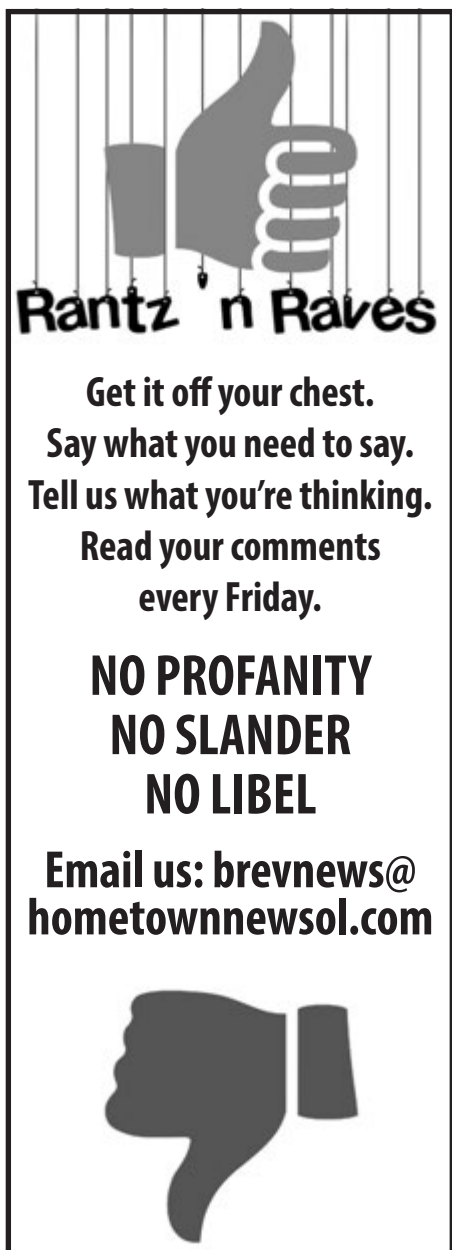
Brevard Public Schools will move faster to keep students and staff safe by installing voter-approved security fencing, video cameras and remote-controlled entrance locks at all schools by spring 2018. The security measures will restrict entry to a single, controlled access point at each school while durable emergency gates and doors with "crash bars" allow students and staff to

escape, if necessary.

The \$2.6 million increase for the accelerated work will not affect the funding or pace of other, bigger projects to replace decaying school roofs, wiring, pipes and air-conditioning systems with proceeds from a voter-approved half-cent sales surtax. A series of such projects is underway at 21 schools across the Space Coast this summer.

For more information, call (321) 633-1000, Ext. 796 or email Reed.matthew@brevardschools.org.

Palm Bay crime rate decreases for second
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A Cape Canaveral driver's car was pulled out of the sand by Cocoa Beach Police Department on July 2.

Driver

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Driver Kevin Colfer, 23, of Cape Canaveral was arrested at 4:16 a.m. for a DUI charge, two counts of DUI with property damage, two counts of leaving the scene of a crash, fleeing and eluding, and one count of resisting an officer without vio-

lence, Cocoa Beach police reported.

Mr. Colfer initially was driving on the West Cocoa Beach Causeway when his car struck a Department of Transportation sign, police reported. "[Mr. Colfer continued driving eastbound where he struck the exit gate at Shepard Park...and continued driving onto the beach where it got stuck in the sand," according to a police report.



LilBit is a 7-month-old Toy Yorkie, owned by Margie D. Smith of Satellite Beach. Lilbit loves stuffed animals, balls and belly rubs.

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Diabetes program comes to Brevard

By Austin Rushnell
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BREVARD COUNTY – According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2016 type-2 diabetes accounted for “about 90 percent to 95 percent of all diagnosed cases of diabetes,” and that type-2 diabetes is avoidable through the support of programs such as the National Diabetes Prevention Program.

Here in Brevard, one such program is called the Diabetes Self-Management Program, renamed as the Living Healthy with Diabetes program. The workshop is a 2 1/2-hour class to support people with type-2 diabetes that meets once a week for

six weeks.

The class is hosted at One Senior Place, 8085 Spyglass Hill Road in Viera and runs from 2:30-5 p.m. on Wednesdays from Sept. 13 through Oct. 18.

The class is sponsored by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, said Paula Schroeder, Communications Manager of the Brevard Senior Nutrition Program. “[As well as] the Senior Resource Alliance. Aging Matters in Brevard is the leading senior agency in Brevard County, and we’re contracted with them to provide the [Living Healthy with Diabetes] programs,” Ms Schroeder said.

Ms. Schroeder told *Hometown News*

that the workshop is for people age 60 or over with type-2 diabetes.

“Type-2 diabetes is the kind that people tend to develop over a lifetime of habits,” Ms. Schroeder explained. “[Whether it is through] eating habits, or a sedentary lifestyle — it’s the type of diabetes that is exploding across the country.”

The program originally began at Stanford University 20 years ago and designed for and by Stanford researchers, but has since been put into use throughout the United States. The upcoming workshops beginning this August will be the first Diabetes Self-Management Program to be run in Brevard County.

“We all know that it’s what we do every day that is going to make a difference in our health, as opposed to every time we go see the doctor,” Ms. Schroeder said. “That might be a couple times a year, or once every three months or so... We need to hold ourselves accountable for the choices that we make, and that’s really what the class is all about.”

For more information, email Paula Schroeder at pschroeder@agingmattersbrevard.org, or visit the Senior Resource Alliance website at www.seniorresourcealliance.org/program/health-wellness/living-healthy-with-diabetes-workshops/.

Schools

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and Cape View Elementary of Cape Canaveral advanced from ‘C’ schools into

‘A’ schools, further bolstering Brevard’s achievements in academics.

“Another area that was a real bright spot was that [BPS] had a five-percent-age-point jump in Early Child Literacy,” Mr. Reed said. “That’s for third-graders who pass the English Language Arts test

by the state. That percentage rose from 60 to 65 percent, which is really, really great news.”

In addition to their successes at academic achievement, BPS also earned \$500,000 for new equipment for construction and job preparation at three

high schools.

For more information about Brevard Public Schools, visit www.edline.net/pages/Brevard_County_Schools/About_Us.

