



Community Notes

Medicare 101 classes planned

Medicare 101 classes will be at 2 p.m. Tuesdays and 10 a.m. Thursdays in the Clark Office Building at 5111 S. Ridgewood Ave., Suite 200, Port Orange.

Participants will learn the essential information of Medicare and how to select a Medicare Plan.

This course presents attributes related to the Advantage plan and Medicare part D plan. We will review the four parts of Medicare, Part B, Part C and Part D.

This is an ideal course for those reaching the age of 65, retiring and/or moving into

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Electric referendum will remain on the ballot despite legal challenge

By Michael Salerno
For Hometown News

SOUTH DAYTONA – A referendum that could decide the fate of the city's decision to purchase Florida Power & Light's electrical distribution system will move forward after a judge upheld the ballot language approved by city leaders.

Circuit judge Richard Graham rejected an argument that the ballot language city council members unanimously approved Aug. 20 is "subjective and misleading."

The Nov. 6 referendum will ask citizens whether the city should form a municipal-run electric utility.

Council members said recently they are pleased to see the referendum will move forward after citizens voted to amend the city char-

ter to require a public vote on an electric utility purchase.

"I'm praying there will be some resolution," Mayor George Locke said. "(The referendum) is what the people wanted."

Take Back Our Power, an FPL-funded political action committee that fought for the public's right to vote on the electric utility, filed the legal challenge on Aug. 23. Its chairpersons, Raymond Lawrence and Rosemary Iocco, claimed text stating the city spent "substantial funds" to pursue the purchase of the electric utility is intended to mislead voters into believing a government takeover of the electric utility "provides great benefits with no risk."

But Mr. Lawrence and Ms. Iocco believe those benefits represent the city's opinion and have been "high-

ly questioned."

"The people of South Daytona demanded the right to vote on a referendum, not a sales pitch," Mr. Lawrence said in a news release.

Take Back Our Power has now filed an appeal to Judge Graham's ruling.

Originally the ballot language was to read that city leaders spent \$2.3 million to pursue the purchase, but that figure was removed after Ms. Iocco voiced concerns at the Aug. 20 meeting where the language was approved. She did not speak to support or oppose the rewording of the language to "substantial funds."

Besides the "substantial funds"

state-ment, the ballot summary also states a municipal electric utility would be profitable while meeting FPL's rates and revenue would be reinvested back into the city with no new taxes, and the city would have control of electric rates and services.

Commenting on the judge's ruling at a recent city council meeting,

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Mouse warehouse gives reptile lover part of his dream

By Dan Harkins
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DELEON SPRINGS — Carl Barden has about 800 poisonous and hungry snakes to feed every week at his Reptile Discovery Center in DeLand. That amounts to about 2,000 rodents that meet the darkness every month.

Finding fresh and healthy food for the snakes he regularly empties of venom at the operation is a hassle he says will keep him up at night sometimes.

"Sometimes I sit in bed at night and actually wonder, 'What am I going to do when Larry Groskey retires?'" Mr. Barden muses, without breaking into a laugh. "He's very crucial to our operation here."

Larry Groskey, 65, is the rat man he's talking about, a now-retired commercial drywall contractor who's

owned a tucked-away mouse (and rat) warehouse off Reed Street that Mr. Barden hopes will magically stay open forever, continuing to grow as it has to serve his still-growing legion of venom producers.

But Mr. Groskey says that's not happening. This is as large as he needs to go in order to support his true passion, the real reason for the rodent operation's existence in the first place: Larry's Reptile Farm, home since 1999 to thousands of big snakes, turtles, alligators and iguanas that expect to be fed on schedule in order to maintain an appropriately docile demeanor.

"That's always been my goal, since I was 10," he said. "It's never had anything to do with the rodents. I've always been a reptile guy. My parents were always deathly afraid of



Randy Barber/staff photographer

Larry Groskey hand feeds more than a dozen alligators at Larry's Reptile Farm in DeLeon Springs on Aug. 30.

reptiles and I never was." There's no sign out front here, only a bamboo-lined drive that leads to a small one near the operation.

He's zoned for agriculture, so to advertise an attraction like this wouldn't be legal. Rezoning to commercial would lead to thou-

sands of dollars more in property taxes.

"Why do I want to go and do a thing like that?" he asked.

He's not all that interested in school groups and gawkers anymore, anyway. Reptile lovers looking for food should just put the phone

down right now, he said. No new customers.

"Everyone I take care of here are personal friends of mine," Mr. Groskey said, "people I've been dealing with for 10, 20 years or more. And in turn, they give

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South Daytona police chief announces his retirement

By Michael Salerno
For Hometown News

SOUTH DAYTONA – Police Chief Bill Hall will mark a milestone on Jan. 11, 2013 – 35 years to the date he began his law enforcement career.

He recently announced his plans to celebrate the occasion by retiring.

"I probably had the most rewarding career anyone could have," he said to city council members upon announcing his retirement. "Back in the '80s and '90s I wrote enough tickets to pay my own salary. I put bad guys in jail. I worked burglaries and suicides and homicides. I found lost kids and elderly folks."

Chief Hall, 54, a lifelong resident of the Daytona Beach area, has worked for the city's police department for 33 years and began his tenure as

police chief in January 2005. Prior to his work in South Daytona, he was a police officer in Daytona Beach and Ponce Inlet. He is a graduate of the University of Central Florida and the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.

In South Daytona, he is widely known for his visibility in the community. He greets students and parents as he patrols traffic at South Daytona Elementary School, cooks at the annual Citizens Alert barbecue and teaches firearm safety classes. The chief joked he's cooked enough barbecues to feed South Daytona twice over, and taught enough people how to use guns that he could staff a small army.

Chief Hall also said his achievements while leading the city's police department would not



Bill Hall

have been possible without the help of his colleagues.

"I have been blessed to work with some of the finest law enforcement personnel in the world, and many of them wear the same badge that I do," he said.

City Manager Joseph Yarbrough praised Chief Hall for his responsive-

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Pacetta rejects town's settlement counteroffer

By Michael Salerno
For Hometown News

PONCE INLET – The attorney for a developer that owns 16 acres of riverfront property rejected town leaders' counterproposal to a settlement offer aimed at ending the developer's long-standing property rights lawsuit against the town.

Pacetta LLC's attorney said the town's counteroffer to his client's \$35 million settlement proposal — a one-time single payment of \$1.5 million — is not enough to pay the bills racked up by Pacetta property owners Lyder and Simone Johnson through years of fighting the city over a proposed working waterfront development that included dry boat stor-

age.

"This offer makes no sense in the real world we have to live in," Peter Heebner, Pacetta's attorney, said of the town's proposal. "... We categorically reject it."

Mayor Gary Smith said \$1.5 million is the most money the city can legally offer based on the city's financial situation. The money would be raised through additional revenues by raising the town's millage rate to \$6.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Mayor Smith said the Johnsons' \$35 million proposal — which would have been paid out over a 31-year period — would not have been acceptable unless it went to a public vote.

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Challenge

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city attorney Scott Simpson said simply, "As of right now we're having the election on Nov. 6."

The referendum Aug. 14, in which voters approved amending the city charter to require a citizen vote on an electric utility, was also faced with a legal challenge. The political action committee Empowering South Daytona's Future, which supports the purchase, challenged the clarity of the ballot text and summary pro-

posed by Take Back Our Power members.

In a previous Hometown News story that explored the issue of how ballot language matters in referendums, political science expert Dr. T. Wayne Bailey said referendum language must be clear enough for the public to understand because if voters misunderstand the question asked on the ballot they cannot make an informed decision.

City leaders first became interested in buying FPL's assets in 2007 when their franchise agreement was up for renewal. Upon realizing

they would give up valuable purchase language that would be lost forever if they signed a new contract with FPL, they researched the feasibility of buying the electric utility.

Under the terms of the previous city charter, the City Council voted 4-1 to purchase FPL's electrical distribution system. City staff said the citizens were not initially given the right to vote on the purchase because the public voted in 1982 to delegate decisions regarding the renewal of FPL's franchise agreement to the city council.

Rejects

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"The council cannot obligate the town to a multiyear commitment without a vote of the citizens," he said.

