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• **Healthy Aging Expo:** The Boomers and Seniors Healthy Aging Expo will be Friday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Melbourne Oceanfront, 2605 N. Highway A1A, Indialantic.

Health, finance, lifestyle, travel and wellness will be featured.

For more information, call (321) 773-1454.

• **Events at the Sun-tree/Viera Public Library:** The library is at 902 Jordan Blass Drive, Viera. The events are:

• Friday, May 2: 9:30 a.m. to noon – The Brevard Antiques & Collectibles group will meet. This month's feature is Lighting & Illumination.

• Monday, May 5: 9 a.m. to noon – The Sun-tree Garden Club meets.

• Wednesdays, May 7 and 21: 1-3 p.m. – Sit-n-Stitch Group. If you crochet, knit, cross stitch or embroider, or would like to learn, bring your current project, and join in.

• Thursday, May 8: The Neighbors Book Club will meet and discuss "The Round House" by Louise Erdrich.

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Local girl's 'Wish' comes true

By Amanda Hatfield Anderson
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MELBOURNE — When Kylie Jones of Cocoa was diagnosed with Leukemia at 2 years old, she was asked by the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Northern Florida what she would want the most.

Three years later, at the tender age of 5, Kylie knew what she wanted — a camper.

"Kylie thought about asking for a trip, but she wanted something she could do over and over again," said Misty Jones, Kylie's mother.

Although Kylie had only been camping in tents, Mrs. Jones said her daughter has always been enamored with campers.

"My son, Benjamin, had the Goofy camping movie. After she watched that movie, she loved campers," Mrs. Jones said.

On Saturday, April 19, after nearly five years of waiting, Kylie was surprised with the one thing she has wanted for so long — a 2014 non-motorized camper of her very own.

Together with Make-A-Wish, Giant Recreation World in Melbourne helped to make Kylie's wish come true.

"Giant Recreation World in Melbourne assisted Make-A-Wish Central and Northern Florida with a similar wish back in 2012," said

Christina Alfieri, wish coordinator. "We greatly appreciate the support they have provided to help us fulfill such a unique wish request."

Ms. Alfieri said that after determining a child's medical eligibility, a volunteer Wish Team visits the child and family to determine the child's wish. The chapter then approves the wish and the team gets to work creating the magic.

"All of the foundation's funding comes from private donations — individual and business donations, foundation grants, memorials, gifts-in-kind, events organized by the chapter and events hosted on behalf of the foundation by clubs, schools and service organizations," Ms. Alfieri said.

"When Kylie was interviewed by Make-A-Wish, she showed them the exact camper she wanted," Mrs. Jones said.

Kylie, who is a true outdoorsy girl, was absolutely astonished when she was surprised with her very own camper.

The fifth-grade student, who is currently in remission, was joined by her mother, father, brother and representatives from Make-A-Wish and Giant Recreation World.

"We have found that many families see the wish as a 'reboot' to their

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Scout skills



Photo by Paul Lepinskie

Girl Scout Troops 91 and 747 from West Melbourne gathered for a photography class, taught by *Hometown News'* own Paul Lepinskie at Southern Photo in Melbourne Friday, April 25. Pictured are Ashley Meeker, 10, Ashley Doherty, 10, Nikole Gesualdo, 10, Rylee Hadcock, 10, and Karina Garrido, 9, of Troop 91 and Samantha Walsh, 9, Reagan Marcy, 10, Haley Potts, 10, and Ana Maria Tea, 9, from Troop 747.

Friends gala to benefit no-kill animal sanctuary

By Chris Fish
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MELBOURNE — One local organization is hosting a gala this weekend to raise funding for a no-kill animal sanctuary.

The Friends for Animals Sanctuary's "A Night for Paws Dinner and Auction" will be on Saturday, May 3 from 6-10 p.m. at

the Crowne Plaza Melbourne Oceanfront in Indialantic.

The event will feature raffles, a silent auction, and guest speaker Dr. Jeffrey Godwin from Animal Medical Clinic in Melbourne.

"The Friends for Animals Sanctuary will help rescue, rehabilitate and house many diversified domestic animals, not just cats, dogs and rabbits," said Kathy

Bean, a spokeswoman for the organization. "All domestic animals will be welcomed (at the sanctuary), including goats, ferrets (and) gerbils, with the goal to find permanent homes for any that can be adopted."

Raffle baskets at the event will include hotel stays, a Mexican-resort package,

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Wish

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lives,” Ms. Alfieri said. “Difficult times that are full of doctor appointments, hospital visits, treatments and more are often forgotten, for a little while, and new memories of fun and laughter are created.”

“Kylie has been through so much at such a young age.

Even though she’s in remission, she has osteoporosis and is about to undergo testing on her heart,” Mrs. Jones said. “We are so excited for her to receive such a tremendous gift and to continue to make new, awesome memories together as a family.”

For more information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation, visit www.WishCentral.org.



Kylie Jones, 10, of Cocoa is joined by her family, friends and representatives from Make-A-Wish Foundation and Giant Recreation World of Melbourne, as she received a non-motorized camper from the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Kylie, who is current in remission with Leukemia, loves fishing, camping and spending time outdoors.

Photo courtesy of Terry Hart

Gala

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jewelry, Total-Wine wine tasting, tickets to Manatees games, Disney tickets and golf packages.

Title sponsor Petco will also donate take-home gift bags for each guest.

Ms. Bean said she is expecting nearly 300 people to attend the event. Last year’s gala raised \$13,000.

“We have a very small army of incredibly dedicated volunteers and board members, who work behind the scenes with little credit,” Ms. Bean said. “I want to thank all of them. Last year was our first Gala,

and I didn’t know quite what to expect. It exceeded all of my expectations and was the best gala I’ve ever attended. Everyone had a great time, enjoyed all the raffle times and silent auctions, and dinner was superb.”

Tickets are \$50 a person. An open bar will be available from 6-8 p.m.

The Friends for Animals Sanctuary

“A Night for Paws Dinner and Auction” will be on Saturday, May 3, from 6-10 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Melbourne Oceanfront, located at 2605 Highway A1A in Indialantic.

Tickets can be purchased at www.FFAs.co/Galainfo.

For more information, call (321) 960-8812.

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• Friday, May 9: 3:30-4:30 p.m. – Read to a Dog program for beginning readers. Practice your reading skills on non-judgmental dogs. Registration at the Youth Services desk is required. This is for children only.

• Friday, May 9 and 23: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – The TGIF Piecemakers will meet. If you are interested in quilting, come,

and join in.

• Saturday, May 10: 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Do you enjoy working with polymer clay? Join the Space Coast Polymer Clay group.

• Monday, May 12, 6:30-7:45 p.m. – Suntree/Viera Library’s new book club, Books Are Better Book Club, will discuss “Serena” by Ron Rash in the Conference Room.

• Tuesday, May 13, 1:30-2:30 p.m. – The Suntree/Viera Library Advisory Board will meet in the Conference

Room.

• Wednesday, May 14, 12:30-3:30 p.m. – The Wednesday Group Art Club will meet for discussion.

• Friday, May 16, 3:30-4:30 p.m. – Freebuilding. Join in for free playtime with popular building blocks. (Blocks provided). Ages 5-10 years.

• Tuesday, May 20, 3-5 p.m. – Friends of the Suntree/Viera Library will have its monthly meeting. Membership begins at \$5.

• Thursday, May 22, 4:30-5:45 p.m.

Young Authors Group will meet. Join the introduction to creative writing program. Ages 9-16 years.

• Tuesday, May 27, Registration for Children’s Summer Reading Program begins.

• Wednesday, May 28, 10 a.m. to noon – Suntree/Viera Library Book Club will discuss “And the Mountains Echoed” by Khaled Hosseini.

• Tuesdays and Thursday Story Time is cancelled until June 2. Wednesdays Story Time is cancelled until September.

For more information, call (321) 255-4404.

• ‘Lighting and Illumination:’ The Brevard Antiques and Collectibles Club will hold its monthly meeting at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 2 at the Suntree/Viera Public Library, 902 Jordan Blass Drive, Viera.

The subject will be “Lighting and Illumination.” Please bring one item for study and discussion.

For additional information, call George at (321) 254-5831 or Melinda at (321) 777-1374.

The group is open to anyone having an interest in learning about antiques and collectibles.

• Programs at the library: The Eau Gallie Public Library will present the

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Grant to further develop computer, technology programs

By Amanda Hatfield Anderson
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MELBOURNE — Eastern Florida State College is the recent beneficiary of a \$1.5 million grant, helping to launch new computer information technology programs at the college, while creating a state-of-the-art cybersecurity lab, helping to improve student and workforce training.

On Tuesday, April 22, EFSC announced that the cybersecurity lab, which will be located on the Palm Bay campus this fall, will be a major addition to the Associate in Science degree program in Cybersecurity, which the college began in 2013 to help meet the rapidly increasing need for expertise in the field.