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year in a row

The citizens of Palm Bay have experienced another year in a decreasing crime trend that has resulted in a 7.9 percent drop in 2016 and a 9 percent drop in crime in 2015; where many other communities are experiencing an increase in reported crimes. This is according to the Uniform Crime Report published through the FBI’s Uniform Crime Reports Program. In addition to the decrease for 2015 and 2016, Palm Bay has seen its overall crime rate drop

more than 23 percent since 2011.

In addition to a strong emphasis in building community relationships, the Palm Bay Police Department utilizes a number of innovative tactical teams and strategies to address and target crime trends. Specifically, the department employs two crime analysts who are solely dedicated to providing real time crime information to officers and investigators. The analysts provide information that lead directly to crime prevention and locating those committing crime.

For more information, call (321) 474-4510, email karyn.barber@pbfl.org or visit www.palmbayflorida.org.

Street and stormwater pond projects finalized

The city of Cocoa, with assistance and guidance from the Space Coast Transportation and Planning Organization and the Florida Department of Transportation, began construction on Florida Avenue in late 2016 to transform the road, located in the heart of Cocoa Village, into a “Complete Street.” A “Complete Street” ensures that the entire right-of-way is routinely designed and operated to enable safe access for all users - pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders.

Along with the complete street project, the city of Cocoa constructed a

stormwater pond near the AT&T building, just south of Cocoa City Hall along Florida Avenue. This project, which was constructed on the site of a surface parking lot and former refrigeration plant, was partially funded by the Cocoa Stormwater fund, the St. John’s Water Management District and the county’s Save Our Indian River Lagoon program and helps with stormwater runoff in a historic community that has less acreage of available pervious land. Parts of the old refrigeration plant were maintained and used as walls for the pond.

The \$3.4 million Florida Avenue project was finalized on June 9 with a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 13 and See NOTES, page 21



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Let's see how many places we can go!

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permanent collection, Flora and Fiber presents the botanical sources, application and iconography in textiles from three continents, specifically highlighting Asian textiles' profound and enduring influence on the development of modern fashion and design.

In Funk's visually-engaging talk, participants will learn about the decorative inspiration and ingenious application of plants and fiber materials in diverse cultures around the world.

Featuring more than 60 textiles and related objects, the exhibition includes such highlights as an 18th Century hand-woven bamboo undervest from China, hand-dyed indigo textiles, Art Deco-era kimono and a cape by acclaimed fashion designer Mariano Fortuny.

Flora and Fiber is on view through Aug. 26.

Regular hours for the Ruth Funk Center are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free.

The center is on the Florida Tech campus in Melbourne, 150 W. University Blvd.

For more information, visit <http://textiles.fit.edu> or call (321) 674-8313.

Ayn Rand and the Constitution: Celebrate 230 years of the United States Constitution this year via a free Hillsdale College course through your local Ayn Rand Book Club.

Objectivism, Ayn Rand's magnificent philosophy for living on Earth, liberates

the noble soul to pursue its own personal happiness. Who knew that philosophy could provide so much personal power, confidence and inner serenity?

To share this romantic realist "sense of life" with others, come to the Books-A-Million Yogurt Mountain in the Merritt Square Mall on Saturday, July 15 at 6 p.m. for an hour of discussion, followed by dinner at Ruby Tuesday.

PLEASE NOTE: This club is NOT SPONSORED by BAM but merely meets at BAM, so do not contact BAM! Please, instead, contact club organizer Luther Setzer at (321) 544-7435 to learn more.

Kids' Night Out in Rockledge: McLarty Aquatic Center, located at 790 Barton Blvd., in Rockledge, invites parents to plan a date and "leave the kids with us" during a Kids' Night Out at the Aquatic Center event from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, July 15.

Children will be entertained with swimming pool games, pizza, popcorn, a movie and more at the aquatic center. This event is for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. The cost is \$12 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child. Space is limited, so preregistration is required.

Registration available online at <https://registration.brevardfl.gov>.

For additional information, call (321) 633-1874 or email Debbie Bowling at debbie.bowling@brevardparks.com.

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Surfside Playhouse dishes out laughs, mermaid tales, murder mystery

By Brittany Mulligan

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COCOA BEACH – Are you looking for some fun ways to keep cool this summer?

Over at the Surfside Playhouse in Cocoa Beach, audience members can participate in a ghastly murder mystery, sing along under the sea with the Little Mermaid, watch some improv and play along as a Western melodrama unfolds before your eyes.

Surfside Playhouse Produce and Artistic Director Bryan Bergeron told *Hometown News* about how important audience participation is when it comes to hosting these summer events.

“Audience participation is a crucial and critical part of every live performance, regardless of the art form being presented,” he said. “A show only becomes meaningful when audiences laugh, giggle, cry or wince during the performance. Audience applause invigorates the performers, who then double down on their efforts.”

The second show of the summer series will require total audience participation as guests face a murder mystery challenge.

The evening will put your crime-solving skills to the test as a guest winds up



Photo courtesy of Surfside Playhouse

‘Alice’ (Sage Parrish) is whisked down the rabbit hole and meets the ‘Queen of Hearts’ (Dorothy Wright) and the ‘Mad Hatter’ (Gordon Ringer) during ‘Alice in Wonderland,’ which was Surfside Playhouse’s latest show.

dead during Lord and Lady Ghastly’s dinner party. Detective Harry Horn will guide you through “The Case of Ghastly Hall.”

This event begins at 7 p.m. Saturday,

July 15. Advance tickets are \$20 and \$25 at the door.

At the end of the month, meet up with Ariel and her underwater friends under See **PLAYHOUSE**, page 17

Horoscopes



ARIES - March 21/April 20

Aries, you may need to make some modifications to your strategy as a situation continues to evolve. Don't be afraid of change, as it is necessary to get the job done.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

It can be difficult to separate facts from the fiction, Taurus. However, you generally are a good lie detector. Put your skills to use to determine if someone is stringing you along.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, some shocking information may find you reeling if you do not stay grounded. Although it comes as a surprise, with some processing you will be able to handle it.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, address a potentially mess situation before it gathers too much steam. Communication is all that's needed to ensure cooler heads ultimately prevail.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

Leo, allow your plans for self-improvement to take center stage, especially true if you have put them on the shelf for some time. Make yourself a priority.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

Virgo, you don't tend to be reckless, but even you can surprise others sometimes with your behavior. Let the tongues wag if it means stepping out of your comfort zone.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Libra, take others' candor with a grain of salt. They might just be blowing off steam and they will appreciate having someone there who listens.