The Johnsons also sought entitlements that would have enabled them to develop a working waterfront on the 16 acres of property they own. The town's counterproposal did not include any entitlements, but stated the town would "timely consider in good faith" any amendments to the town's comprehensive plan, land use and development code, and ordinances requested by the Johnsons.

The litigation began after town leaders passed development restrictions that only affected properties the Johnsons owned, supported by a 2008 charter referen-

dum - which was invalidated in a 2010 court ruling - that restricted the size of dry boat storage and prohibited it in the zoning district where Pacetta's 16 acres are located.

Town sentiment over the ongoing litigation has been divisive. In previous town meetings, many citizens said they would rather pay more taxes to fund a settlement so the town could bring closure to the litigation.

But at a recent town meeting, most of the speakers urged the town to take its chances in court rather than give a large sum of taxpayer dollars to the Johnsons.

One of those speakers was Alice Washington, a former town employee who's lived in Ponce Inlet for 42 years. She said the town never did anything illegal to hurt anybody and urged against a

settlement with the Johnsons.

"I don't think this town should be here to make them rich," she said to the sound of thunderous applause from the crowd.

A few speakers, such as Susan Midkiff, voiced opposition to the town's offer, calling it "a joke" and "insulting to the Johnsons."

With no other settlement options on the table, a court date is expected where town leaders will appeal Judge William Parsons' April ruling that the town inversely condemned the Johnsons by taking property rights away from them. After the appeal hearing, a trial is expected where a jury will decide how much in damages, if any, the Johnsons should receive. The Johnsons previously stated they would seek as much as \$55 million in damages.

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the area.

There is no cost for these classes. There will be no Medicare insurance products offered or sold during the classes.

For more information, visit www.medicare101.net or call (386) 258-5959.

Halifax Health to host run

Halifax Health Hospice will host its 11th annual 5K/10K run & walk at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at the Kenneth W. Parker Amphitheater, 1000 City Center Circle, Port Orange.

Packet Pick-up & Late Registration: Halifax Health - Hospice Port Orange Care Center 3800 Woodbriar Trail Port Orange, FL 32129

For more information and registration, visit hovf.org.

History lecture series continues

The City of Port Orange's next history lecture is scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, Adult Activity Center Annex, 3738 Halifax Drive.

The lecture will cover the Old King's Road and the historic Spruce Creek Mound.

An Indian named "Gray Eyes" cut the Old King's The History and People Important to Ponce Park." The new theme is intended to reflect the 50 years before Ponce Inlet was incorporated as a town.

Donated items should relate to people, families, places or events during this period.

The Museum is specifically looking for:

- Postal furnishings and equipment
- Nautical and fishing gear
- Old postcards and photographs of the area
- Small furniture and household items
- Fragments from the old Inlet Terrace Hotel

The Museum also has need of a few more permanent furnishings, including:

- A table or desk for the entrance
- Bench for the front porch.

For more information, email jtichenor@ponceinlet.org.

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I'm so sorry Uncle Albert, we should have listened to you more

I believe most families have at least one weird old uncle or aunt.

In my own, it was my Uncle Albert Boswell, the oldest of my mom's five brothers.

When I was a kid I found him a bit scary and did my best to avoid him. Sometime in the 1980s, he moved to Florida and took up residence in a camper trailer near Fort Pierce. Uncle Albert was born in the year 1900, so it was always easy to keep up with his age. He had no children or family and my mom was always worried about him living alone.

At her behest, I would drive down once or twice a year to check on him. That visit usually didn't last long for Uncle Albert was not very forthcoming. Both sides of my family had ties to Great Britain, and even though Uncle Albert was born in South Carolina, he had affected a slight British accent when I could get him to talk.

Usually when I went to see him, I made sure he was getting his prescriptions and such. He never drove, but lived near shopping so he was mostly self-contained. There was really little need for me to go there, but I was trying to be the good son and make my mom happy.

On a particularly warm January day, I made the long drive and just before I arrived, I stopped for a six-pack of beer. We sat on chairs in the yard, and when I pulled out the cold beer I thought I saw a definite twinkle in the old man's eye.

We drank in silence for a while and then he began to talk.



LAND LINES

DAN SMITH

Evidently, I had discovered the key to his memory. I asked him what he had done for work and he told me he had been a horse trader of some talent. The blasted cars had put him out of business. He hated automobiles with a passion and that was the reason he never learned to drive. He also told me he was a trick shot artist in a Wild West show.

Now as you know, I can spin a pretty good yarn and am not above a bit of exaggeration for entertainment purposes, but a Wild West show? Come on!

Albert said that he had worked for Buffalo Bill and would gallop around the arena on horseback while shooting targets. Hmmm. Live ammo, in a crowded arena? Okay.

After that stint, he had just quit working. When I asked him how he had managed to live all of these years he said he had seven wives who took care of him. Seven? Boy this old guy could really shovel it.

I asked Uncle Albert if he had actually married all of those women, and he said he had, but with a couple of them he had sealed the deal by jumping over a broomstick. That led me to ask about divorce and he told me he never actually divorced any of

them. He then showed me how he crafted a divorce.

He put his hand to his mouth and kissed it and said, "The back of me hand to you for life." That was it.

He said that each woman had made money to keep him up, but in the 1940s he had been a session guitarist in Nashville. Oh sure. This man had little stubby fingers like sausages. It seemed to me he would have trouble tying his shoelaces with those.

Anyway, after that visit I began to go to see him more often, always with beer in hand. In 1989, Uncle Albert passed away at the age of 89. When I went to clean out his little trailer I found photos of him playing guitar with some of the famous pickers of country music.

There were also moldy old pictures of seven rather attractive women. Stuck back under a cabinet and wrapped in an old blanket was the finest set of matched pearl handle Colt revolvers I had ever seen.

You know you just can't tell what our older family members have done in their lives. Please take the time to listen and maybe record their memories. When they are gone, they are gone. Oh by the way, if you are one who does not have a weird aunt or uncle in the family perhaps you should look closer. It just may be you.

Dan Smith is on the board of directors for the Ormond Beach Historical Society, The Motor Racing Heritage Association and is the author of a fishing book.

Retirement

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ness in the community, saying he "gave 110 percent."

"There's probably not a more important position than police chief in the community," he said. "He's visible. He is the community."

He recalled a time in the late 1980s when union supporters picketed in front of City Hall as the city was evaluating labor contracts.

That moment had significance to Mr. Yarbrough because Chief Hall was the leader of that protest. At that time neither would have expected they would come to trust and depend on each other in the future, Mr. Yarbrough said.

"I never would have thought that down the road I would come to depend on somebody as much as I have Chief Hall," he said.

One of Chief Hall's colleagues, police spokesman Lt. Ron Wright, said he was

"buddies" with the chief ever since they were teenagers, bonding over their dreams to pursue careers in law enforcement. He said the chief has been dedicated to his police work for his whole life.

"During (Chief Hall's) lengthy career he consistently practiced true professionalism, all the while emphasizing integrity and high ethical standards," he said. "His leadership and expertise will be missed, and our department won't

be the same without him."

Council members agreed.

Mayor George Locke gave his well wishes to Chief Hall while praising him for his commitment to his police work and his city.

"I'm very proud to have known you," he said to the chief. "You've done a fantastic job in the community."

The City Council is expected to consider a process on finding a new police chief in the coming weeks.

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Volunteer Sept. 15 for beach and river cleanup

For Hometown News
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Residents and visitors are encouraged to play a role in preserving Volusia County's coastal waterways by participating in the International Coastal and Halifax/Indian River Cleanup from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15.

This worldwide annual event, hosted by the Ocean Conservancy, features many locations along the coast for people interested in helping clean up the environment. This year, the Halifax/Indian River clean up — historically held in the spring — is being held in conjunction with the International Coastal Cleanup.

Over the past 26 years, more than 9 million volunteers have removed more than 145 million pounds of trash from 152 countries. Last year in Volusia County, there were 816 volunteers who removed 2,178 pounds of trash off our local beaches.

“Not only is trash cleaned up during this event to help preserve our environment, but also every piece collected is recorded,” said Stacey Bell, cleanup coordinator with Volusia County Environmental Management. “This gives us the ability to identify what types of items are polluting the coast and can give us insight on solutions to prevent this type of litter in the future.”