The \$1.5 million grant, which the college received last year from the U.S. Department of Labor, was part of a national initiative to develop and expand innovative educational pro-

grams.

“We provided information on the new computer technology programs the college is offering that are allowing students to attain bachelor’s degrees and associate’s degrees in the field, and how those programs are creating jobs in fast-growth career fields, as Brevard County continues its economic recovery in the post-recession, post-space shuttle era,” said John J. Glisch, associate vice president of communication at EFSC.

The cybersecurity program at EFSC is just one of three specializations available as part of the Networking Services Technology A.S. degree.

The new lab will allow students and faculty to closely interact on ways to prevent hacking — the digital plague that has harmed individuals, businesses, corporations and government agencies across the globe.

David Shedrow, a computer science instructor at the college, said that

cybersecurity is a fast-growing area that will offer a plethora of jobs to those, who have the proper knowledge and educational training.

“We’re hoping to build strong relationships with Brevard companies,” Mr. Shedrow said in a press release. “If we have a good pool of students coming out of our program, hopefully they can get their foot in the door and get hired.”

Mr. Shedrow said the program could help attract students to the field, as well as experienced workers from local companies, such as Harris Corporation, Northrup Grumman, Lockheed Martin and Raytheon, all of which require annual cybersecurity training. It may also attract others, such as displaced NASA workers, unemployed or underemployed technology workers or technology professionals, interested in changing careers.

Brevard County’s local job market, as well as the regional job market, will

be especially promising for students, who complete the cybersecurity program, because companies, such as the ones named above, are major defense contractors and work on Pentagon project, in which cybersecurity is of the utmost importance.

“This is a state-of-the-art facility that reflects the college’s rapid advancement in offering more educational opportunities to students, with 22 new programs, launched in the past two years, with a strong focus on business, health care and computer information technologies,” Mr. Glisch said.

The remainder of the federal grant monies will help get three new bachelor’s degree programs in Computer Information Systems Technologies off the ground in August 2014.

For more information about the cybersecurity program and lab project, contact David Shedrow at (321) 433-5356 or Stephen Taylor at (321) 433-5363.

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following programs:

- Master Gardeners: 2-4 p.m. Fridays
- Monday with Friends Program: 7 p.m. Monday, May 5
- ‘Life Of Pie’ discussion: The Second Friday Book Group: 10 a.m. Friday, May 9

• Preschool Storytime: 11 a.m., Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15 and 29 (no Storytime on May 22)

- Lego Club: 3 p.m., Tuesday, May 27
- Summer Reading Club sing up: Join the Reading Club. Registration begins Saturday, May 31

The library is at 1521 Pineapple Ave., Melbourne.

Call (321) 255-4304 for more information.

• Lights out for sea turtles: May 1 through Oct. 31 are the dates.

Nesting sea turtles have returned to the barrier island to nest.

Beach fires and flashlights are not permitted. They will disorientate the nesting females and hatchling sea turtles.

For more information, call the Barrier Island Center at (321) 723-3556 or visit www.barrierislandcenter.com.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

• Kids fishing contest: The Merritt Island Elks Lodge No. 2650 Seventh Annual Spring Kids Fishing Contest will be from 7:30-11 a.m., Saturday, May 3 at Rodney Ketcham Park, at the west end of the port, Port Canaveral.

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Electric vehicle charging station opens at City Hall

By Chris Fish
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MELBOURNE — An electric vehicle charging station, located in the parking lot of the Melbourne City Hall, is now open to the public, officials said.

The new station, which officially opened on Earth Day, is a Level Three, 480-volt, direct current fast charger, which is compatible with vehicles capable of accepting a Level Three charge, including Nissan LEAF, Mitsubishi I MiEV and Tesla.

“By installing this state-of-the-art

electric car charging station, the city is showcasing its commitment to sustainability and to the forward progress of alternative fuel usage for its residents,” said Julie Foster, sustainability program manager for the city of Melbourne.

This is the second charging station to be installed within the city of Melbourne. The first was a dual Level Two station that was installed in April 2013 at the Eau Gallie Library.

The station was donated by a donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, a spokesperson for the city of Melbourne said.

Installation costs for the charger were less than \$10,000, which the city paid for.

On average, 80 percent of a battery can be charged within 20 minutes at a Level Three station.

The Melbourne City Hall station is the first Level Three station in Brevard County, according to *ChargePoint.com*



Melbourne resident Mike Hoffman was the first to test the new electric car charging station, opened at Melbourne City Hall in April, as Melbourne city officials looked on.

Photo courtesy of the city of Melbourne

and *PlugShare.com*.

The cost to charge is \$0.13 per kWh. Drivers can pay with a credit card or through a smart phone application, available through *ChargePoint.com*.

A city of Melbourne spokesperson said that the city aims to add one public station each year. Future stations will

also be located near “activities of interest.”

A spokesperson said that the city will “continue to apply for funding from granting organizations and other sources to fund new stations.”

For more information, visit www.melbourneflorida.org.



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Prizes, in each age class, will be: Longest Fish, Most Species and Most Fish.

Fish must be of legal size to compete. Release appreciated.

There will be free hot dogs and drinks.

The event is free. Bring your fishing poles; live shrimp bait will be provided. For more information, contact Nick Skibba at (321) 458-4626.

• **America's boating class registration deadline:** The Banana River Sail and Power Squadron will offer the popular Basic Boating Class – ABC 3 – the first week in May.

This is an excellent way to both learn about safe boating and earn your Florida Boating Safety ID card. This card is required for operation of a vessel if

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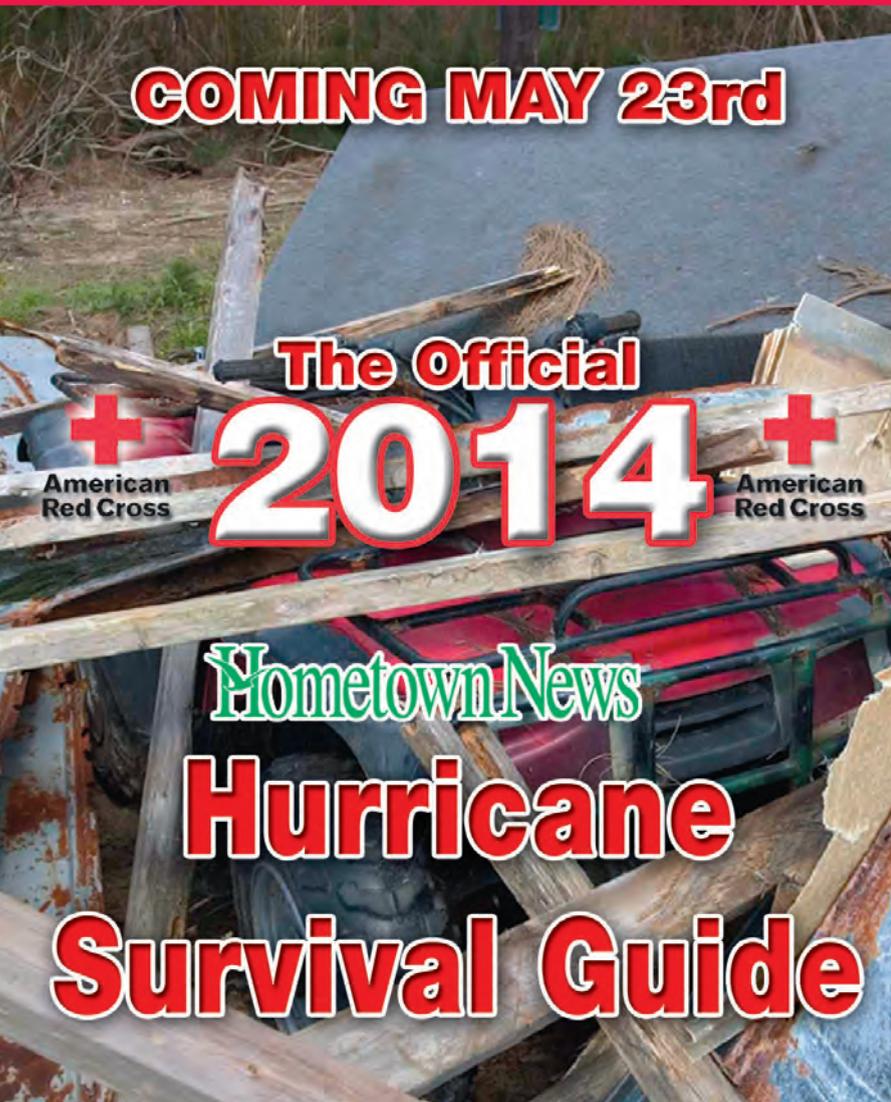
The class will be Saturday, May 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the West Marine store, at 1001 W. New Haven Ave., (U.S. 192 and Dairy Road), West Melbourne.

Examination, review and test will be Wednesday, May 7 at 6 p.m.

Class is limited to 18 students. Bring your lunch. Refreshments will be served.