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Out & about

Competition pie eating at Friday Nite Live!

The Downtown Titusville Merchants Association is upping the competition for their Fourth Annual Pie Eating Contest held during the July Friday Nite Live! Red, White & Pie.

Two more teams enter the completion this year as Team City (City Council) faces Team Nismo (Pat Fischer Nissan) and Team Top Cop (Brevard County Sheriff's Dept.) takes on Team Apollo (Apollo Elementary School Teachers). Three great judges are in the

works. Live music will be provided throughout the evening by “Seeds.” Event goers may shop local merchants open late and vendors and visit the car show.

Friday Nite Live! Red, White & Pie will be held from 6-9 p.m. Friday, July 14, in downtown Titusville and is sponsored, in part, by Village Inn and the city of Titusville.

Friday Nite Live is a monthly downtown street party hosted by the Downtown Titusville Merchants Association on the second Friday of each month.

August Friday Nite Live's will be Aug. 11, and the theme will be Endless Summer.

For more information visit www.downtown-titusville.org or send an email to fnl@dtma.us.

Don Felder of The Eagles to play King Center

Don Felder is renowned as a former lead guitarist of The Eagles, one of the most popular and influential rock groups of our time. The band's record-setting compilation, their Greatest Hits (1971-75), sold more than 29

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million copies in the United States alone and was awarded by the RIAA the top-selling album of the 20th Century.

Felder served as a member of The Eagles for 27 years.

Felder is a four-time Grammy award winner, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member, New York Times best-selling author, amazing guitarist and captivating performer.

Don Felder will play at 8 p.m. Monday, July 17, at the Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts, 3865 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne.

Tickets for this show are available at www.kingcenter.com, (321) 242-2219 and www.BrevardMusicGroup.com.

Melbourne Municipal Band Swingtime concert

The event is titled "A Tribute to Sammy Nestico, Dave Wolpe and Bill Prince." It is a free Swingtime concert by a 20-piece Big Band.

It will be at 6:30 p.m. July 19 and 20, with doors open at 5:30 p.m. at the Melbourne

Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd., Melbourne.

Admission is free, and tickets are not required.

For more information, call (321) 724-0555, email info@melbournemunicipalband.org or visit www.melbournemunicipalband.org.

The Stripes Run Through Us

The Fifth Avenue Art Gallery of Melbourne presents "The Stripes Run Through Us" art show by Babz Lupoli now through July 29.

Ms. Lupoli is a mixed-media artist, specializing in collage with texture and vivid color.

The gallery is at 1470 Highland Ave., Melbourne.

For more information, all (321) 259-8261 or visit www.fifthavenueartgallery.com.

Jammin' on the porch

The Porch Jam will be from 1-2:50 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month (July 22) at the Melbourne Beach Old Town Hall History Center, 2373 Oak St. (by Highway A1A) Melbourne Beach.

The event is free and includes blues, rock,

folk and country jam for spectators and musicians.

For more information, email info@beeemusic.com, call (321) 427-4624 or visit www.beeemusic.com. You may also join Facebook group: "Jam Melbourne Beach."

Downstagers scheduled

The Downstagers is a group of five local retirees who perform short plays, skits and guitar music and/or song(s) for the entertainment of various groups.

Its current schedule is as follows:

- 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, at Century Oaks, 4001 Stack Blvd., Melbourne

- 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Brookdale-Melbourne, 1765 W. Hibiscus Blvd., Melbourne

- Noon on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Elks Club, 114 Neiman St., Melbourne (for Harris Retirees organization)

The group is currently in need of an actress.

For more information about a booking or for joining, contact Jeanette Bradley at (321) 956-2012 or randjbrad@aol.com.

Beat the crowds and the rush

Historic Cocoa Village is getting a jump on the Christmas season. Come join in from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 29, for the "Christmas in July Sip & Stroll" event.

In addition to the normal offering of wine sampling and snacks, the merchants are offering beer tasting

For the ticket price (cash only) of \$20 in advance, \$25 night of event (after 3 p.m.), you will receive a Sip & Stroll commemorative wine or beer glass, shopping bag and a map of the participating merchants. Don't forget - your ticket purchase automatically enters you into the drawing for one of the fabulous gift baskets.

Additionally, for each of the outlying businesses visited, a chance to win the special "Red Zone" basket is earned. That's one additional chance to win for EACH "Red Zone" business visited.

Then the fun begins. Stroll through the streets of Cocoa Village sampling wines, enjoying treats and taking advantage of merchants' special deals.

Questions? Call Susan at (321) 749-3407.

This is a rain or shine event. No refunds. Must be 21 or older. Please Sip & Stroll responsibly.

Event often sells out; tickets may not be

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SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Scorpio, you sometimes have a sarcastic sense of humor that makes you loved by some and disliked by others. Explain to the latter group that you

mean no harm.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21

Sagittarius, a possible breakthrough in your communication levels may open up a whole new world. This can only improve your relationships and help your career.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Capricorn, you're very good at balancing the elements of your life. This week may be especially challenging as many things come your way in rapid succession.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Aquarius, others may seem sure about their

actions even if you feel lost. Don't put too much stock in it, as everyone copes with self-doubt from time to time.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

Some of your beliefs are non-negotiable, Pisces. This can make for some rather heated conversations. But you're up to the challenge.



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the sea as the Youth Theatre Program presents Disney's "The Little Mermaid Jr."

Performances will be at 7 p.m. Friday,

July 28, and 2 p.m. Saturday, July 29. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Then get ready for some "fearless" improv as the Fearless Improv Brigade brings improv to the Surfside Playhouse at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 29. Tickets are \$10.

Just before school gets back in session,

Surfside Playhouse presents "The Saga of Deadwood Dick or A Game of Gold," a dramatic comedy that involves Deadwood Dick, a protagonist cowboy, who attempts to thwart the plans of eccentric villains.