Food packaging and smoking related items has been the top two items removed from coastlines worldwide over the past 26 years totaling more than 66 million pieces removed. Over the last 26 years, Ocean Conservancy beach cleanup volunteers have collected enough cups, plates, forks, knives and spoons to host a picnic for 2 million people.

Volunteers can participate in the cleanup at locations along the Halifax River, Indian River Lagoon and

beaches from Ormond-by-the-Sea south to Bethune Beach and Oak Hill.

Visit www.volusia.org/cleanup to view all Volusia County locations and clean-up event details. Some river locations host boat launches for participants to bring their own kayaks, canoes or motor boats to clean the coast. Those who pre-register online will receive a Coastal Cleanup memento at the end of the event.

Participants are encouraged to bring buckets or used, plastic shopping bags to separate recyclables from trash; garden gloves to reduce the trash generated by the use of plastic gloves; and drinking water. They should also wear sunglasses, a hat, sunscreen and comfortable clothing and footwear.

For more information about the cleanup, visit www.volusia.org/cleanup, call (386) 238-4716.

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Road from the wilderness to connect St. Augustine with Dr. Andrew Turnbull's New Smyrna Colony. The road runs through Port Orange in two locations and dates to the early 1760s. Many of the roads people travel on today were actually part of the Old King's Road.

Prehistoric people of the area built the earthen Spruce Creek Mound on a 40-foot bluff overlooking

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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.

Port Orange Police Department

•Michael Anthony Cancel, 21, of Port Orange, was arrested on Aug. 28 and charged with possession of a Schedule IV substance. Bail was not set.
 •David Alexander Gullo, 21, of Port Orange, was arrested on Aug. 28 and charged with petit theft as a third offense. Bail was set at \$1,000.

•Jeffrey Paul Speck, 23, of Port Orange, was arrested on Aug. 29 and charged with possession of hydromorphone. Bail was set at \$1,500.

•Timothy Tivon Profit, 26, of Port Orange, was arrested on Aug. 30 and charged with possession of clonazepam. Bail was set at \$2,250.

•Jason L. Joslyn, 29, of Port Orange, was arrested on Aug. 30 and charged with unarmed burglary of an unoccupied structure, possession of burglary tools and grand theft. Bail was set at \$5,000.

South Daytona Police Department

•Keshawn Raynard Briggs, 24, of South Daytona, was arrested on Aug. 25 and charged with sale of cannabis. Bail was set at \$20,000.

•Steven Paul McClone, 38, of South Daytona, was arrested on Aug. 25 and charged with introduction of contraband into a detention facility and possession of a Schedule II substance. Bail was set at \$4,500.

•Stephanie Rae Bailey, 40, of South Daytona, was arrested on Aug. 26 and charged with aggravated battery causing bodily harm. Bail was not set.

•Sylvia Lanette Bostic, 33, of South Daytona, was

arrested on Aug. 30 and charged with possession of a Schedule III substance. Bail was set at \$3,500.

Volusia County Sheriff's Office

•Chastity Dawn Hewitt, 32, of Port Orange, was arrested on Aug. 27 and charged with forgery of a bank note, uttering a forged bank note and fraudulent use of a personal ID. Bail was set at \$2,500.

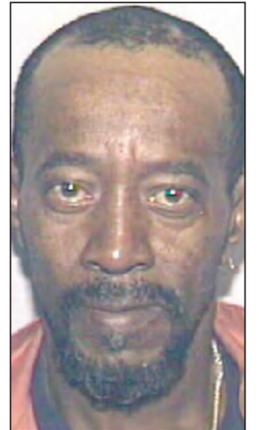
•Paul Leonard King, 28, of Port Orange, was arrested on Aug. 29 and charged with burglary of an unoccupied dwelling. Bail was not set.



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Wanted

Wanted person: Charles Linberg Fudge, Jr.
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 Reason wanted: Failure of a career offender to properly register
 Last known location: Daytona Beach



Charles L. Fudge

Crime Stoppers of Northeast Florida is seeking information on the whereabouts of 55-year-old Charles Linberg Fudge Jr. Fudge is a convicted felon who has been designated by the courts as a career offender, which means he's required under Florida law to register his address with law enforcement. Fudge is a transient whose last known location was in the Thunderbird Drive area of Daytona Beach. Fudge's present whereabouts are unknown, and a warrant for his arrest was issued on Aug. 13, charging him with failure of a career offender to properly register. Fudge also has two other open warrants for failure to appear in court, one related to a trespass charge and the other related to a city ordi-

nance violation. Fudge is 5 feet, 8 inches tall and weighs about 160 pounds and has black hair, brown eyes and a dark complexion. If you see Fudge or know where he is, don't attempt to apprehend him. Anyone with information regarding Fudge's whereabouts is asked to call Crime Stoppers toll-free at (888) 277-TIPS. You can also Text your tip by texting "TIP231 plus your message" to CRIMES. Anyone who provides information to Crime Stoppers will remain anonymous and can qualify for a reward of up to \$1,000.

Mouse

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me reptiles. ... This is like my lifelong hobby, an expensive hobby."

There's not really much money to be made on the reptile farm, he said, which has swelled at times to more than two dozen big snakes like anacondas and pythons, several hundred species of land and water turtles, and a slowly growing family of alligators in an acre-long, fenced-in pond out back.

Right now, he's got about 15 big snakes, an assortment of other reptiles, a small pond for his 12-foot rescue alligator named Big Boy, and more than a dozen alligators that have taken up residence in his "Crocodile Lagoon," too.

"I have more trouble keeping things out than I ever have getting them in," he said.

The alligators start heading toward the small dock as soon as the door clanks on the chain-link fence surrounding the pond. He said he started the pond to house all the turtles he was donat-



Randy Barber/staff photographer

Larry Groskey of DeLeon Springs enters the gate into the alligator lagoon at Larry's Reptile Farm last Thursday.

ed and baby alligators just started crawling in under the fence.

"They know what time it is," he says during a recent visit, shaking the bucket of dog food he brings down every afternoon before turning in for the day.

In Big Boy's pond nearby, Mr. Groskey has just placed a fawn that recently became road kill. The gator didn't seem to mind how it got there.

"It's all part of the equation," Mr. Groskey says, summing up life's circle.

This is the kind of set-up he's always wanted, ever since he was 10 and hunting water snakes and painted turtles in the creek behind his Dayton, Ohio, home. His collection has been growing ever since his family moved

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Mark Twain Village

If the Delta Queen comes to New Smyrna Beach, I propose a theme park be built on the adjacent land to lessen the weirdness of a Mississippi paddle wheeler on the Mosquito Lagoon. Call it Mark Twain Village, with the "Rollin' on the River" roller coaster encircling a quaint village of artist's shops and boutiques selling trashy trinkets related to the antebellum wonders of the great Mississippi River towns.

A St. Louis arch could create a gateway across the river to Chicken Island where a casino would be built for offshore gambling, with a ring of docks to harbor anyone wanting to spend a few wistful hours at Cap'n Twain's Gaming Saloon. Patrons could also take the Huck Finn raft from the mainland. New Orleans is ripe for exploiting with a nightly Mardi Gras and bars o' plenty. Plus during hurricane season — Katrina's Hideaway could be an evacuation destination with a rooftop observation bar. Don't forget Memphis. A mini-Graceland attraction could pull in busloads of Elvis fans. Annual celebrations of his birth and death might become as popular as Bike Week. And for the kids — Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn are fodder for rides and knick-knacks. If you throw in some cultural and educational events, you might even put a little shine on this whole sordid affair.

If someone really wants to put New Smyrna Beach on the money making map they've got to think big — or it just won't float the boat.

Pick it up

In a recent newsletter from the Mayor of South Daytona, it was said the employees always stop and pick up trash or debris on their own time. There are instances that prove this not to be true. It's noticed there are city vehicles (trucks) that pass along our streets on a daily basis without stopping when trash is present. A prime example is on the corner of Palm Grove Court and Pope Avenue where two cardboard boxes are clogging the drain. Never mind that we have a hurricane on the way, several trucks have passed by without cleaning the drain. As a concerned citizen, it would be appropriate for me to pick up the debris, but I'm waiting on those employees mentioned by the mayor to clean it up.

As we travel our beautiful little city, it's noticed that there are a number of patriotic citizens living here. But please, whether it is Old Glory, service, pro team and/or college, take down the torn, faded or ripped symbol and replace it.