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Police Report

Editor's note: This is a list of arrests, not convictions, and all arrestees are presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty in a court of law.

Melbourne Police Department

- Spencer Isreal Hulse, 29, address unknown, was charged April 18 with disorderly conduct, simple assault-threatening violence, simple assault on an officer/firefighter/EMT, resisting arrest with violence, resisting arrest without violence, depriving police of means of protection and felony battery on an officer/firefighter/EMT.
- Curtis Lee Holmes, 47, address unknown, was charged April 19 with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana and failure to appear.
- Ross M. Clouse, 36, of 414 Palmetto Ave., Melbourne, was charged April 20 with unarmed burglary of an occupied dwelling and possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana.
- Antron D. Harvey, 24, of 325 University Blvd., Melbourne, was charged April 20 with lewd/lascivious behavior and exposure of sexual organs.
- Faheen Jamal Williams, 24, of 2906 Colbert Circle, Melbourne, was charged April 20 with felony battery by strangulation-domestic violence.
- Devin C. Parker, 21, of 1520 Seneca

Drive, Melbourne, was charged April 21 with unarmed burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, larceny and possession of burglary tools with intent to use.

- Kyle D. Parker, 24, of 1530 Seneca Drive, Melbourne, was charged April 21 with unarmed burglary of an occupied dwelling, grand larceny and felony on-site violation of probation.
- Robert J. Milne, 58, of 1532 Caribbean Drive, Melbourne, was charged April 22 with felony battery on a person 65 years old or older.
- Robert Regis McConville, 30, of 618 Shady Lane, Melbourne, was charged April 23 with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- Todd Champagne, 52, of 3584 Sylvan Lane N., Melbourne, was charged April 24 with attempting to solicit/conspire and larceny of an anti-shoplifting device.

Palm Bay Police Department

- Patricia Leaann Remboski, 28, of 2615 Dairy Road, Melbourne, was charged April 20 with possession of drug paraphernalia and destroying/tampering with/fabricating evidence.
- Yolanda Felisha Smith, 25, of 715 University Blvd. E., Melbourne, was charged April 22 with resisting arrest with violence and felony battery on an officer/firefighter/EMT.

West Melbourne Police Department

- John Edward Jenkins, 28, of 107 Woodland Drive, West Melbourne, was charged April 22 with larceny, dealing in stolen property, fraud-giving false ownership information to pawn items and felony on-site violation of probation.

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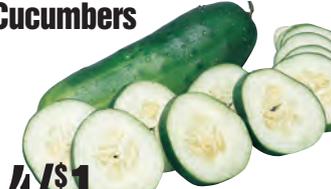
- Joshua James Gant, 40, of 908 Wisteria Drive, Melbourne, was charged April 18 with armed burglary of a dwelling/structure/conveyance and larceny.
- Demario Lamontra Gilmore, 21, address unknown, was charged April 18 with failure to appear, possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia and felony failure to appear.
- Justin Nicholas Lange, 24, address unknown, was charged April 18 with larceny and dealing in stolen property.
- Thomas Clifton Matheny, 43, of 1774 Blanch Ave., Melbourne, was charged April 18 with possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Brett Edward Gordon, 23, of 2322 Stone St., Melbourne, was charged April 19 with larceny and four counts of felony failure to appear.



- Alvin McGruder, 50, of 1415 Hickory St., Melbourne, was charged April 19 with elderly abuse, violation of probation, felony violation of probation and felony battery.
- Nathan Joseph Raulerson, 23, of 1442 Independence Drive, Melbourne, was charged April 19 with simple assault on an officer/firefighter/EMT and resisting arrest with violence.
- Joseph William Kearns, 40, of 4455 West New Haven Ave., West Melbourne, was charged April 20 with dealing in stolen property, fraud-giving false ownership information to pawn items and felony on-site violation of probation.
- Quailynn Roshay Bass, 25, of 958 Lytton Road, Melbourne, was charged April 23 with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Kaseem Cartell Simmons, 18, of 225 Bristol Lane, Melbourne, was charged April 23 with armed burglary of structure/conveyance and two counts of felony on-site violation of probation.
- Adam Lee Thompson, 32, address unknown, was charged April 23 with larceny.

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Rants & Raves

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Trouble with Florida bank

I own a home in Florida and also in New York.

I have had troubles with my tenant in New York, so I needed to take money from my bank in Florida and put it into another account here in New York.

I only have a savings account left in that bank in Florida; and today, they sent me a message, saying that if I have less than \$300, I will be charged a fee, which I believe is unfair.

They do have a bank here in New York that is associated with them, but they tell me that I cannot close that saving account unless I go to Florida.

Now, I have to go to court over what my tenant did to my home, so I am stuck here in New York with very bad weather.

What gets me is that I have been on the phone with this bank, and they never told me about this fee; and they knew what I have to deal with.

Why don't they tell their customers the whole story of their fees until the last minute? What kind of bank is this?

I am very sorry that I even opened an account with that bank in Florida.

Two plus two equals 5?

Readin', writin' and 'rithmetic seem

not to matter much in Brevard schools; and children's education is certainly not high on the priority list of politicians.

Some schools have already been closed, teachers dismissed or re-assigned. More closures and lay-offs loom.

Students must bring basic supplies from home, or hope for donations from community groups.

The school board is being forced to battle the funding shortfall with both hands tied behind its back. Well done, state and county elected 'leaders.'

This is happening in a county, whose elected officials, at all levels, have squandered more than \$100,000,000 on sand. That's right, sand, to "renourish" beaches – sand, much of which is already right back where it started, out at sea. What remains will likely join the rest when another Atlantic storm season arrives.

A \$100,000,000-plus worth of sand that benefits a handful of wealthy beachfront condo and hotel owners; sand, that experts have tried to tell these "leaders," will ultimately destroy the beach, because its composition differs entirely from the original beach sand.

What are these "leaders" thinking? Did any of them ever learn that Bible ditty about "the foolish man, who built his house upon the sand?"

I know of no school built on the beachfront. Score another one for the school board when it comes to common sense.

Most schools that remain open, while lacking teachers or supplies, boast a resident police officer. Tax dollars can only do one thing. Every tax dollar spent on a police officer for a school means a dollar that can't be spent on the school building, its young residents, its staff or its sup-

Ridin' the waves



Photo by Paul Lepinski

Corey Howell of Melbourne shows off his moves during the Crowd Control Air Contest, Sunday, April 20 at the Easter Surf Fest at Cocoa Beach. The contestants held onto a ski rope, attached to a small motor. The device powered the surfers through the water to see who could jump the highest.

plies. It is pretty basic math. It is math that most fourth grade students could handle, but it seems to confound elected 'leaders' at all levels.

Remedy instead the issues that have prompted this costly "solution" that is helping to bankrupt us.

Now, some want a new .5-percent sales tax increase.

We don't need a new tax. We need new leaders, real leaders, with a lot more common sense than most currently holding office.

Start right now to learn a lot about every candidate, who will seek your vote this fall. Look particularly closely at the records of those, who currently hold office. Do you really want them to continue?

You will get the government you deserve. If you settle for the status quo, you and your children will pay a high price.

Water bill 'rounded up'

I have noticed that every month when I get my bill from the city for water use, it is always an even amount.

Now what are the odds that I, or

anyone else, uses an even amount? I went and asked this question, and they told me that if I were to use 52 and one-half gallons, then they will charge me for 53 gallons, which is robbery. If I use 52 and one-half gallons, then I should be charged for that amount of water, and not more than what I use.

"We the People" should stand up and let them know that they cannot get away with this. They are putting more money in their pockets than what they need.

Rick Scott rate hikes

I find (Florida Gov.) Rick Scott's efforts to curb the proposed flood insurance rate hikes hypocritical in two ways.

First, he and his party claim to be champions on reducing federal spending; yet they want this program continuing as is, with an annual loss.

Second, and most importantly, where is his concern for the continued increases to the homeowner's policy rates we have been subjected to for the past 10 years?

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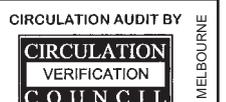
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Tips for staying safe in Brevard's waterways

With the incredible weather we've had lately, it's a signal that it's time to start heading back to the beach, pool and waterways.

As such, I would like to remind everyone of some simple ways to stay safe, while enjoying the wonderful aquatic opportunities that Brevard County offers us.

While there are so many areas to discuss about water safety, I would like to start the discussion by looking at how to stay safe, while boating, sailing or jet skiing.

Below is a quick list of things to keep in mind that can help make sure that both you and your family have an awesome experience, while enjoying the many recreational activities in our area:

1. One of the best ways to ensure a fun day is to make sure that all of your equipment is fully operational and well-maintained before you ever leave your home.

Most of our boats and other vessels have been sitting idle throughout the winter, so now is the time to check their operational status – not while out on the water.

Also, make sure that the trailer used to transport them is well-maintained, as well, so that you don't experience a



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breakdown along the way.