This melodrama has been compared to

the likes of Monty Python and Carol Burnett. It is scheduled to run from August 4-14, with performances at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and at 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$15.

For more information, visit www.surfsideplayhouse.com.

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available at the door.

Melbourne Municipal Band Concert 'We Love Summer Pops'

This is a free concert by an 80-member concert band that will perform at 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) Aug. 2 and 3, at the Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd., Melbourne.

The concert is free, and tickets are not required

For more information, call (321) 724-0555, email info@melbournemunicipalband.org or visit www.melbournemunicipalband.org.

There will be music from the silver screen, Broadway and everywhere in between on this concert.

The Summer Youth Band will provide a guest performance.

Pops are just what you need to cool down in August. Bring your dinner and some friends. The venue will be set up for an indoor picnic concert.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the free concert starts at 6:30 p.m.

Donavon Frankenreiter

with Matt Grundy

Deuteran Productions.com, in association with the Ineffable Music Group, presents Donavon Frankenreiter with Matt Grundy at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, at Milligan's Reef at the port.

Donavon Frankenreiter's new album, "The Heart," officially marks the start of the singer-songwriter's second decade as a solo recording artist. It's been more than 10 years since the release of his self-titled debut; and in that time he has grown, not only as a musician, but also as a man. He's raising a family and nurturing two creative careers: one onstage, and one in the waves; but on top of all that, he's still learning what makes him tick. And so, naturally, he named his

album after his ticker.

The Eventbrite ticket link is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/donavon-frankenreiter-tickets-34920761939>.

For more information about Donavon Frankenreiter, visit www.donavonf.com.

For more information about Matt Grundy, visit <https://www.facebook.com/mattgrundyhh/>.



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Casual, creative summer days on Main Street Cocoa Beach: Downtown Cocoa Beach provides the perfect landscape for events, music and art. While most people associate downtown Cocoa Beach with tourists, tiki bars, visitors and locals can wander off the beaten path to find a more creative vibe.

Art galleries are open at Debrilcha on North Orlando, and appointments can be made with Rick Piper, Mike Moffett and more.

Schedule:

- July 16: Cocoa Beach Library presents New York Times author Beatriz Williams at 9:30 a.m. See cocoabeachpubliclibrary.org.

- July 14: Cocoa Beach Main Street "Big Summer Barbeque" festival on Minutemen Causeway is a unique, family-friendly

street party featuring music, food trucks and a unique ensemble of vendors, crafts and street performers. Visit mainstreetcocoabeach.com or [facebook.com cocoa.beach.main.street](https://www.facebook.com/cocoa.beach.main.street).

- Through July 14: Studios of Cocoa Beach Exhibit "Colors of the Spirit; Introduction to Encaustics" is an introduction to the medium of encaustics, a beeswax/damar crystal medium. This two-day class

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- July 28: Exhibit Opening Reception Studios of Cocoa Beach: Media Mayhem." Visit studiosofcocoabeach.org.

- July 29: "Sip n Paint" at the Studios. No talent necessary. Art materials are provided. Bring refreshments and food. The cost is \$35, with materials included - 12 person max. Visit studiosofcocoabeach.org.

For more information, find Mainstreet-cocoabeach.com or facebook.com/cocoa.beach.main.street.

Sunday farmers market in Rockledge:

The Space Coast Farmers Market is every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Larry Schultz Park, 2560 Fiske Blvd., Rockledge.

There will be fresh Florida produce, local eggs and honey, boiled peanuts, kettle corn and fresh-squeezed lemonade.

There will also be butter cakes, homemade bread, plus other treats for you and your pets, handmade jewelry, purses, clothing, rocks, minerals and more.

For more information, call (321) 961-2732.

Children's art class: Ralph's Art Supply, 14210 Highland Ave, Melbourne, will offer a children's art class from 12:30-2:30 p.m. on Sundays.

The cost will be \$80 for four weeks or \$25 per class for drop-ins. This is an ongoing class, and you can join anytime.

Create vibrant drawings and paintings, naturescapes and still lifes and abstracts.

Contact Carol Muro to register at (321) 289-2592 or email minerva.studios13@gmail.com.

Friendship Social: South Brevard City Council members of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will have its annual Friendship Summer Social at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at the home of Florence Short.

The theme for this sorority year is "In Touch with Tomorrow."

For information, call Jewell Patton at (321) 723-2250.

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Summer camp at the YMCA: The Cocoa YMCA summer camps are starting up. They are: Medieval Madness, Rainforest Adventure, Spectacular Celebration, Superhero Academy, Get In The Game, Great Explorers, One Week in Wonderland, Treasure Hunters, Hawaiian Hullabaloo and Best of the Best.

The Y's groundbreaking camp programs emphasize fun while helping kids ages 6-15 close the achievement gap.

The camps are from Monday through Friday now through Aug. 4. Some of the camps include field trips and daily swimming.

For questions or more information,

email jbond@cfymca.org or bhall@cfymca.org.

Watercolor instruction in Titusville: Titusville Art League is offering watercolor instruction with Linda Neal beginning 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, July 17.

Classes will take place at 1421 Draa Road, Titusville.

The cost is \$15 per class.

You must provide your own materials, including paint (tube or professional pan), brushes, paper, water containers and waterproof backing board to stabilize your painting. Knowledge of basic watercolor techniques is helpful.

If you have questions, call Linda at (321) 544-8888.

Linda Neal is an award-winning artist working from Melbourne. Her work can be seen on her website at <http://www.lindadadneal.com>.

Summer Lunch Program: The city of Melbourne Recreation Department is offering a summer lunch program at the Joseph N. Davis (formerly Grant Street) Community Center.

The program will be offered Monday through Friday from 1-2 p.m. for those 8-17 years old.

Free lunches will be given out to school-aged children and teens on a first-come, first-served basis.

The lunches will be ongoing until Aug. 4.

The community center is at 2547 Grant St., Melbourne.

For questions or more information, call (321) 608-7400.

Longleaf pine program for landowners: The Florida Forest Service, a division of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, has announced that the Longleaf Pine Landowner Incentive Program is now accepting applications from eligible, non-industrial private forest landowners.

The application period is now through Friday, July 28.