Response from Jeanne Willard, city of South Daytona public information official: In the newsletter, Mayor George Locke was responding to an FPL-funded Political Action Committee mailing that attempted to pit residents against city hall by stating "community support comes from the citizens who live and work in the community ... not from those who work in and for city hall." The mayor's point was that city employees live and work in our community, take great pride in the services provided and many go the extra mile to ensure that our city is an attractive place to live. With approximately 23 percent of the city workforce vacant due to budgetary constraints, it's likely that we will occasionally miss some debris on city streets. Residents can help keep our city beautiful by calling the Public Works Department at (386) 322-3080 to report any problems.

Thanks for enlarging the crossword

I have always lived my life by show me you're a Christian not tell me you're a Christian, but whomever enlarged the puzzle, God Bless you. I can finally do it again.

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Honored fellowship



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Debra McCall, director of marketing, Volusia Memorial Funeral Home, has been awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship. The Paul Harris Fellowship is the highest honor awarded to members by Rotary International. Paul Harris Fellows are recognized for their leadership in Rotary, community service, and for exemplifying the principles of Rotary in their personal and professional lives. D.S. Patel made a \$1,000 donation to Rotary International Foundation in McCall's name. Rotary District Governor John Brunner awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship to Debra McCall. Left to right: Mr. Brunner, President Warren Hersch, D.S. Patel, Deb McCall, and assistant district governor Paul Mayer.

Letters

A few things for Votran to consider

Votran's fixed-route and paratransit services are both flawed. I am a very dissatisfied customer, and would like to know what recourse I have regarding the following situations:

No. 1 - Identify your vehicles and act in the best interest of the handicapped. On Friday, Aug. 24, I had a reservation for a pick up at my home. I was advised by both the man who set up my service and repeatedly by your dispatchers to wait at the front courtyard because I live in a gated community. I did everything as instructed. The appointment was for 10 a.m. When no Votran vehicle arrived by 10:25 a.m., I called your dispatcher who told me that I was not there and did not live at the given address because someone told their driver so. Hello. Check my driver's license. It turns out you sent a man in a Southern Komfort taxi who couldn't figure out the woman with the walker at the entrance was the passenger. Your dispatcher refused to send the cab back once the mistake was unraveled. No one ever told me a taxi might show up instead of a Votran-identified vehicle. I missed a job interview thanks to Votran's confusion and disregard. It's tough to find any kind of job in my condition and you just made matters worse.

When I called and asked for a supervisor, the dispatcher put me on hold interminably.

No. 2 - Use common sense in unusual situations and act in the best interest of the handicapped. On Thursday, Aug. 23, a friend took me to Walmart in Port Orange. The friend had to leave in a hurry. I said no problem, I will catch a bus. I asked the driver to be dropped off at Swallow Tail Drive as other drivers had done previously, and he said it was against the rules. I walk with a walker and it was loaded with groceries. I explained I could not drag the walker across the 20-foot swath that was soggy to boot at Village Trail. He basically said it was not his problem. I asked him to write down the customer service number and he refused. I asked him to help me with the walker and he refused. He dislodged the ramp on an angle instead of flat to the ground. A man on the bus offered to help and he struggled across the grass. I slid out off the bus on what was more like a slide than a ramp.

When I called the office, the representative said the driver had acted properly, and my response was that surliness is not proper. I asked to find out how to request a bus stop at Swallow Tail near McDonald's and she said Votran has nothing to do with that; I would have to call Port Orange. I said someone in her building had to know the answer to this question, and she said she didn't have time. I said I would wait until Friday.

Meanwhile, I called Port Orange with the question and they sent me right back to Votran. I left a message for the Volusia County Manager and got no answer.

I called the Votran representative back and after some phone tag, we connected. She suddenly was on the case and said someone is being sent out to determine if the bus stop I requested is feasible. She said she would keep me posted.

No. 3 - Side issues: As a frequent rider, let me add that bus shelters are few and far between; the Plexiglas shelters could suffocate you in the heat; many of the bus stop benches are covered with red ants. I take my life in my hands just going the short way from Village Trail to Swallow Tail. The speed limit is too high on Village Trail, there is no crosswalk from the condos to the bus stop, and the sidewalks are cracked and littered with palm fronds, etc. Walkers barely ambulate over grass, so getting to the sidewalks is difficult.

Maureen Gibbons
Port Orange

Response from Steven Sherrer, Votran general manager: Votran has responded directly to Ms. Gibbons to apologize for her experience. Votran staff has taken immediate action to research the details of this rider's experience and is prepared to take corrective action if warranted.

Votran customers should expect and receive safe, courteous and reliable service from our company and its associates. Please be assured that wherever possible we will take

appropriate action to ensure this occurs.

While all regular fixed route buses are accessible to disabled passengers, there are many roadside conditions that make it difficult for disabled passengers to navigate to or from our bus stops. Even though there are sidewalks in the area where Ms. Gibbons lives, they are situated far away from the edge of the road where the bus must stop to board and deboard passengers.

Votran staff participated in a Florida Department of Transportation site inspection of this section of Dunlawton Avenue in July 2011 to identify transit challenges for disabled passengers that FDOT should address in their next construction improvement on that particular section of road.

There are more than 2,000 bus stops throughout the county with varying roadside conditions, in both urban and rural situations. In many places, it is not possible for disabled passengers to access the fixed route system. Votran Gold is the door-to-door service that provides public transportation for passengers who cannot use the regular fixed route bus. Passengers using Votran Gold are escorted from their door way to the vehicle. Ms. Gibbons has already gone through the eligibility process and been approved to use Votran Gold services. Votran Gold performs approximately 1,000 trips per day, with about 40 percent of the service completed under contract by other providers of transportation services. We did, unfortunately, fail to deliver our standard of service to Ms. Gibbons for her Votran Gold trip and we will take necessary steps to help prevent the same inconveniences from occurring in the future.

I would like to see the Delta Queen in New Smyrna Beach

I applaud Dan Smith for his writing on the Delta Queen and New Smyrna Beach in the Aug. 24 edition.

I agree it would be a beautiful addition to the little seaside community.

My wife and I go to New Smyrna often (I have lived in the area for 33 years) and truly enjoy the small local shops and eateries. We enjoy history and being able to partake in it.

We hope the city does not make this a political thing, just an enjoyable thing. I would love to sit on deck, enjoy a beverage and eat something tasty and dream a lazy dream.

Now, doesn't that sound good?

George Hilbert
South Daytona

Does history repeat itself?

Our country is in tough shape right now with the most controversial election ever. The candidates are the most childish acting adults ever to run for president of our nation. Our government departments can't get along; state and federal officials are at each other's throats. States are so diverse and they are losing control of their laws, their people and their rights that make them the state they are. States' rights must be considered and that is something the federal government seems less and less willing to do.

Back in history, before President Abraham Lincoln, our country was going through the same thing when people started moving west during the Gold Rush. The states were going to split and create two countries, which was encouraged by England. When Lincoln came along, he never said he agreed with either side, that it was each state's decision, but he did want to keep the nation whole. The rest is history, but even back then the president realized some things are a state's issue.

Today, about 154 years later, we are having a similar issue with states arguing over the health care, Medicare issues. Debating over illegal immigration has been a big topic. Welfare fraud and the abuse of food stamps are

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Somebody out there is making money

Somebody out there was making money over the summer. But it apparently didn't get spread around enough.

In June, taxable retail sales in Volusia County were up 5.32 percent at \$503.5 million from \$478.1 million in June 2011, according to figures just released by the state Department of Revenue. Just about every retail sector was up, and all the major sectors grew, except building supplies. The home improvement and new construction supplier are catching up, though, and were almost even with last year.

Based on housing starts in July, the building suppliers should do better. There were 85 new housing units started in July in Volusia, almost double the 49 started in July 2011, according to a U.S. Census Bureau report. The single-family housing starts were at 71, up from 41 last year.

Daytona Beach and Port Orange led the building spurt with sharp increases from last year. West Volusia also continues to show improvement.

While unemployment was down in July from 2011, the overall economy apparently still needs to

improve drastically to have a significant impact on employment.

But what's showing up on the EmployFlorida.com website provides some hope. One of the most significant is manufacturing jobs. In recent days, Covidien, the hyperdermic-needle maker in DeLand; Edgewater boat maker Boston Whaler; and Teledyne, the Daytona Beach undersea connectors manufacturer; have all had multiple listings for jobs.