2. Make sure that all of your licensing, including registrations, is current and available if needed. No need to ruin a great day with the family because you didn't take care of licensing, prior to heading out.

3. Always wear your life jacket, or at a minimum, have them readily available. Unfortunately, we find many boaters during our safety checks have their "personal flotation devices" stored away in a compartment that they could never get to in a true emergency.

Not only is it important to have them immediately accessible, but please make sure you have practiced getting to them, and everyone on-board is familiar with the emergency process.

One minute of practice today can save your life tomorrow!

4. Always file a float plan!! Let someone know where you are plan-

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Hometown News **PET OF THE WEEK**

A 7-month-old kitten, 'Romeo' is the sweet and snuggly pet of Tanya Bennett of Merritt Island. Some of Romeo's favorite things to do are play fetch with his ball, run around the house like a mad cat with his two sisters and cuddle with his mommy.

Is your pet worthy of the spotlight?

Hometown News will be the judge of that.

We are asking our readers to submit photos of their beloved pets, as part of our "Pet of the Week" Contest. The winner for the week will have his or her pet displayed in our newspaper, while also being qualified to become the Hometown News "Pet of the Year!" Email a photo of your pet (one entry per owner) that is at least 1 MB in size to brevnews@hometownnewsol.com. Write "PET OF THE WEEK CONTEST" in the subject line, and in the body of the email, please include the following information:

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Business News

Brevard County agent honored

Gloria Yanes, an insurance agent with the Melbourne office of AmeriLife & Health Services insurance agency, was named to the prestigious President's Club of AmeriLife, the largest insurance marketing group in America.

Ms. Yanes, an agent with AmeriLife & Health Services of Brevard County, LLC, wrote \$306,561 in new business annualized insurance premiums in 2013.

Life and health insurance agents, who

write at least \$150,000 in premiums annually, qualify for AmeriLife's President's Club inclusion.

AmeriLife has 35 career agency affiliates in six Southeastern states.

Founded in 1971, Clearwater, Florida-based AmeriLife represents more than 30 national insurance carriers; has 16 individual marketing organizations; 35 career agency branch locations; and works with hundreds of thousands of independent insurance agents across the country.

For additional information about Gloria Yanes or the 1921 Alma Drive Mel-

bourne office, contact AmeriLife Administrative Assistant Kacey Whitlock at (321) 951-1111.

Consulting arborist company has new beginnings

Avalon StandsTall is announcing the beginning of the Tree Life group, which is a consulting group working with any issues that may arise in landscape areas.

Trees are the main focus, plus ornamentals. Avalon is a board certified

arborist, with a strong background in arboriculture study and practice in Brevard County.

Everything from visual diagnosis, insurance claims, appraisals and hazardous evaluations are done. There is also a battery of tests that can be done for more complex issues.

Michael McKinney of Rockledge has been trained to be the tree climber, inspector of very large trees.

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ning to go and about what time you expect to be back. That way, in case you don't return on time, searchers will have an area to start looking.

5. Make sure you have a VHF marine radio or cell phone, in case you have an emergency and need to call for help. Keep in mind that some areas will have very poor cellular service. Keep all of your electronic equipment

(especially cell phones) protected from water damage by containing them in waterproof packaging.

6. Make sure you have the basic first aid supplies on your boat and discuss emergency plans before they happen.

7. Make sure you check local weather, prior to departing on your trip, and then stay tuned to weather alerts in your area for approaching storms.

8. And lastly, please, never consume alcohol when operating vehicles or vessels of any type.

Make sure that there is always a

designated driver and also that everyone considers that being intoxicated can make water activities far more hazardous.

By following these rules everyone gets to have a great time, while limiting opportunities to get hurt.

Next month, we will continue to look at water safety by taking a look at what we can do to make sure our children are safe around the pool.

Wayne Ivey is the sheriff of Brevard County

Calendar

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Registration with payment is required

by Wednesday, April 30.

Register at www.BRSPS.org

For more information, call (321) 220-7775.

• Annual baby shower: The Florida Wildlife Hospital's Eighth Annual Baby

Shower, sponsored by the town of Palm Shores, will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 3 at Palm Shores Town Hall, 5030 Paul Hurtt Lane, Palm Shores

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Tails from the Vet



Dr. Michael Ponte

Summer is almost here! While I'm sure we're all looking forward to backyard BBQs and spending time at the beach, this season has a dangerous side too. With summer temperatures regularly reaching 90 degrees and Florida's notorious humidity, your furry little friend runs the risk of heatstroke. Signs of heatstroke may include panting, high fever, rapid heartbeat, vomiting, and collapsing. If heatstroke is suspected, call your veterinarian (or your local animal emergency clinic) without delay and ask for further instructions. Even with emergency care, heatstroke can be fatal. Prevention is the best way to keep your pet safe. Always provide your pet with plenty of water and shelter, limit strenuous exercise on hot days, and consider a summer shave down for animals with long hair. Finally, remember to NEVER leave your pet inside a parked car, even if you crack the windows or you'll just be gone for a minute. Even in mild weather, your car's interior can reach in excess of 120 degrees! Following these simple tips will reduce the risk of heatstroke and help you and your pet enjoy your summer together.

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Turtle Splash to benefit children with special needs

By Chris Fish
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BREVARD — For the 10th consecutive year, thousands of rubber sea turtles, dropped into a closed course in the Indian River Lagoon, will race to the finish line, as part of this year's Melbourne Beach Founders Day.

The 10th annual Turtle Splash will take place at Ryckman Park on Ocean Avenue in Melbourne Beach at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 3.

"The idea is quite simple," said Melbourne Beach resident Kristen Malfara, who created the event. "People everywhere can adopt our cute, little numbered plastic turtles in advance or at the event. They will 'splash' their way through our Noodle course to the finish line."

Mrs. Malfara said that the "adoptive" parents of the turtle that crosses the finish line first will win a grand prize of a seven-day Holland America Cruise for two.

Other prizes for top finishers include airline tickets, hotel stays, attraction tickets, bikes and jewelry, Ms. Malfara said.

Every dollar raised during Turtle Splash will be donated to the

M.O.R.G.A.N. Project, which stands for Making Opportunities Reality Granting Assistance Nationwide.

Mrs. Malfara and her husband, Robert, created the non-profit organization in 2001 in honor of their son, Morgan, who, as an infant, was diagnosed with leukodystrophy, a rare disease that causes degeneration of the white matter of the brain.

"The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project always puts the 'fun' in our fundraising activities and always encourages families with children to take part," Mrs. Malfara said. "This is our major annual fundraising event, and the proceeds go to our all-volunteer, quality-of-life support programs that we administer, including Morgan's Place, our one-of-a-kind, wireless therapeutic play center for children with special needs."

Turtle adoptions are priced at \$5. For five turtles, the price is \$20, or individuals can purchase 13 turtles for \$50 or 20 turtles for \$75.

"This is an all-day family-fun event, with something for every member of the family," Mrs. Malfara said. "Our Turtle Splash is just one component of the

Founders Day celebration, and our organization also organizes and runs the Children's Activity Center with an inflatable, giant water slide, slip and slide, bounce house and obstacle course."

Mrs. Malfara said a \$5 adoption fee also includes a wristband that allows children to play in the activities center all day during the Founders Day event.

Mrs. Malfara said she is looking for volunteers to help with the event.

The 10th annual Turtle Splash will take place at Ryckman Park on Ocean Avenue in Melbourne Beach at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 3.

Founders Day activities begin at 7:30 a.m. with the Bulldog Pineapple Run and end at 10 p.m. with a street party.

To adopt a turtle, visit www.turtlesplash.org or do so at the event.

To learn more about The M.O.R.G.A.N. Project and Morgan's Place, visit www.themorganproject.org or call (321) 506-2707.

For more information about Melbourne Beach Founders Day and a schedule of events, visit www.melbournebeachfl.org.



File art

Sharon Jeavons of Melbourne waits for the winning turtle to cross the finish line during a previous Turtle Splash event at Ryckman Park in Melbourne Beach. The numbered turtles raced for the finish line to earn prizes for their 'adopted' owners during the M.O.R.G.A.N. Project fundraiser. This year's event is scheduled for May 3 during Melbourne Beach Founders Day.

Opportunity Knocks

<p>Cape Canaveral - 2Bed/1.5Bath 1,023 sqft Purchased in 2004 for \$280K</p>  <p>County Appraiser Value: \$112K</p>	<p>W. Melbourne - 4Beds/2.5Baths 2,223 sqft Purchased in 2008 for \$221K</p>  <p>County Appraiser Value: \$122K</p>
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Buying property before a foreclosure sale



Question: Can I buy a property that is in foreclosure directly from the bank before a foreclosure sale?