Longleaf pine forests are native to the southeastern United States and are among the most diverse ecosystems in North America. Longleaf pines provide high-quality wood products and are highly valued for their resistance to damage by insects, disease, wildfire and storms.

The goal of the program is to increase the acreage of healthy Longleaf pine ecosystems in Florida by helping non-industrial private forest landowners make the long-term investment required to establish and maintain this valuable ecosystem.

The program offers incentive payments for completion of timber stand improvement, invasive species control, prescribed burning, planting Longleaf pine, native plant understory establishment and mechanical underbrush treatments.

Application forms and more information on program requirements and procedures can be found by visiting FreshFrom-Florida.com or a local Florida Forest

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Why is my computer so slow?

It's no secret; people want their machines to run fast. That's why people who know very little about computers will spend so much money making sure they have the most ram and the latest processor with all the bells and whistles. Even though they have only a vague idea of how any of these parts work, people know that in the world of technology, more equals faster.

These same people get their machines home and then hook them up to the fastest internet connection they can afford and then set about to check their email, do their banking, go onto Facebook etc. – you know, the typical things the average computer users do with their machines – then, they're shocked when they still find they have to wait for stuff to load.

Why is that? Why is it that you can spend an enormous amount of money making sure you have the latest and greatest hardware and fastest internet connection and yet, some things you click on take so long to load it looks like the computer's frozen? Click... Little circle spinning... and then, nothing.

I get asked this question frequently, here's one way I try to answer.

Imagine your computer isn't a computer, imagine it's a car. Not just any car, it's a Ferrari that costs five times as much as your typical car and it's capable of cruising around at 200 Mph without



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breaking a sweat. You want to use that car for typical things, going to work, your banking, going to the movies etc., and you bought this car so you could do these things as quickly as possible. You even bought a house right at the foot of the highway on-ramp so you could get on the road without wasting any time.

Now imagine it's Monday morning at about 8 a.m. and you hop in the car and peel out onto the on-ramp on the way to run some errands and all is well, here's your exit coming up lickity-split but what's this? You turn off the off ramp and run into a traffic light and have to come to a complete stop! And it's like this all across town! You creep along from one red light to the next along with all the other people out there trying to run their own errands and by the end of the day you realize your new Ferrari didn't save you any time at all! You also find out very quickly that even though the speedometer goes up past 200, if you try to go that fast you'll lose control and crash.

With the car analogy it's easy to see what the issue is and I don't think anyone

would bring their Ferrari back to the shop and complain "you sold me a lemon; this thing is supposed to go 200 Mph and on the way over here I couldn't get it up past 50!" I think they'd laugh you out of the dealership.

But as a computer support specialist, I hear similar complaints every single day. It's 2017. Computer hardware is so incredibly advanced that even the cheapest, entry level computer is running at "Ferrari speeds." And with most internet providers offering high speed connections right to the home, it's like having a house right on the on-ramp. The on-ramp to the "information superhighway."

The delay comes from the fact that so many of the things we use our computers for are dependent on that internet connection. Email, Facebook, online banking, all of that is dependent upon getting through traffic and (just like in our driving example) it's a two way street – you're going both ways! When you click something like email, your computer sends a message out through the internet to your mail server's address with a request for the latest mail. Then, it has to make it back to your machine through that same traffic with whatever was in



your inbox. Kind of like driving to your post office and then back home with the mail; it's anything but instant.

The other half of the problem comes from the fact that people believe more equals faster when it comes to computers. They think that just because the machine was so expensive and loaded with the latest technology, there shouldn't be any delay at all. That causes people to click and then after waiting for just a breath or two declare "this thing isn't working!" No, it's working fine! You just need to be patient and wait.

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

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TUESDAY, JULY 18

Studios of Cocoa Beach announces July featured artists: The Studios of Cocoa Beach, 165 Minuteman Causeway, in downtown Cocoa Beach, has announced its featured artists for the month of July: painter Ed Carlson and fiber artist Ann Welly Revels.

Ed Carlson is an award-winning watercolor artist. His paintings often portray nautical and tropical scenes reflecting his life cruising the waters of Florida and the Bahamas.

Ann Welly Revels is a weaver and paper-maker whose current work is making vessels from palm fiber. She lives in Titusville

but collects her material along the roadside on Merritt Island and in Cocoa Beach. The exhibit runs through the month of July.

The Studios of Cocoa Beach is a non-profit cooperative gallery, features 35-plus local artists and offers a full schedule of workshops in a variety of techniques for adults and children.

The Studio is open Tuesday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays.

For more information, visit www.studiosofcocoaach.com or call (321) 613-3480.

Pottery classes on Tuesdays: Pottery classes with Candi Thorpe will resume on Tuesdays at TAL's Draa Road pottery studio.

Hand-building is from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., and wheel work is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$17 for members of TAL and \$20 for non-members.

You must call Candi to confirm participation. She can be reached at (321) 383-7774.

Eastern Florida campus open houses set for July: Eastern Florida State College will hold an open house on each of its four campuses in July to provide current and prospective students the chance to apply and register for classes and learn more about new programs available this fall.

Open houses will be held:
- Tuesday, July 18 from 5-7 p.m. on the Palm Bay Campus
- Thursday, July 20 from 4-7 p.m. on the Melbourne Campus

Each open house will include campus tours, classroom demonstrations and information about Bachelor and Associate Degree programs. Faculty and staff will also be on hand to answer questions and provide help with the application and financial aid process.

Those interested are encouraged to visit online at easternflorida.edu/go/openhouse or call the Office of College-wide Recruitment at (321) 433-5497.

NFL Tampa Bay Buccaneers adventures: Palm Bay Parks & Recreation invites you to attend Tampa Bay Buccaneers home games at Raymond James Stadium.

The department is now accepting reservations by full payment only to reserve your 2017 season seats tickets are remaining for all individual home games. Major credit cards are accepted.

The package includes season tickets and transportation. Note: If you already have a game ticket, you can purchase transportation only, if available, for \$25 per patron. Bus charter, vans, or mini-bus transports may be used based on the number of passengers registered for each trip.

Tickets (if available) are only sold the week prior to game day unless otherwise advertised.