Hopefully the August labor market report will start showing some improvement.

Amicorp Corp. of DeLand seems to think the housing market is improving. The company is seeking a stormwater system permit from St. Johns River Water Management District to complete the 196-lot Sabal Lakes subdivision in New Smyrna Beach. The development is off Pioneer Trail, between Glencoe Road and Sugar Mill Drive.

All the most recent big commercial real estate deals were in Orange City with the Kohl's-anchored West Volusia Towne Centre

selling for \$12 million. A Brooklyn, N.Y., investor bought the shopping center out of foreclosure. American Realty Capital bought the Ruby Tuesday property at 1212 Saxon Blvd. for about \$2.3 million from CNL Funding. Even Major Leaguer Luke Scott got in on the action. He and a partner bought a medical office complex on Harley Strickland Boulevard for \$923,500.

The Pantry of Charlotte, N.C., is celebrating the completion of renovations to two of its Kangaroo Express stores with re-grand opening celebrations. The stores are at Bill France Boulevard and Mason Avenue, and Beville Road and Williamson Boulevard, both in Daytona Beach.

Hendrick Honda (formerly Jon Hall Honda) is adding 6,800-square-feet of space to its dealership in Daytona Beach.

On the restaurant beat, Sonny's Bar-B-Q has opened at the junction of U.S. 17 and U.S. 92 in DeLand. The U.S. 1 Restaurant & Grill at 2842 Ridge-



VOLUSIA BUSINESS
CECIL G. BRUMLEY

wood Ave. in South Daytona has closed.

Although it still isn't on the store listings for The Pavilion at Port Orange, a Dollar Tree has definitely opened there. It's nearest to Williamson Boulevard in the strip that includes Marshalls and Michaels.

Here is a quick update on the old Walmart at New Smyrna Beach Regional Shopping Center. According to CCI Properties, which negotiated the purchase of the property by GC Development, the first two tenants there will be Big Lots and a Bealls Outlet, which means the existing Beall's Outlet in the shopping center will move there.

Cecil G. Brumley has been tracking business in Volusia County for more than 15 years. He can be contacted at cbrumley@hometownnewsol.com or follow him on Twitter @cecilbrumley.

Notes

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the creek. The mound rises another 40 feet into the air. Timucuan Indians used the mound as the epicenter of their ceremonies and activities in their ancient times. The mound and complex were placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1990.

For more information, call (386) 506-5522 or kdonahue@port-orange.org.

Wellness workshop offered

A wellness workshop is planned for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Port Orange Lakeside Community Center.

Doctors Philip Afghani and Laura J. Yard will talk about stress management and vitamin D.

Admission is free, but reservations are required by Monday, Sept. 10.

For more information or to make a reservation, call (386) 492-4881.

South Daytona floodplain management plan available

In accordance with National Flood Insurance Program guidelines, the city of South Daytona has released its annual progress report on Activity 510: Floodplain Management Plan.

Citizens, public officials, and members of the news media are invited to review the document on the City's

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This report is updated annually.

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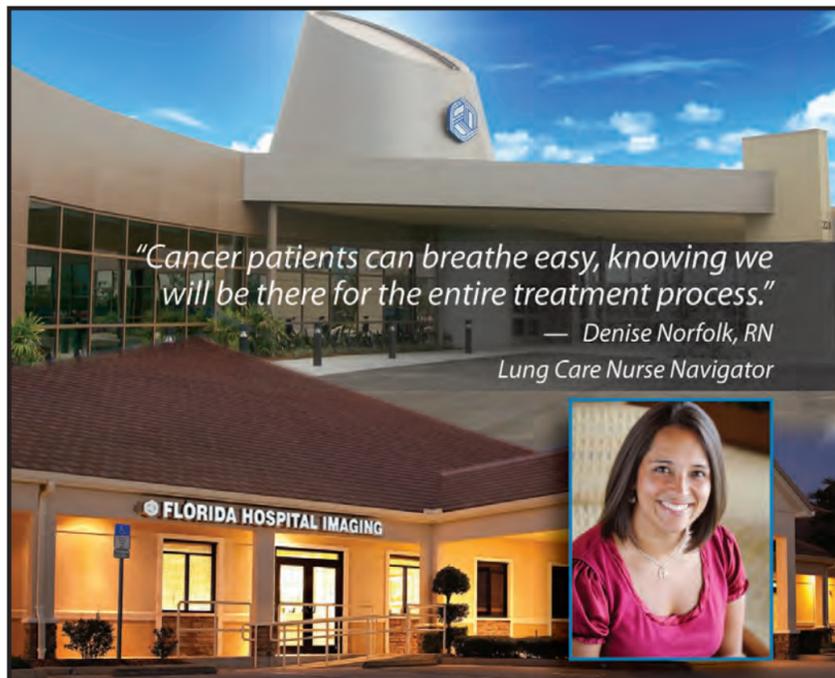
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The photo above which ran on page B9 of the Aug. 17 edition should have read: Jason Cozier, 22, of Port Orange competes in the Special Olympics swimming competition at the Daytona State College Aquatic Center on Aug. 11. Participants from all over Volusia County came out to compete. For more information, visit www.specialolympics.org. The *Hometown News* regrets the error.

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Gun visionary builds future at UCF incubator

By Patrick McCallister
For Hometown News



Cliff Benjamin

VOLUSIA COUNTY — The M1911 is a legend among gun aficionados, but Cliff Benjamin says he can make the venerable pistol better.

The 66-year-old owns Better Firearms Designs, one of 11 businesses getting a leg up at the University of Central Florida Business Incubator at the Daytona Beach International Airport.

"Right now, we have a patent on a modified (M1911) handgun," Mr. Benjamin said. "I'm trying to bring that patent to market — either by licensing to a manufacturer, or manufacturing it myself."

In his ideal world, Mr. Benjamin would find a gun maker to manufacture handguns using his patented design, and he'd be busy hiring local folks to modify existing ones.

"There's millions of 1911s out there," he said. "It's the most popular handgun in the U.S. today. They sell 300,000 to 400,000 a year."

Mr. Benjamin believes his design could make waves in the pistol market and account for up to 10 percent of future M1911 sales. He said valuing the monetary possibilities is difficult.

"It's hard to say," he said. "But, let's say I got \$20 a gun (sold), which isn't unreasonable. That's what, \$800,000 (a year)?"

The M1911 is a single-action, recoil-operated semiautomatic pistol. It was the standard sidearm for the military from 1911 to the late 1980s. Some United States forces are still carrying them. Mr. Benjamin's patented design replaces the M1911's movable-barrel swinging-link locking system with a fixed-barrel gas-retarded blowback one.

In other words... Mr. Benjamin said. "The barrel doesn't move. The recoil impulse difference is huge."

Mr. Benjamin has been in the gun business since 1966. His father owned a coin shop and he talked him into opening part of it to guns.

repeated presentations. They have to show that they have business ideas that'll work, that they have the dedication to make them work, and the resources they'll need to see them through until the ideas start generating sufficient

income. Better Firearms Designs was one of the first businesses accepted into the incubator. Mr. Benjamin hopes to generate jobs in Volusia County for several reasons. One is to get his two adult daughters to move

back to the area. "God's placed (the business) in front of me," he said. "I'm a Christian, and I believe God puts things in front of you." Mr. Benjamin lives in DeLeon Springs with his wife, Debbie.

The result was Ben's Gun & Coin Shop in Holly Hill. After his father's death, Mr. Benjamin closed the store, but he intends to reopen it soon.

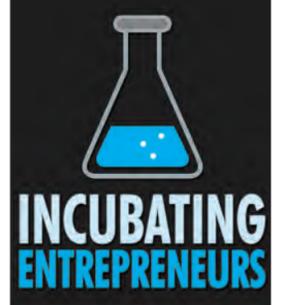
He read about the patented M1911 redesign in a trade publication, and got in touch with the engineer. The two were developing a business together when the fellow suddenly died, leaving the patent to Mr. Benjamin. The engineering student got a few ideas for improving the M1911, too.

"(I work at the business) about 40 hours a day," he said. "I dream about it at night. I actually work on new (gun) designs in my dreams. I have 20 concepts I believe are patentable"

The UCF Business Incubator opened in July last year, and was the ninth the university started since 1999. Another opened since then.