AnsWER: No. The property owner continues to own the property after defaulting on the payments and during a foreclosure case. The bank has a lien on the property before and during a foreclosure case, but is not the owner. Even after a foreclosure judgment is entered in favor of the bank, the property owner continues to own the property. The property owner has a right to redeem the property and get the lien released by paying off the entire debt all the way up to the date of the judicial sale. Even after the judicial sale, the bank still does not own the property. There is a statutory ten day period for any interested party to object to the sale. Once that ten day period expires with no objections, then the clerk of court can issue a certificate of title to the bank (this sometimes takes up to thirty days). The bank does not become the owner, and cannot sell the property, until it receives this certificate of title.

Anyone who wants to buy a property that is in foreclosure before the certificate of title is issued must deal directly with the property owner. This is very common, and if the owner owes more than what the property is worth, this is called a "short sale." Short sales require the bank's approval, and the buyer must be prepared to wait a long time for the bank to approve the short sale request. Those who do not want to enter into a contract with the current owner can bid on properties at a foreclosure sale.

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Kidney walk spreads hope, sense of community

By Chris Fish
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BREVARD — Congressman Bill Posey (R-Rockledge) announced that he will be in attendance at this year's Foot Prints in the Sand Kidney Walk, an event that draws thousands to the Space Coast area each year.

"It's an honor to again take part in this year's Kidney Walk," the congressman said.

The walk will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 10, at the Cocoa Beach Pier.

"The National Kidney Foundation of Florida currently puts on seven walks across the state of Florida," said Savanna Pitard, regional development manager for the National Kidney Foundation. "The Cocoa Beach Kidney Walk is our only beach walk. It gives us an opportunity to educate people about the importance of organ donation and to thank any living donors and their families."

Congressman Posey said he hopes to draw attention to "high cost" of medications, covered under Medicare for individuals, who have received kidney transplants.

"One of the many challenges that organ transplant recipients face is the high cost of immunosuppressive medications, which help the body adjust to new donor organs," he said. "Currently, Medicare covers the cost of kidney transplant surgeries, but only temporarily covers the

cost of medications, which are needed to prevent rejection. After three years, coverage is cancelled. That just defies common sense, and I've cosponsored legislation to fix this problem (H.R. 1428), which will ultimately save lives and Medicare resources."

According to *Medicare.gov*, Medicare coverage will end 12 months after the month when dialysis treatments stop or 36 months after the month of a kidney transplant.

However, Medicare coverage will be extended if dialysis is started again; or a kidney transplant happens within 12 months after the month when dialysis stopped; or if dialysis starts or another transplant takes place within 36 months after the month of the original transplant, the website states.

Dialysis is a treatment that cleans the blood when the kidneys stop working, ridding harmful waste, extra salt and fluids that build in the body. It also controls blood pressure and helps the body keep the right amount of fluids.

The walk, which was created by local surfing legend, the late Rich Salick, will begin with a "Circle of Life" paddle-out, followed by a Zumba class on the beach to warm-up for the 5K, noncompetitive walk.

The day's events will conclude with a "Sand Castles of Hope" contest for children of all ages.

"The Cocoa Beach Foot Prints in the Sand Kidney Walk is a revival for the



Photo courtesy of Savanna Pitard

A giant footprint was left behind at the Cocoa Beach Pier during last year's Footprints in the Sand beach walk fundraiser, sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation of Florida. The third annual walk is set for May 10.

many of us, who have been given a second chance," said Bill Hahn, walk chairman and kidney transplant recipient. "It's a special event that brings together friends living in our community with organ donors and recipients to meet on the beach to share stories about the gift of life. I hope folks will join us to walk the walk, make (their) mark and save a

life." The Foot Prints in the Sand Kidney Walk will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 10, at the Cocoa Beach Pier. The paddle-out and registration both begin at 8:30 a.m.

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Meerkats continue to entertain Brevard Zoo attendees

By Chris Fish

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BREVARD — At the Brevard Zoo, a group of children, with exhausted parents rushing behind them, gather outside an exhibit.

They shout excitedly, pointing and screaming at the Zoo's newest \$500,000 attraction: a group of seven meerkats from South Africa.

"I've never seen a meerkat exhibit as big, as interactive and as beautiful as this," said Sebastian Carcano, zookeeper for the "Africa" portion of the Brevard Zoo. "It really is state-of-the-art, with incredible content for anyone wanting to see a good example of meerkats."

Since March, these seven meerkats, and "Nelson," a dik-dik, have entranced Brevard County residents, organizers said.

A dik-dik is a small antelope that lives in the bush-lands of eastern and southern Africa.

"I think that their appeal and why there are so many (television) shows about them is that people identify with them," Mr. Carcano said. "It has a lot

do with their social structure; it's very much a family, and you watch them interact. They're very entertaining animals to watch, and kids identify with that."

For nearly the past month, the animals have done everything together: when one stands on its hind legs, they all do, looking into the distance together at some unknown.

When one jumps playfully on another, they all join, wrestling each other to the ground, as "Nelson" observes from a corner, nervously watching his fellow exhibit-mates.

"Dik diks are skittish animals and they are not necessarily found in the same areas as meerkats in the wild," Mr. Carcano said. "So far, their interactions have been interesting. The meerkats allow him to explore."

While meerkats are insectivores in nature, Mr. Carcano said that employees are not always able to feed them scorpions and spiders. Instead, the zoo gives them a diet, primarily of crickets.

When Mr. Carcano enters the exhibit with a bucket-full of crickets, the meerkats all swarm to him, with one resting its front paws on his knee, look-

ing up at him playfully, as he feeds them.

"(I can't believe) how active they are," he said. "I thought it was editing on TV's part."

The meerkats burrow beneath the ground in their exhibits, creating tunnels as they would in the wild.

"They are burrowing animals," Mr. Carcano said. "They can have anywhere from 50 to 60 different entrances and exits (in the wild) that lead to (underground) dens."

Leesa Whittlef, platform area manager for the "Africa" portion of the zoo, said the Zoo is in the process of breeding the animals, but whether or not the new meerkats will stay at the Brevard exhibit remains to be seen.

"Learning about all of their breeding behavior was very interesting and surprising for me," she said. "(I enjoy) learning about how they work within a social structure."

Once feeding time is over, a meerkat scales the glass of its exhibit and comes face to face with a smiling child, and they look at one another through the glass.

The Brevard Zoo is located at 8225 N.



Photo courtesy of Leanne Watkins
The meerkat exhibit at Brevard Zoo continues to entertain guests since opening in March.

Wickham Road in Melbourne.
For more information, call (321) 254-9453.

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(1/2 mile south of the Pineda Causeway, on the west side of U.S. Highway 1).

Due to state and federal laws, the wildlife babies are unable to attend the shower.

• **Annual Blessing of the Fleet:** The 2014 Blessing of the Fleet on May 3 at 11 a.m., will be a three-squadron blessing, consisting of the Banana River,

Cocoa Beach and Titusville's Sail and Power Squadrons.

Brevard County's boating community is invited to participate in this event. Come and have your boat blessed for a trouble-free boating season.

Boats will meet at the Indian River by

the park where they will line up, tune VHF radios to Channel 71 and wait for instructions. There will be a lead boat to follow through the ceremony.

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For information about the United States Power Squadron, the largest boating organization in the world, call (321) 220-7775 or visit WWW.USPS.ORG.

• **'Let's Go Birding':** Stroll about with a park ranger, while looking at and learning about birds at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 3 at Sebastian Inlet State Park, 9700 S. Highway A1A, Melbourne Beach.

Meet at the Sebastian Fishing Museum.

For more information, visit www.floridastateparks.org/sebastianinlet.

• **The Kentucky Derby party 'Run for the Roses':** This event will be from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, May 3 at the Historic Pritchard House, 424 S. Washington

Ave., Titusville.

A cash bar will offer the signature drink of the Kentucky Derby, mint juleps; and Tennessee Lemonade, made with lemon juice from lemons grown on the property. Mojitos and wine will also be available.

Silent auction items will be:

• An engraved brass bridle worn by "Secretariat," displayed in a shadow box, and

• Horseshoe, worn by "Musket Man," who placed third in the 2009 Kentucky Derby, both items being donated by Gillespie Racing Stables of Florida and Kentucky.

A fancy hat contest will be held, so ladies, wear your fanciest hat.

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• **Annual Caring Hearts Benefit:** Cancer Care Centers of Brevard Foundation will present a benefit Saturday, May 3 from 5-8 p.m. at the home of Ed and Jeanne Andre', 3800 N. Riverside Drive, Indialantic.

All proceeds go to benefit cancer patients and their families in Brevard and Indian River counties.

For more information, contact Marta Fiol at Cancer Care Centers of Brevard Foundation, Inc., at mfiol@cccfounda-

tioninc.org or (321) 426-5145.

• **Helping the animals:** Friends for Animals Sanctuary is having its Second Annual "A Night for Paws" dinner and auction fundraiser on May 3 from 6-10 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Oceanfront on Highway A1A in Indialantic.

The sanctuary's mission is to build a no-kill domestic animal sanctuary here in Brevard County.