Adventurers T-shirts are available for sale at \$15. Seats are located in Section 140. Location note: All transportation departs from the Anthony J. "Tony" Rosa Community Center at 1502 Port Malabar Blvd. N.E.; Palm Bay.

The center lobby phone is (321) 952- See CALENDAR, page 22

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included all of Florida Avenue from S.R. 520 to the southern-most city limits, south of Rosa L. Jones Drive. The scope of the project included roadway reconstruction, replacing the existing water main, new sidewalk on both sides of Florida Avenue, new curb and gutters, on-street parallel parking, minor storm drain improvements, pedestrian scaled decorative streetlights, signage, landscaping and irrigation.

For more information, contact Samantha Senger, Public Relations Specialist at (321) 433-8685 or ssenger@cocoafl.org.

No tuition hike at EFSC for sixth straight year

Students at Eastern Florida State College received very good news recently. There will be no tuition hike for the sixth straight year as college officials continue their commitment to keep higher education affordable.

The provision is a main feature in Eastern Florida's new 2017-18 fiscal year budget, which the college's Board of Trustees unanimously approved at a Monday meeting.

The \$76 million plan goes into effect July 1.

Key elements of the budget include:

- No tuition increase for the sixth straight year, a period that corresponds with the time that Dr. Jim Richey has been Eastern Florida's president.

- A 2.5 percent base pay increase for members of the United Faculty of Florida Brevard Chapter in the third year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement.

- The College expects to incur a significant mid-year cost increase for health and dental insurance, and will continue to provide those benefits to its full-time employees at no added contribution from them.

- An investment of \$18 million in projects, including the start of construction of a new Student Union on the Melbourne campus, and improvements to classrooms, technology, security and parking.

National health crisis

Narconon reminds families that abuse of heroin and opioid drugs has become a national health crisis. Learn to recognize the signs of heroin abuse and get your loved ones help if they are at risk.

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Parrish takes on title sponsorship for 'Stars of Space Coast Awards'

Parrish Medical Center has signed on as the title sponsor for the third annual

"Stars of the Space Coast Awards," which will be presented on Sept. 15 by 2-1-1 Brevard.

More sponsors will be announced soon. Interested businesses should contact Communications Manager Belinda Stewart at bstewart@211brevard.org.

Nominations for awards honoring nonprofits will be accepted beginning in July. First-place awards include cash prizes.

2-1-1 Brevard operates a 24-hour helpline that can be reached by dialing 2-1-1.

Golf Courses Advisory Board seeks new members

The city of Melbourne is seeking applications from Melbourne residents to serve on the Golf Courses Advisory Board.

Under the general direction of the Parks, Recreation and Golf director, members of this board assist in the development of policies and procedures for the operation of the city's golf courses, make recommendations relating to the preparation of the operating and capital budgets and help promote the courses to the general public.

In addition to being a Melbourne resident, each member of this board must be a registered voter.

For more information, download an application from the city's website or contact the City Clerk's office at clerk@mlbfl.org or (321) 608-7220.

Palm Bay organization receives \$2,500 grant for education

The Our Lady of Grace conference of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul has received a grant of \$2,500 from the National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent DePaul.

The grant will go toward funding education and training for family breadwinners among the chapter's clients.

This financial help includes support for re-certification and licensing.

The Our Lady of Grace conference, on Malabar Road, Palm Bay, serves more than 6,000 Palm Bay households and homeless individuals, which includes more than 22,000 people. The conference provides emergency food and household utility bill support. The organization also hosts the annual Friends of

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Training dates for Hospice: If you are interested in helping those in need who may be faced with a serious illness, consider volunteering for Hospice of Health First.

Hospice volunteers are concerned and caring people who generously donate their time, effort and talent to hospice patients and their families when help is needed most.

To become a volunteer, attend a one-day training class and learn more about opportunities available at Hospice of Health First.

Training Dates:

All training sessions are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Thursday, July 20: Health First's Cape Canaveral Hospital, 701 W. Cocoa Beach Causeway, Cocoa Beach

- Tuesday, Sept. 19: Hospice of Health First, 1131 W. New Haven Ave., West Melbourne

- Wednesday, Nov. 15: Hospice of Health First, 1131 W. New Haven Ave., West Melbourne.

Sunflower House: 'How to Protect Your Stuff': The Sunflower House, a service of Aging Matters in Brevard, announces guest speaker Jeremiah Walters, Esq.

Mr. Walters, attorney with Walters Estate Planning, presents a free workshop in which he will answer questions about, and discuss wills and trusts, asset protection, nursing home issues, Medicaid qualification and estate taxes. Lunch

will also be provided.

The presentation will be at the Sunflower House from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20.

The Sunflower House is in the Merritt Square Mall at 777 E. Merritt Island Causeway, Suite 201, Merritt Island.

Call (321) 452-4341 to RSVP.

Established in 1965, Aging Matters in Brevard is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote and maintain independence and maximize quality of life for the citizens of Brevard County, particularly the elderly and disabled.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Blood drive at FirstWave Financial: Partnering with FirstWave Financial, the Annual Raj S. Shah Memorial Blood Drive offers an opportunity for the community to come together, providing those in need with an invaluable gift.

On Saturday, July 22, organizer Joanne Regan, along with FirstWave Financial, will host the Ninth Annual Raj S. Shah blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. OneBlood buses will be located outside the FirstWave Financial office at 1300 Highway A1A, Satellite Beach.

For more information, call (321) 427-7459 or email rajblooddrive@gmail.com.

Local Coordinating board is seeking volunteer members: The Brevard County Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged Services is seeking applications for volunteer members for its board.

The Local Coordinating Board was established by Chapter 427 of the Florida Statutes to provide direction and advice to Space Coast Area Transit in the provision of the Transportation Disadvantaged Services in Brevard County. The LCB consists of 17 members from various state and local agencies and general interest groups.

The LCB is seeking volunteer members and alternates for the following seats: Disabled Representative; Disabled Representative (Alternate); Persons over Sixty Representing Elderly of the County (Alternate); Citizen Advocate - System User (Alternate). The term of appointment is three years, and the LCB meets quarterly at the Viera Government Center.

The deadline for receipt of applications is July 24. If you are interested in serving on the board and would like an application or have any questions, contact Jim Liesenfelt from Space Coast Area Transit at (321) 635-7815, Ext. 601.