The Volusia County Council approved about \$1.4 million dollars to renovate the business incubator's 10,000-square-foot facility at 601 Innovation Way, and another \$750,000 to run it for three years.

Businesses pay anywhere from \$270 to \$1,000 a month to have office space at the incubator's facility. Most are paying \$270 to \$350. While that's pretty inexpensive rent, it's not why the businesses are there. The entrepreneurs did a lot of work to get in the program, prospects go through a rigorous application process that includes making



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Mouse

From page A5

to Altamonte Springs in 1958.

"I would tell my parents, 'I want a lot of reptiles and a reptile farm and they didn't want to have anything to do with that idea,'" he said.

They weren't the only ones to have a problem with his admitted obsession.

By the time Mr. Groskey had a home and a second wife in Deltona, he had about 75 snakes in the garage and nearly as many turtles wandering the backyard.

His third wife didn't like the arrangement either.

So in 1999, Mr. Groskey bought this place out in the country with retirement earnings he had tucked away. His third divorce was

finalized a week before.

His third wife, he recalled, "said it was gonna come down to, either it's me or the reptiles; one of us is gonna go." And I said, 'Let me tell you right now, I'm gonna have my reptiles and you're gonna be gone.'

It was a common refrain. "All three of my ex-wives were afraid of snakes and didn't want to have anything to do with it," he said. "I believe the reptiles were the reason I got divorced each time.

So he's stayed focused on his reptiles. To feed them, he started raising mice and rats in a 10-by-20-foot shed that has been expanded five times since then.

His own snakes wouldn't be the only customers. Currently he's got 750 trays of mice and 250 trays of rats. In each tray are one male,

two females and as many babies as their love can muster.

Since he won't expand any further, he says he recently told Mr. Barden that he would soon have to end his contract so he wouldn't have to terminate all his others.

"I said, 'Carl, the choices I have now, it's either keep you and kick everybody else to the curb or the other way around,'" he said. "I told him, 'I'm not gonna put all my eggs in one basket. I've operated for over 30 years. I've got the blessings to do what I'm doing here. I'm not going to ruin that.'"

Mr. Barden isn't happy about that.

"A reliable and constant source of healthy rodents is of huge consequence to us," he said. "This is gonna hurt."

Letters

From page A6

coming up in several states. Voting laws and regulations are a big topic with the coming election, with many states not wanting either presidential candidate on the ballot.

This isn't what our country is about, we have lost our true freedom to live in peace, freedom of religion, our beliefs and rights as individuals. Our states are being forced to give up their individual rights of choice to come under the control of one man, one law. We are here because we want our choice of religion, beliefs, voting rights and to be an individual person, not a robot.

Our founding fathers issued many warnings about the dangers of growing and intrusive government, which they sought to control with our Constitution. Thomas Jefferson was one of the best when he said, "Most bad government has grown out of too much government."

With the coming election

and some states rising up against the forced new illegal immigration laws, over the possible next president, Obamacare and being forced to add extra Medicaid, we are going back in circles for everything that our country fought for. We are losing that freedom our forefathers gave us. We need changes in our government that this election isn't prepared for and the candidates cannot handle. This election has people who are too immature, greedy, set in their ways from long term positions, have wealth and are seeking power and control. Our country cannot and will not survive on those terms. This past year those in the position to do so have not made any decisions to turn this country around for the better. Our economy is worse than ever with a debt that we will never see end. We are so dependent on every other country, except our own. Our jobs are overseas, we import most items and that includes our food.

So, now we have gone

back further in history, when we depended on England while we settled in this country. Who to elect in November doesn't matter if they are more worried about acting childish and not telling us how they will improve our great country. We have more hunger, more homeless, more crime and more jobless than ever. We have politicians who cannot pass laws that will help improve our nation, yet feel they should be re-elected. They have not done anything in the last four years for us, so how can we depend on them for another four. We are going to be leaving the biggest, heaviest burden on our next two generations, who will not be educated enough to take control. That generation is too dependent on welfare now and cuts in education have not helped.

I'm sure that if our flag had a heart, it would be broken by now from our selfish greed.

Sheila Dillon
Port Orange

Notes

From page 7

he History and People Important to Ponce Park." The new theme is intended to reflect the 50 years before Ponce Inlet was incorporated as a town.

Learn how to build a retirement plan

It's tough to save money and plan for the future when your money's flying out the door. But you don't want to get caught short when you retire.

Financial adviser David Holland will offer tips on

safeguarding your future and building a retirement plan at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at the Port Orange Regional Library, 1005 City Center Circle.

Reservations are not required. For more information, call (386) 322-5152.

MOPS to meet

The Mothers of Preschoolers will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month from September to May at Covenant United Methodist Church, 3701 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., Port Orange.

The club is for any mom who is pregnant or has a newborn to 5-year-old.

For more information, call

(386) 236-8500.

Fishing seminar planned

The next presentation for the Halifax Sport Fishing Club will be at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, Riverside Pavilion, 3431 S. Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange.

Florida native Capt. Billy Rotne will be the featured speaker. He will discuss at length the tactics necessary for targeting trophy trout, reds and flounder. Rods, reels, tackle and all the equipment necessary will be reviewed along with a conversation regarding bait, lures and assorted artificials, habitat's, habit's, tides, docks and oyster beds.

All seminars are free and open to the public.

There will be a brief business meeting at 6:45 p.m., open fishing forum at 7 p.m., and the seminar at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, email afm198@aol.com or call (386) 871-5351.

Crafters needed

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 3282 in Port Orange needs crafters for its annual craft fair, which will be from 9 to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12 and 13.

For more information, call (386) 788-1157 or (386) 492-4691.

Reunion scheduled

The Mainland High School Class of 1962 is having its 50th reunion. Oct. 12-13.

Friday night activities are at the roof of Joe's Crab Shack and all graduates from 1960 thru 1966 are invited.

Saturday night is a dinner and dance at the Halifax River Yacht Club.

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It's the season for 'In Season'

Hometown News will once again be publishing a special section on Oct. 5 called "In Season."

"In Season" is a master calendar for special events in Volusia County that will take place between October and the end of March, or later. It includes concerts, festivals, sporting events, theater performances, holiday events, art exhibits and others.

Please send to newsdy@hometownnewsol.com details of the events including: name of event, day and date, time, location with address, brief description of event, cost and a telephone number for the public to call for more information. Also please list a contact and phone number (not for publication.)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING INFORMATION IS SEPT. 12.

Mel's Diner: comfort food in a comforting atmosphere

By Michael Salerno
For Hometown News

PORT ORANGE -- The old-fashioned diner seems harder to come by in modern times, when almost every block appears to be anchored by a chain restaurant. But a restaurant that recently opened here appears to carry on that tradition through home-style cooking.

Tucked into the Gulfstream Village shopping plaza on Clyde Morris Boulevard, Mel's Diner is all about comfort, from the food to the ambience. As I stepped into the restaurant, I didn't feel like I walked into a diner; it looked more like home.

Owner Phyllis Dessoye said her restaurant feels like home to her, too. And it helps that she works doing something she's always loved -- cooking.

"It feels like an extension of my house," Ms. Dessoye said. "I have everything here I need. Except for my dog, since my dog can't come here."

If the name Mel's Diner sounds familiar to you, it was the setting of the sit-

com "Alice," which ran from 1976 to 1985.

But Alice had no significance to the name of the restaurant. The "Mel" in this Mel's Diner is Phyllis Dessoye's daughter Melissa, the restaurant's manager and co-owner.

Opening a restaurant was Melissa Dessoye's lifelong dream, a dream she finally had the chance to fulfill when the diner opened two months ago. She brings 13 years of experience in the restaurant business to the table, with skills in serving, bartending, catering and management under her belt.

The mother-daughter team decided to open the restaurant after Phyllis Dessoye learned she would lose her job with Amvets because the division she worked for was being shut down. Although Phyllis Dessoye has no restaurant experience, cooking has always been in her blood -- and she said friends often told her that her cooking is so good she should open a restaurant.

"I love to feed people



Photo by Michael Salerno
Melissa Dessoye serves up a Western omelet at Mel's Diner in Port Orange recently.

and I love to cook," Phyllis Dessoye said. "Seeing people eat is a joy to me. I feel like feeding people is the best thing to do."