Tickets are \$50 each and include dinner. They can be purchased at the Sanctuary Thrift Shoppe at 5000 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne, (next to Fujiyama's).

Sponsors and donations for creating great raffle baskets are still being accepted.

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Carmen Mathews at (321) 960-8812.

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• **Troops supporting troops this Mother's Day:** Girl Scout Troops have teamed up to support female United States' troops serving overseas.

The girls are raising money to purchase "Freedom Feet" kits to be shipped to female soldiers just in time for Mother's Day.

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Hearing center keeps its business local, individualized

By Amanda Hatfield Anderson
Staff writer

INDIAN HARBOUR BEACH -- For more than 30 years, Dan Talarico has been giving the gift of better hearing to his clients.

"A friend of mine was a Beltone dealer back home, and he called me up out of the clear blue to see if I wanted to try my hand at it," said Mr. Talarico, a Satellite Beach resident.

My background was in chemistry and biology, and I had no inclination to go into sales or business."

What started out as a possible short-term experiment turned into a long-term profession, that has been satisfying, with non-stop evolution in technology.

In 1989, Mr. Talarico opened Riverwalk Hearing Center in Sebastian, then opened the Indian Harbour Beach location in 1998. He later sold his Sebastian location in 2003.

"Most of what we deal with at Riverwalk Hearing Center are people with sensori-neural hearing loss, commonly known as nerve deafness," Mr. Talarico said. "This type of loss is usually caused by prolonged exposure to loud noise, heredity or sickness. Some of the newer medications on the market can also affect a person's hearing."

While nerve deafness cannot be taken care of surgically or medically, hearing aids are the only remedy; however, they do not restore hearing.

"They only accommodate the hearing you still have," Mr. Talarico added.

Riverwalk Hearing Center also deals with those who have conductive hearing loss, which occurs when a person suffers some sort of trauma.

Mr. Talarico explained that this condition may be repaired surgically, but if a person does not want to go through the surgical procedure, then they can be helped with hearing aids.

"When I first got into the hearing aid business, we only had analog hearing aids, which were basically sound amplifiers," Mr. Talarico said. "For the most part, they amplified everything and background noise was a real problem."

He added that if someone had high frequency loss, the hearing aids would still amplify the low frequencies, where the majority of background noise occurs, while the louder sounds were amplified even louder.

"In the early 1990s, we brought out analog digitally programmable hearing aids, which allowed us to somewhat shape the hearing aids' response to the person's loss," Mr. Talarico said.

These hearing aids were still analog, which continued to bring in too much unwanted, non-verbal background noise.

"Finally, in 1998, the manufacturers brought out true digital hearing aids," Mr. Talarico said. The first few generations were a big improvement, but there was still room for improvement with background noise."

The hearing aid models that have been available since 2010 are by far the best yet, in Mr. Talarico's opinion.

The technology has expanded the frequency range, allowing those, who have worn hearing aids for years, to hear so much more than before. Mr. Talarico said that this advancement is extremely beneficial for those who have a problem hearing female and children's voices, television and music.

When a client comes to Riverwalk Hearing Center, Mr. Talarico first gives them a hearing test. Based on the results, he then goes through which hearing aid models are adequate for the consumer.

Buying hearing aids is similar to buying a car; hearing aid manufactures have four to six levels of technology, just as auto makers have multiple levels.

"We try to fit a person according to their social interactions, as well as their budget," Mr. Talarico said. "If someone isn't that active, they do not need to purchase more expensive hearing aids, which are geared toward reducing more background noise."

The two hearing aid companies Mr. Talarico prefers to work with are Phonak and Oticon.

"There is so much to do when it comes to programming the digital hearing aids," Mr. Talarico said. "If you try to work with several companies, you just can't do the job right."

Mr. Talarico said he has selected Phonak and Oticon because he believes they are continuously updating technology, keeping them at the forefront of the industry.

One of the most profound advances, as of late, has been the use of FM-enabled technology in hearing aids.

"It allows people to change the volume and the programming within the hearing aid, and when it's connected to Bluetooth and the phone rings, the patient can press a button on the remote and just start talking," he said. "The signal is going right through their hearing aids, amplifying all of the frequencies to the way they are supposed to be."

Mr. Talarico added that the FM-enabled hearing aids can even be hooked up to a TV.

"I went over to a woman's house to set her

hearing aid to her television, and as she went room-to-room, she could still hear the TV," he said. "When I got ready to leave, we were out in her driveway and she started laughing, all because she could still hear the television."



Staff photo by Amanda Hatfield Anderson

Dan Talarico, owner of Riverwalk Hearing Center, has been outfitting patients with hearing aids for nearly 30 years.

Another interesting advancement in hearing aids is the clip-on microphone. These enable a single speaker, wearing the microphone, to be heard as far as 45 feet away by the person wearing the hearing aid.

"Phonak is working with people, who have Tinnitus, or ringing in the ears," Mr. Talarico said. "There is programming in the hearing aid that allows us to deal with that. Just like the common cold, we know about Tinnitus, but we don't know how to fix it completely."

While very few insurance companies help to take care of hearing aid expenses, Mr. Talarico recognizes the importance of working with his customers to get them exactly what they need.

"People are sometimes hesitant to get a hearing aid because of bad experiences others may have had or because of cost, but I have offered full refunds for 25 years to those, who weren't happy with their hearing aids," he said. "People will go back and tell their friends about the refund, and I can't look at it as losing a customer, but gaining several."

With the many changes in the hearing aid industry, Mr. Talarico joked that he is worried the technology will eventually be out of his grasp; however, he is certain about one thing.

"The most rewarding part of my job is watching customers be able to hear," he said. "The great thing about the new stuff on the market, even if my clients have worn hearing aids before, is that they are astonished by how well they can hear when they get the newer hearing aids."

Riverwalk Hearing Center is located at 728 E. Eau Gallie Blvd., Indian Harbour Beach.

Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays by appointment only.

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Florida-based delicatessen serves delicious, traditional fare for all tastes

By Amanda Hatfield Anderson
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MELBOURNE — Tucked into the corner of the Melbourne Square Mall is one of Brevard's best kept secrets.

TooJay's Gourmet Deli is a New York-styled delicatessen, restaurant and bakery — all rolled into one — and offers premium sliced deli meats, freshly baked breads and pastries, as well as an eclectic variety of traditional favorites, sure to please every member of the family.

The Melbourne location, which opened in October 2009, is now celebrating its fifth year of operation, joining a group of 23 other TooJay's Gourmet Delis across the state of Florida.

General Manager George Schehl has been with TooJay's Melbourne storefront since day one.

"I did training in Orlando and came to Melbourne as

the assistant manager, working my way up to the head of the team as general manager," Mr. Schehl said.

For many people, who are unfamiliar with TooJay's, the perception is a deli with a counter and a few tables, but TooJay's is truly much more than that.

"We're very unique in that we have the deli aspect of our business, but we are also a full-service restaurant, a bakery and do a brisk take-out, catering and delivery business," Mr. Schehl said. "There aren't many places out there that do all of what we do. We train our staff to handle multiple aspects within the business."

Catering for both small and large parties, as well as business-related events play an important role at TooJay's, accounting for roughly 15 percent of the company's

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Staff Photo by Amanda Hatfield Anderson

TooJay's Gourmet Deli General Manager George Schehl welcomes folks from all around Brevard County to try the unique and delicious food his restaurant has to offer. From freshly-sliced deli meats to mouthwatering sweets and treats, the Melbourne Square Mall location is one of 24 TooJay's across the state of Florida.

Horoscopes



ARIES - March 21/April 20

Aries, your thoughts are distant right now, almost as if you're living in a fantasy world. This is creatively beneficial but not so helpful for practical tasks.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Taurus, if you're not careful, you could find yourself debating family and friends this week. Instead, try to sit back and listen rather than fostering debate.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, a realization about what is really important to you instills a renewed sense of confidence this week. You will be focused on important things.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, if your finances seem like they are in a state of upheaval, it could be because you have not looked at everything in black and white just yet. Make some changes.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

You come on too strong sometimes, Leo. Those who know you best can handle this approach, but you can scare off potential new friends if you do not ease up.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

Be patient and do not demand too much of yourself during the next few days, Virgo. You need to keep your

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Out & about

Vietnam and All Veterans Reunion in Melbourne

The 27th Annual Vietnam and All Veterans Reunion will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 1-4 at Wickham Park, Melbourne.

This is the largest Veterans reunion of its kind in the nation. It is estimated that about 50,000 people attended last year's reunion during the week the Walls were there.

All branches of service, all conflicts, all veterans (current and past) and their

families are invited.

There will be continuous entertainment on the days of the reunion, May 1-4.

Check out the reunion web page at www.floridaveteransreunion.com.

The reunion headquarters tent will be right beside the stage at Wickham Park.

The Moving Wall will be at the event.