Oceanside Charter Chapter dinner: The Tuesday, July 25, American Business Women Association's monthly dinner and meeting will be at 6 p.m. at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club, 100 Datura Drive, Indian Harbour Beach.

The cost for ABWA members is \$30, with guests \$35. Wine and mixed drinks will be available with a debit or credit card at the venue.

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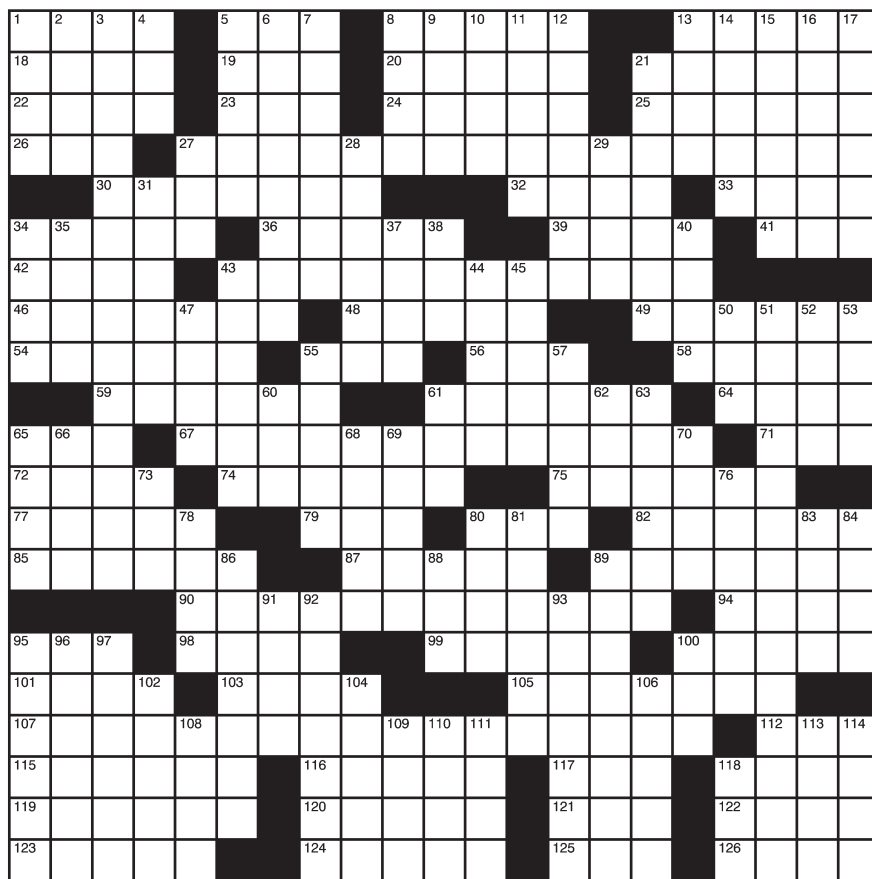
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Commissioner again lowers fees for concealed weapon license applications, renewals

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Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam has announced that the fee to apply for or renew a concealed weapon license was reduced by \$5 as of Saturday, July 1.

Commissioner Putnam worked with the Florida Legislature to save Florida consumers \$5 on application fees, down from \$60 to \$55, and renewal fees, down from \$50 to \$45. Active law enforcement officers, correctional officers and correctional probation officers can now obtain a new license for \$55 and renew their licenses for \$45.

"I'm a proud supporter of the Second Amendment and am dedicated to mak-

ing our concealed weapon license application and renewal process as convenient as possible," Commissioner Putnam said. "By reducing the concealed weapon license fee yet again, we can put the savings back in the pockets of Floridians."

This is the third time the commissioner has lowered concealed weapon license fees within the last five years, which has saved individuals \$20 when applying for or renewing a Florida concealed weapon license. Concealed weapon licenses are valid for seven years.

First-time applicants are required to provide fingerprints to the department to complete a background check. Initial licenses typically cost \$97, which

includes the fingerprint processing fee. Tax collectors are authorized to charge a convenience fee when applying for or renewing licenses at a local tax collector's office of \$22 and \$12, respectively.

In 2014, Commissioner Putnam helped develop a first-of-its-kind partnership that authorized tax collectors' offices to take fingerprints, photographs and accept applications on behalf of the department. Applications are still processed by the department.

Within the last year, the department has received nearly 450,000 concealed weapon applications, of which 120,000 have been received via tax collectors' offices.

Additionally, in July 2015, Commissioner Putnam announced that the

department is expediting concealed weapon license applications for all active military members and veterans. To date, nearly 81,000 active military members and veterans have received expedited concealed weapon licenses.

License holders can apply for or renew a concealed weapons license via mail, at 44 Tax Collectors' offices across the state or at one of the department's eight regional offices in the following locations: Doral, Fort Walton, Jacksonville, North Port, Orlando, Tallahassee, Tampa and West Palm Beach. Licenses can also be renewed online.

Visit FreshFromFlorida.com to learn how to apply for or renew a Florida concealed weapon license.

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the Poor walk/run and delivers Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to the neediest families.

St. Vincent de Paul ministered to the poor in Paris in the 17th Century. One of the largest charitable organizations in the world, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international, nonprofit, catholic lay organization of more than 800,000 people who voluntarily join to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in 150 countries. Headquartered in St. Louis, Mo., SVdP has a United States membership of more than 150,000 in 4,400 communities.

Queen of Queens named

Jazmyn Rayne Rosadio of Melbourne, daughter of Mary Kowker and Joey Rosadio and granddaughter of Carol Eppley of Palm Bay, won the Queen of Queens honor at the Florida State Finals Sunburst Baby Contest in Orlando recently.

For more information, visit www.sunburstbeauty.com.

Brevard Schools Foundation receives foundation grant

Brevard Schools Foundation has announced a \$20,000 grant from the Balda Family Foundation.

These funds will support Florida Pre-paid Scholarships for students in the Brevard Schools Foundation Take Stock in Children Program.

The Balda Family Foundation has been a long-time supporter of the Brevard Schools Foundation, and has donated more than \$150,000 that has been used to assist more than 40 Take Stock In Children students.