Phyllis Dessoye said she does "a little bit of everything" at the restaurant, from working the cash register to cooking some of the items on the menu based upon recipes that have been in her family for many years.

One of the diner's specialties is her 40-year-old

family recipe for sausage bread (\$2.50 per slice), fresh Italian sausage with onions, peppers, mozzarella and parmesan cheese baked into pizza dough that, once prepared, appears to be a pastry.

Customers can order the bread with either sausage gravy or marinara sauce upon request. Melissa Dessoye said the recipe

See **DINER, B2**



Week of 9-7-2012

ARIES - March 21-April 20

You are on a roll, Aries, and now it is just a matter of maintaining the momentum for a few more days. Don't let anyone slow you down this week.

TAURUS - April 21-May 21

Taurus, there are many opportunities within your reach, but you are not sure which way to go. Seek advice from Sagittarius when you get a spare moment.

GEMINI - May 22-Jun 21

Others can see you haven't been yourself lately, Gemini. So relax and take a break from something that's been bothering you, and you will return to being your old self. You won't be disappointed.

CANCER - June 22-July 22

Now is not the time for dawdling, Cancer. You have a full plate of things to tackle and it seems like the hours will be slipping away. Recharge and get focused.

LEO - July 23-Aug. 23

Leo, don't let anyone discourage you when tackling a big project. As you have proven time and again, you simply need to establish a goal and your efforts will help you achieve it.

VIRGO - Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Virgo, though you may not know where your path will lead this week, you are deeply aware that an adventure is in store. Take some time to prepare your mind and body.

LIBRA - Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Libra, no one will know who you truly are unless you

See **SCOPES, B4**

The Club Scene

•Airport Restaurant & Gin Mill: Live bands every Friday and Saturday night (no cover charge). Thursday nights is Karaoke with DJ Jimmy Fouts. The Airport Restaurant & Gin Mill is at 1120 Flight Line Blvd. (DeLand Airport). For directions, call (386) 734-9755 or visit www.airportginmill.com to view menu and full event calendar.

•Bank & Blues Club: Daytona Blues Society True Blues Jam is at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday. The Showcase Act will play at 8:30 p.m. Daytona Blues Society "True Blues" Live Jam open jam session is held from 10 p.m.-1 a.m. each

Wednesday. There is a \$3 cover. For more information and a full events schedule, visit the website at www.DaytonaBluesSociety.org.

•Black Sheep Pub and Eating House: Black Sheep has social night on Wednesday. Happy Hour is all night as well as wing specials and live Team Trivia starting at 7:15 p.m. Every Saturday night is live music starting at 8 p.m. Black Sheep Pub and Eating House is located at 890 S. Atlantic Ave., Ormond Beach. For more information, email visit www.theblack-sheep.co.

•Bruce Rossmeyer's Destination Daytona: Every

Thursday evening is Bike Night at Saints & Sinners Pub located at Bruce Rossmeyer's Daytona Beach. There is live music from 7-10 p.m. All model bikes welcome. The second Sunday of the month is Super Swap Sunday Car & Motorcycle Swap Meet from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Vendor spots are \$10 for 18 x 30 space. Proceeds benefit Camp Boggy Creek. There is live music at 1 p.m. Live Music at Saints & Sinners Pub every Thursday, Saturday & Sunday. The schedule is available at www.brucerossmeyer.com.

•Café Da Vinci: Live entertainment is offered each weekend. An open mic night is held each Monday

beginning at 7 p.m. Café Da Vinci is located at 112 W. Georgia Ave., DeLand. For more information, call (386) 736-0008 or visit www.cafedavinideland.com.

•Caffeine Bistro & Wine Bar: Caffeine Bistro has live music Wednesday through Saturday. Kona Tiki Bar opens daily at 4 p.m. Happy Hour is daily from 3-6 p.m. Thursday nights live music on the patio and DJ Frankie inside. There are daily-featured food and drink specials. A late-night dinner menu is available until 1:30 a.m. Regular dinner until 11 p.m. Private dining is Wine

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Smithsonian traveling exhibit journeys through DeBary

By Dan Harkins
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DEBARY — Sandra Wilson, the director for the three-year-old Gateway Center for the Arts, was gliding around the 18,000-square-foot

building one recent afternoon like her organization had finally arrived.

Representatives from historical societies throughout West Volusia had just finished spending two days setting up local historical dis-

plays to coincide with a sneak peek at the Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibition called Journey Stories that was set up in the center's exhibit hall. Now they were all mingling around and telling their stories, talking about how this event had finally put the fledgling center on the map.

"Who else is going to bring the Smithsonian to DeBary?" Ms. Wilson bragged. "It's an excellent opportunity with the way West Volusia is often neglected. But people still need to know we're here. We're still getting people in here after 31/2 years and they still don't know what it is."

Local residents like Dave Smith thought displays like this would go a long way toward ending that anonymity.

"The great thing about this is that a town as small as this can land an exhibit as big as this," Mr. Smith said as he perused the Smithsonian exhibition, which attempts to tell the story of how Americans came to be where they are today. "It says something



Photo by Dan Harkins

Dave Smith of DeBary looks over part of the Smithsonian Institution's Journey Stories exhibit during a recent sneak peek at the Gateway Center for the Arts. The grand opening for the exhibit is Saturday, Sept. 8.

about the city."

With the local displays lining the center's auditorium, local historians were busy telling their own local stories that tied their towns into that larger picture being provided by the Smithsonian.

"What this display does is

it celebrates the journey from way back when to now," said Ken Webster, a member of the DeBary Historical Society. "The trials and tribulations, the hard effort that it took to get us here."

The local displays attempted to tie in local history with the bigger picture. Mr. Webster was chatting up passersby about city founder Frederick DeBary, who not only ran a prominent steamboat and railroad franchise but also a successful rum and champagne business.

"DeBary Hall was just a playground for his hussies," Mr. Webster noted, "and all this is part of the tour we give every week."

Bob LaFleur, a local historian from Orange City's John Knox Village, was at the sneak peek with his wife,

Joan, who was dressed as an early town pioneer from the Stillman family. He wore a bowler's hat to fit in.

He said he can't remember ever having a chance to get together with this many historic preservationists in one place from West Volusia.

"This is the first time something like this has ever happened," he said. "Most of us don't even know each other, and that is wrong."

The local exhibitions will remain on the walls until Oct. 8, but the Smithsonian display runs from the grand opening at 4 to 9 p.m. Sept. 8 until Oct. 13.

The center, at 880 U.S. 17/92 in DeBary, is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and is closed on Sunday.

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Chaps Steakhouse: The country nightclub features karaoke from 7-11 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Live country music featuring The Reload Band starts at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. There is a full restaurant and bar. Chap's opens at 5 p.m. each day. Chap's is located at 4170 U.S. Highway 1, Edgewater. For more information, call (386) 689-9155.

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Daytona Beach Shores Eagles Club: Five O' Clock Charley will perform from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, at 3516 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores. The band will be joined by the Quarter Notes Band during this performance. For more information, visit www.fiveoclockcharley.com.

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Frappes North: Wine tastings are at 6 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month. Reservations are required. Live Music Friday Nights is from 7-11 p.m. Frappes North is located at 123 W. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach. For reservations, call (386) 615-4888 or visit www.frappes-north.com.

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Delicious treats that won't destroy your diet

Hello, smart shoppers! This week you're in for a special treat.

Biscotti have become an all-time favorite and I must give you a regular and low-fat version of Almond Biscotti from P.J. of Port St. Lucie. I will also give you a superb recipe for Pistachio-Orange Biscotti from Liz Behm, giving you both the regular and low-fat version.

When I mention a butter substitute Smart Balance (in the original version) is my preferred choice.

What's great about biscotti is they contain only about 100 calories and one equals about two regular cookies; great for a treat even on a diet. The nuts add fat and calories, but they are a good for you fat.

NOTE: Always preheat oven for 20 minutes; an oven thermometer is a must. Bake at 350. Do not use dark pans; they burn too easily. Biscotti are twice baked; baked, sliced 1/2-inch thick with a serrated knife then baked again.

To prevent crumbling when slicing, simply spritz logs with water then wait 5 minutes.

Rather than laying them down to bake each side, Liz suggests standing them up (both sides bake at the same time). For soft biscotti simply eliminate the second baking.