For more information, visit floridaveteransreunion.com or <http://travelingwall.us>.

For further information, call (321) 501-6896 or (321) 427-2843.

'Award-Losing Films'

The Cocoa Beach Public Library will present "Award-Losing Films" Fridays, May 2 and 9 in the Community Room:

- 'Captain Phillips:' rated PG-13
- "Gravity:' rated PG-13.

The library is at 550 N. Brevard Ave., Cocoa Beach.

For more information, call (321) 868-1104.

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First Friday Art Walk

Eau Gallie Arts District Main Street will present the First Friday Art Walk from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, May 2 in Eau Gallie Square, Melbourne.

There will be artists, cool galleries and shops, with music by the fabulous Sybil Gage in the park.

The Not Quite Ready Improv Troop will have a tent from 5:30 -8:30 p.m. in the EGAD! Arts District at the First Friday Art Walk, Friday, May 2 and will hold a short "freebie" show at the Derek Gores Gallery at 8 p.m. Swing by the tent and say "hi," and then come by the gallery for some laughs!

Youth Players production

"The Auditioners," by Doug Rand, will be

performed by the Spring 2014 Youth Players at 7 p.m. Friday, May 2 at Surfside Playhouse, 301 Ramp Road, Cocoa Beach. Cost is \$7.

The production is directed by Eva Knowles.

This audition was supposed to be simple: prepare one classical monologue and one contemporary monologue. But, when this challenge is taken up by a beauty queen, a stand-up comic, a slam poet, an Esperanto-speaking mime and a parade of other crazies – most of whom insist on doing the same Lady Macbeth piece very badly – what's a director to do?

Open seating; no reservations.

For more information, visit www.surfside-players.com.

National Homebrew Day

Brock's Homebrew Supply, The Spacecoast Associates for the Advancement of Zymurgy and The American Homebrewers Association will present National Homebrew Day – Big Brew

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My Florida Festival

Central Brevard County Parks and Recreation is hosting its Second Annual My Florida Festival, a family-friendly event, with exhibits and activities from the past, present, and future.

The event will be held from 2-6 p.m.

Saturday, May 3 at F. Burton Smith Regional Park, 7575 W. King St., in Cocoa.

The festival will feature a variety of food trucks, including Kona Ice, Mayan Grill, Back en BBQ and Tippy's Hot Dogs; the Dixie Wranglers 4-H line dancers; live music with the Wild Cards Band; Safari Todd; Twister Airboat Rides; and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit.

Activities will include bounce houses, crafters, exhibitors, hayrides and old-fashioned games. Admission and parking for the festival are free.

For information regarding this event, visit www.brevardcounty.us/parkscentral or call (321) 455-1385.

Space Coast Flute Orchestra

The Spring Concert, "Flute Fusion" will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 4 at the Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 106 N. Riverside Drive, Indialantic.

The cost is free.

For more information, call (321) 385-7236 or visit www.scofo.org.

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workload light; otherwise, you may get easily overwhelmed.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

This is a time to discover the value of others, Libra. A willingness to try new

things and delegate some responsibilities will free up your calendar.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Certain personalities don't always click, Scorpio. Don't feel the need to overcompensate for a strained relationship. Spend more time with those with whom you connect.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21

Flexible thinking is key, Sagittarius, especially as you face a few new challenges this week. There are some opportunities to reconnect with family later in the week.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

A rush of activity fills your calendar and keeps your phone ringing off the hook, Capricorn. Your challenge will be separating the pressing events from others.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Aquarius, paperwork has built up and requires more time than you had originally planned. There is no way to avoid this task, but a helper can make it move more quickly.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

Moderation is your mantra for the week, Pisces. Do not let the pendulum swing too far in either direction.



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• **Melbourne Elks:** The birthday bash is from 4-7 p.m. every first Sunday of the month. Music will be by Larry & Sandi from 4-7 p.m. Sunday. *For tickets and reservations, call (321) 501-2591.* Karaoke and dancing with Lou Phillips is from 5-9 p.m. on Mondays and is open to non-members. Ballroom dance lessons will be every Thursday from 7-8 p.m., with an open dance afterwards. *Call (321) 751-2599 for cost and more information.* The Melbourne Elks No. 1744 is at 211 S. Nieman Ave., Melbourne. *For more information, call (321) 768-1744.*

• **Open Mike's:** Friday is "Wine Me Up" jazz jam night from 6-9 p.m. See **SCENE**, page 17

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sales as a whole, and nearly 22 percent of the sales for the Melbourne location.

"We operate our own commissary and bakery, adjacent to our corporate headquarters in West Palm Beach, which supplies our restaurants with approximately 40 percent of the signature products we sell," Mr. Schehl said. "Proprietary items, such as potato pancakes, blintzes, soups, stuffed chicken breasts and meatloaf are all made right there. On the bakery side, our cakes, muffins, rugalach and, of course, our famous black-and-white cookies, are prepared."

Mr. Schehl added that this helps to ensure the quality and consistency throughout TooJay's 24 restaurants.

Boasting a unique and eclectic menu, TooJay's has something for breakfast, lunch and dinner that is sure to leave patrons smiling.

"The most popular sandwiches are the Reuben and the Rachel, which are both classics," Mr. Schehl said.

In addition to the grilled Reubens, tuna melts or corned beef and pastrami, piled high on thick slices of freshly-baked rye, TooJay's is known for its traditional, home-style comfort foods, such as old-fashioned pot

roast, meatloaf with mashed potatoes and Shepherd's pie.

Each year, TooJay's shakes things up a bit, adding new and exciting menu options. This year, focusing on the trend toward a healthier lifestyle, the restaurant added a number of items that feature arugula, avocado and whole-leaf spinach, putting a fresh, wholesome spin on the menu.

"Our turkey avocado wrap is a house favorite," Mr. Schehl said. "It comes with slow-roasted turkey breast, sliced avocado, fresh arugula and lemon-garlic aioli, wrapped in a soft tortilla. It's awesome."

TooJay's also offers an "Under 550 Calorie" section on its menu, with enticing options, such as the citrus chicken breast, served with steamed broccoli and fresh fruit or light albacore tuna, surrounded by tomatoes, cucumbers, olives, red onion and hard-boiled eggs, atop a bed of mixed greens and served with a light citrus vinaigrette.

The restaurant also caters to vegetarians, featuring original dishes, such as a vegetable Reuben ciabatta, Portobello mushroom stack and roasted veggie pasta.

For breakfast, TooJay's patrons can start the day with a plethora of egg options or indulge in bananas foster French toast or Nova salmon benedict.

TooJay's dinner options range from comfort foods to slightly more mod-

ern specialties.

With quite the flair for taste, TooJay's Gourmet Deli is truly unique to the Space Coast.

"We have a large group of faithful regulars, and we are always looking forward to welcoming many more," Mr. Schehl said. "Come on in, and check us out."

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DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

Casino fundraiser to benefit South Brevard Sharing Center

By Amanda Hatfield Anderson
Ahatfield@hometownnewsol.com

MELBOURNE — Step back into 1940s Morocco, as Grace Church Melbourne hosts "A Night in Casablanca," benefitting the South Brevard Sharing Center on Saturday, May 10 from 6 to 11 p.m. in the ballroom of the Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place.

Ticket packages may be purchased at the general event for \$50, which includes 2,500 Casablanca dollars; or the High-Roller level for \$500, which includes 50,000 Casablanca dollars, two gaming raffle tickets, a complimentary seat in the \$100 main event Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament, access to the silent auction, an exclusive discount on a room at the Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place, a visit to the pre-event "Casablanca Salon," a professional event photography by Liz Cowie

Photography and an exclusive High-Roller gift bag.

Seats in the poker tournament may be purchased for \$100 as an add-on to the general event ticket.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Children's Services program of the South Brevard Sharing Center, a leading community-based agency, whose mission is to provide basic-needs assistance to families in southern Brevard County.

This is Grace Church Melbourne's first year hosting the event.

"We wanted to bring a high-end casino feel to the event and liked the idea of something that exuded class," said Keri Donald, lead organizer. "Tom Druckenmiller of the SBSC came up with the idea for a swanky 'Casablanca' theme to fit those requirements."

Promising to be a fun night for all, who attend, "A Night in Casablanca"

will feature Las Vegas-style games, such as blackjack, craps, roulette, a bingo room and the Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament, which gives 100 players a shot at the title of "South Brevard Sharing Center's Poker Champion 2014," complete with some bling to prove it.

All gaming will be conducted with "Casablanca" dollars, which at the end of the evening will be converted to gaming raffle tickets. The raffle tickets will then be redeemed for a chance at winning one of the more than \$35,000 worth of prizes.

Mrs. Donald said that prizes, which are growing by the day, include a three-year lease on a Toyota Corolla from Toyota of Melbourne, a Utah ski vacation for as many as four people, a chartered fishing trip and supplies, as much as \$1,500 in gift certificates to Infinity Bike Shop and much more.