Take Stock in Children provides a unique opportunity for aspiring low-income, at-risk students to escape the cycle of poverty through education.

For more information, contact Sarah

Balda, sarah@baldafoundation.org or visit www.baldafoundation.org.

Eastern Florida Youth Golf Camp celebrates milestone year

Eastern Florida State College wrapped up its 25th Annual P.J. Wilson and Henry Scott Youth Golf Camp with special recognition for 10 young participants, including an award for one two-year EFSC scholarship recipient.

Eighty young golfers, family, friends and camp volunteers gathered on the Cocoa campus for the awards presentation.

The top honor, the two-year EFSC scholarship, went to rising high school senior Thomas Davidson, III, who has attended the camp for 10 years.

For years, the free camp was known as the Minority Golf Camp because of its efforts to reach out to minorities, but it's always been open to all young people.

All 80 participants were honored with certificates and had their photo taken with the camp's lead instructor Roosevelt Jackson.

Special recognition also was given to campers in three groups: Jackson's beginning golfers who have never played; instructor Isaac Johnson's intermediate golfers and EFSC Golf Coach Jaime Howell's group for experienced athletes.

Winners from Jackson's group were: Most improved: Braylen Spencer; Sportsmanship: Matthew Jenkins; Best Attitude: Breezy Kovac.

From Johnson's group: Most improved: Cathryn Cooper; Sportsmanship: Tommy Ross; Best Attitude: Michael Rodriguez.

From Howell's group: Most improved: Vachean Colclough; Sportsmanship: Isiah Bolton; Best Attitude: Nicholas Epler

Coach Howell also presented a special plaque to Dr. Joe Lee Smith, who's been involved with the camp for all 25 years and who's retiring from EFSC at the end of June after 47 years with the college in roles that have included campus provost and adviser to the president.

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The Open Championship, or as we Yanks call it, The British Open, is our sport’s oldest championship. The Claret Jug is probably our most recognizable and desired trophy. However, when the first Championship took place in 1860 at Prestwick, this wonderful trophy wasn’t even in the back of anyone’s mind.

The original prize was the Challenge Belt. Made of Moroccan leather and embellished with a silver buckle and emblems, it looked very much like something you would see worn by a huge, muscle-bound guy on a televised wrestling match instead of a golf championship.

The Earl of Eglinton, who was key in setting up The Open Championship, came up with the idea of a belt to christen the winner of golf’s championship. Since he had a keen interest in medieval pageantry, the belt made perfect sense to him. He sold the original Challenge Belt to the members of Prestwick Golf Club, hosts of the first Open.

The very first rule of the new competition was, “The party winning the belt shall always leave the belt with the treasurer of the club until he produces a guarantee to the satisfaction of the above committee that the belt shall be safely kept and laid on the table at the next meeting to compete for it until it becomes the property of the winner by being won three times in succession.”

GOLF
JAMES STAMMER



Apparently the club thought that the likelihood of anyone winning three successive championships and keeping the belt, thus leaving them with no real trophy for the winner, were pretty slim.

It didn’t take long for them to realize their folly. In 1870, just 10 years after The Open Championship began, Tom Morris Junior won his third consecutive Open and became owner of the belt.

In 1871, St. Andrews, Musselburgh and other clubs wished to join in hosting The Open and it was discussed that they should all chip in for the purchase of a new belt. No final decision was made and with four or more clubs planning to host The Open it was decided by the members of Prestwick that it was not expedient for them to provide a belt to be played for solely at their club. The resulting debate meant that there was no Open Championship in 1871.

The following year The Royal and Ancient Golf Club’s green committee decided to get together with the other clubs and revive the Championship with a view on also reviving the Championship Belt. They were authorized to contribute a sum not exceeding £15 toward the belt.

On September 11, 1872, an agreement was finally reached between the three clubs that were to host The Open - Prestwick,

the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers and The Royal and Ancient Golf Club. They decided that the winner would receive a medal and that each of the three clubs would contribute £10 toward the cost of a new trophy, which would be a silver claret jug. Instead of another belt, The Open Champion would now hoist proper trophy. Its name was to be “The Golf Champion Trophy”.

Unfortunately, these decisions came too late for the trophy to be presented to the 1872 Open Champion, who was once again Tom Morris Junior. Instead, he was awarded the first Gold Medal with the inscription “The Golf Champion Trophy”.

What is now referred to as the Claret Jug was made by MacKay Cunningham & Company of Edingurgh and was hall-marked 1873. The first Open Champion to hoist the new trophy was the 1873 winner, Tom Kidd. However, Tm Morris Junior’s name was the first to be engraved on it as the 1872 winner.

In 1920 all responsibility for The Open Championship was handed over to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club. Following the 1927 Open, which was won at St. Andrews by Bobby Jones, the club’s Championship Committee made the decision to retain the Claret Jug and in future years present the winner with a replica.



Unlike the Claret Jug, which must be returned in time for the next Championship, the Gold Medal is kept by the winner. The early medals were in fact silver gilt with an oval design showing crossed clubs and a shield with “Golf Champion Trophy” inscribed around the edge.

During the late 1880s and 1890s the medal underwent several changes. In 1893 the basic size and shape became the circular design we see to this day. Up until 1929, the value of the medal, £10 until 1919 and £25 thereafter, was deducted from the winner’s purse. Since 1930, no winner has had to “pay” for his medal. Somehow, I doubt today’s winner would mind.

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

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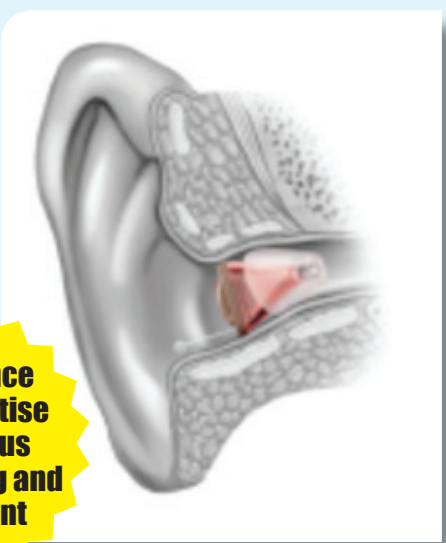
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