The High-Roller raffle prize will be a 60-inch LG 3-D television, which will be exclusive to all "High-Rollers."

The winner to the poker tournament will walk away with a Las Vegas vacation, including airfare and a three-night hotel stay on the Vegas strip.

There will also be a silent auction, which Mrs. Donald said is being marketed as a "Mother's Day Silent Auction," therefore many, but not all, of the



Photo courtesy of Laura Elizabeth Photography

Brevard residents are encouraged to test their luck with casino-style games, while enjoying a fun night out, May 10 with 'A Night in Casablanca,' benefitting the South Brevard Sharing Center.

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prizes are for women, such as jewelry, spa services, pet prize baskets, personal training sessions, a personal tour of Washington, D.C. by Katie Posey, wife of Congressman Bill Posey and much more.

"We expect to sell out [tickets] before the event and not have tickets available at the door, so buy them soon," Mrs. Donald said. "We are limited in the number of tickets that we're able to sell, so the longer you wait, the more likely it is to sell out."

Both Mrs. Donald and Tom Druckenmiller, funds developer for the South Brevard Sharing Center, hope that this year's "A Night in Casablanca" is another largely successful event for the organization.

"We hope to bring new awareness to the high number of children, who go hungry during the summer months," Mrs. Donald said. "The need is so high here in Brevard and many are shocked when they hear the numbers."

"It is difficult to track the exact food deficit that the SBSC faces each summer when school is out and kids are not able to receive a free breakfast or a free or reduced-priced lunch, but our protein purchases from Second Harvest of hot dogs, by the pallet, peanut butter, by the case, canned ravioli, spaghetti-O's, soups, cereals and juices increases more than 50 percent from early May until mid-August," Mr. Druckenmiller said.

"This event hopes to raise awareness of the issue, bring in new supporters of the South Brevard Sharing Center and provide the funds to help supply where there is need, while these children's families work at getting back on their feet," Mrs. Donald added.

Grace Church Melbourne hopes to raise upward of \$70,000 for the cause, which would double what was raised during last year's event.

"A Night in Casablanca," hosted by Grace Church Melbourne, benefitting the South Brevard Sharing Center, is Saturday, May 10 at the Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place from 6 to 11 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased online, via www.MySBSC.org/Casablanca or at the South Brevard Sharing Center's Melbourne office, located at 17 E. Hibiscus Blvd., Melbourne.

For more information, contact "A Night in Casablanca" hotline at (321) 345-0393 or email Casablancac@MySBSC.org.

Scene

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p.m. Music showcases and special events night is from 6-9 p.m. to midnight Saturday. Jazz jam night is from 6-9 p.m. Monday. "Totally Open Tuesday" open jam with a full band is from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday. "WTF Wednesday" Comedy Night (18 and older) is from 7:30-10 p.m. Wednesday. The rockin' blues jam is from 6-9 p.m. Thursday. Open Mike's is at Florida Discount Music, 454 N. Harbor City Blvd., (U.S. Highway 1), Melbourne. For more information, call (321) 254-5645.

• **Player's Club Billiards & Bar:** A live DJ will play from 9 p.m. to closing Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Poker night is from 7

p.m. to closing Wednesday and Sunday nights. Monday night is margarita 2-for-1 night. Tuesday nights will feature a free comedy show from 8-10 p.m. with free pool after the show. Player's Billiard Club is at 1935 Aurora Road, Melbourne. For more information, call (321) 254-8067.

• **Squid Lips – Melbourne:** Trilogy will play at 7 p.m. Friday. Buck Barefoot will play at 3 p.m. Saturday. The Top Hats Trio will play at 3 p.m. Sunday. Squid Lips is at 1477 Pineapple Ave., Melbourne. For more information, call (321) 259-3101.

Editor's note: To have your music venue listed in Club Scene, send it in monthly, or 7-10 days in advance of our Friday publication dates, to brevnews@hometownnewsol.com or (321) 242-1281 (fax).

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DAR and Brevard History Fair

The ladies from the Commodore John Barry Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently headed to Viera High School to help judge the annual Brevard History Fair.

Each year, in the hope of preserving freedom by stimulating a deeper understanding of American history, members of DAR all over the United States, conduct annual essay contests for area students with winners advancing to state and national competition.

Ninety-nine students from six area Brevard schools participated in the history fair. Of those, 43 have advanced to the state level, held in May in Tallahassee.

For more information about joining DAR or judging in next year's contest, contact Deb Plaag, at dplaag@gmail.com or (321) 543-0778

Zoo team completes scrub-jay translocation

Florida Scrub-Jays, a unique species found only in Florida, require a healthy scrub habitat to thrive.

A team from Brevard Zoo has successfully moved Florida Scrub-Jays from a housing development construction project in scrub habitat on Pineda Road in Melbourne.

Six Florida Scrub-Jays (a family of four and a pair) were translocated (moving wildlife from one place to another by humans) to a protected and managed habitat at Buck Lake Conservation Area in Mims, in an attempt to improve their chances of survival.

This collaborative translocation effort benefited from the expertise of many agencies. Scientists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determined the specific birds to translocate and which location to use as a release site.

St. John's River Water Management District officials worked hard to prepare their new home at Buck Lake Conservation Area, and the animal experts at Brevard Zoo were recruited to manage the hands-on aspect of the translocation.

The Zoo team was responsible for trap-training the Florida scrub-jays prior to capture, capturing the birds, conducting medical exams, transporting and setting the birds up in temporary holding enclosures used to acclimate the jays prior to release.

Florida Scrub-Jays live in family groups, often with young from the previous breeding season. Moving the entire family unit increases the likelihood the jays will remain in their new habitat. The team will continue to monitor the Florida Scrub-Jays at

their new home indefinitely, adding to the science of translocations.

Other Zoo conservation programs include the Indian River Lagoon Shoreline Restoration, the Oyster Reef Restoration, Florida Butterfly Monitoring Network and FrogWatch USA.

For more information about Brevard Zoo's conservation efforts, visit BrevardZoo.org.

Aging Matters in Brevard awarded grant

Aging Matters in Brevard has announced that it is the recipient of a grant award from the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation, designated as sponsorship for its signature fundraiser Seventh Annual Passport to Wines Around the World. All proceeds from this sponsorship will be used for Aging Matters in Brevard Programs.

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nity Kitchen, serves more than 2,000 meals a day to the frailest of our citizen's, including both elders and at-risk children.

For more information, call (321) 806-3767 or email jhakkila@agingmatters-brevard.org.

NASA mission announces 715 new worlds

NASA's Kepler mission recently announced the discovery of 715 new planets. These newly-verified worlds orbit 305 stars, revealing multiple-planet systems much like our own solar system.

Nearly 95 percent of these planets are smaller than Neptune, which is almost four times the size of Earth.

This discovery marks a significant increase in the number of known small-sized planets more akin to Earth than previously identified exoplanets, which are planets outside our solar system.

Since the discovery of the first planets outside our solar system roughly two decades ago, verification has been a laborious planet-by-planet process. Now, scientists have a statistical technique that can be applied to many planets at once when they are found in systems that harbor more

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than one planet around the same star.

The research team used a technique called verification by multiplicity, which relies in part on the logic of probability. Kepler observes 150,000 stars, and has found a few thousand of those to have planet candidates. If the candidates were randomly distributed among Kepler's stars, only a handful would have more than one planet candidate. However, Kepler observed hundreds of stars that

have multiple planet candidates. Through a careful study of this sample, these 715 new planets were verified.

Four of these new planets are less than 2.5 times the size of Earth and orbit in their sun's habitable zone, defined as the range of distance from a star where the surface temperature of an orbiting planet may be suitable for life-giving liquid water.

The findings papers are available for download at <http://www.nasa.gov/ames/kepler/digital-press-kit-kepler-planet-bonanza>.

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Donald Edward Matthews Sr.

Donald Edward Matthews Sr., 87, of Melbourne, died Thursday, April 17, 2014.

Arrangements were by Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care, Melbourne.

David J. King

David J. King, 48, of Melbourne Village, died Thursday, April 17, 2014.

Arrangements were by Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care, Melbourne.

Catherine Fedor Shafer

Catherine Fedor Shafer, 91, of West Melbourne, died Friday, April 18, 2014.

Arrangements were by Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care, Melbourne.

Michael William Mannix

Michael William Mannix, 61, of Palm Bay, died Friday, April 18, 2014.

Arrangements were by Davis Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory, Melbourne.

Jounathan Nathaniel Smith

Jounathan Nathaniel Smith, 77, of

Melbourne, died Friday, April 18, 2014.

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Leroy Walden Jr.

Leroy Walden Jr., 63 of Palm Bay, died Saturday, April 19, 2014.

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Doris Berneise Tufts

Doris Berneise Tufts, 82, of Melbourne, died Monday, April 21, 2014.

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Phyllis Anne Asher

Phyllis Anne Asher, 69, of Melbourne Beach, died Monday, April 21, 2014.

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