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You can dip in or frost with melted chocolate afterward.

NOTE: Many times it is difficult to find unsalted nuts. If salted, rinse nuts, drain and bake on a cookie sheet at 300 until dry. Omit salt in recipe.

Enjoy. See you next week.

ALMOND BISCOTTI (NIB) regular or low fat, low cholesterol

- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup sliced almonds
- 3 large eggs or 6 egg whites or 3/4-cup egg substitute
- 2/3-cup butter, or butter substitute, softened or 2/3-cup canola oil
- 1 cup sugar or use 1/2-cup sugar, 1/2-cup Splenda
- 2 teaspoons almond flavoring

Mix together flour, baking powder and almonds in a large bowl. In another bowl blend eggs, oil, sugar and flavoring. Gradually add to flour mixture mixing thoroughly. Divide dough in half and wrap each in plastic wrap; refrigerate 30 minutes or longer.

Using a butter substitute, lightly grease a cookie sheet; shape each piece of dough into a 12-inch log. Bake until golden for 20-30 minutes. Cool 5 minutes on wire rack.

Proceed as explained above. Dried cranberries and vanilla may be substituted for the almonds and almond flavoring.

PISTACHIO-ORANGE BISCOTTI (NIB) regular and low fat, low cholesterol makes about 3 dozen

- 1-3/4 cups flour
- 1/2-teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2-teaspoon baking soda
- 1/8-teaspoon salt
- 1/2-cup (1 stick) unsalted butter or butter substitute, softened
- 1 cup sugar or half sugar, half Splenda
- 2 tablespoons grated orange zest
- 1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 large eggs or 4 egg whites or 1/2-cup egg substitute
- 1-1/2 cups unsalted, shelled pistachio nuts

Butter 1 jellyroll pan (baking sheet with sides). Sift together first 4 ingredients into a bowl; set aside. Combine butter, sugar, orange zest and vanilla in a large bowl. Using an electric mixer beat on high until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Mix in eggs one

at a time, beating well after each addition. Reduce speed to low, add the nuts and mix in. Add the flour mixture and mix only until incorporated. Dough will be soft.

Cover and refrigerate until well chilled, about 1 hour. Divide dough in half. Using lightly floured hands, roll each half on a lightly floured surface into a log 1 1/2-inches in diameter. Arrange logs on baking sheet placing them 5-inches apart. Bake until light brown and firm to the touch, about 25 minutes. Logs will spread during baking. Remove from oven and let cool for 5 minutes; follow directions as

explained above.

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•**Moose Family Center:** Five O' Clock Charley will perform from 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, at 601 W Granada Blvd. For more information, visit www.fiveoclockcharley.com.

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

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•**Peter's Wine Shop:** Girlfriends Get Together is from 4-7 p.m. each Wednesday. Thursday wine tasting is from 5-9 p.m. Guest wine experts pour and discuss wine. Peter's Wine Shop is at 1665 Dunlawton, No. 105, Port Orange. For more information, call (386) 689-1946, email peter@peterswineshop.com or visit www.peterswineshop.com.

•**Pirana Grille:** Five O' Clock Charley will perform from 5:30-8:30 p.m. each Thursday, at 241 North U.S. Highway 1, Ormond Beach. For more information, visit www.fiveoclockcharley.com.

•**Port Orange Eagles Club:** Five O' Clock Charley will perform from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, at 5130 S. Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange. For more information, visit www.fiveoclockcharley.com.

•**Seabreeze Coffee Connection:** A hand drum circle is at 8 p.m. each Wednesday at 315 Seabreeze Blvd., Daytona Beach. For more information, visit www.drumcircle.meetup.com.

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share a few secrets. You don't have to give everything away, but allow others in by sharing some personal information.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Scorpio, though you don't shy away from challenges, you do know when to pick your battles. When something inconsequential comes up this week, let it pass.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Sagittarius, when a past conflict resurfaces this week, push it aside because that is ancient history. It is better to focus on the positive things that are in store for you.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Capricorn, when you love someone, it can be difficult to step aside and let this person make his or her own choices. But this is what you have to do for lessons to be learned.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21-/Feb. 18
Your eyes are bigger than your stomach at work this week, Aquarius. Delegate some tasks so everything goes smoothly and your project is completed on time.

PISCES - Feb. 19-March 20
Learning from your weaknesses can help you to grow stronger, Pisces. Accept a challenge that is presented this week, even if it scares you.

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•Book and a movie: The Daytona Beach Regional Library – City Island and Cinematique will feature “To Kill a Mockingbird” as part of its book-and-movie series “Cinematique under the Stars” Friday, Sept. 7. The 1962 drama is based on Harper Lee’s Pulitzer Prize-winning semi-autobiographical novel that has become a classic of modern American literature. A book club discussion will begin in the library auditorium at 5 p.m., and the movie begins at dusk in Riverfront Park on the corner of Beach Street and Magnolia Avenue. Moviegoers should bring lawn chairs or blankets. Hot dogs, popcorn, candy and soft drinks will be available to buy. The rain date will be Sept. 14. This family-friendly event is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. For more information, call (386) 257-6036, Ext. 16264.

•Fish Fry: Hope Lutheran Church will host a fish fry at 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 7, at 594 N. Williamson Blvd., Daytona Beach. Dinner will cost \$7.50. Dessert may be added for 50 cents.

•Movies on the Halifax: The Casements will show “Yogi Bess” for free at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at 25 S. Riverside Drive, Ormond Beach. Participants should bring a chair or blanket. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

•Free Family Art Night: The Ormond Memorial Art Museum will hold a free family art night from 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 for children and their families. Create a piece of nature using “un” natural materials. Visitors can also check out the museum’s art exhibit. The art night takes place rain or shine. The Ormond Memorial Art Museum is at 78 E. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach. For more information, call (386) 676-3347.

•Daytona Playhouse: “Let’s Murder Marsha” will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15 and 2 p.m. Sept. 9 and 16, at 100 Jessamine Blvd., Beachside. A happy housewife named Marsha, hopelessly addicted to reading murder mysteries overhears her loving husband discussing her upcoming birthday surprise with an interior decorator. To her ears it sounds like they are planning to murder her. Assisted by her next door neighbor, Marsha tries to turn the tables on them with a poisoned potion. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors 55 and older and 18 and younger. For more information, call (386) 255-2431 or visit www.DaytonaPlayhouse.org.

•Cinema Essentials, Ingmar Bergman, director: The film “Winter Light” will be shown at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at the Southeast Museum of Photography’s Madorsky Theater, Daytona campus of Daytona State College Hosseini Center (Building 1200). The film follows Tomas Ericsson, pastor of a small rural Swedish church, as he deals with a crisis of his spiritual beliefs. Bergman said he came to know who he really was through the making of this

film. Movie is admission by donation. For more information, call (386) 506-4471 or visit daytonastate.edu.

•Art for Art’s Sake: The film “Vincent: The Life and Death of Vincent Van Gogh” will be shown at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at the Southeast Museum of Photography’s Madorsky Theater, Daytona campus of Daytona State College Hosseini Center (Building 1200). For more information, call (386) 506-4471 or visit daytonastate.edu.

•Knight Glo-Ball Golf Tournament: The tournament will benefit the Charities of Prince of Peace Knights of Columbus Council 8791. Indigo Lakes Golf Club will be all aglow on Friday night, Sept. 7, as the annual Knight Glo-Ball golf tournament benefiting the charities supported by Prince of Peace Knights of Columbus Council 8791. Shotgun start is at 5 p.m. The player fee is \$75, which includes golf, dinner, prizes and a complimentary round of golf at Indigo Lakes. Golfers will complete nine holes, have dinner and then finish their round in the dark. The tournament is bring your own flashlight. Registration and sponsorship information is available by calling (386) 274-2747.

SATURDAY, Sept. 8

•Jazz orchestra: The Museum of Arts & Sciences will host of the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra. The internationally acclaimed quintet will perform a two-hour concert at the museum from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8. Admission is \$15 for museum members and \$30 for non-members. The event is open to the public. Tickets are available for download at Smithsonian.com/museum-day. Visitors who present the Museum Day Live ticket will gain free entrance for two at participating venues for one day only.

•Historical Bus Tours: Scenic Historical Bus Tour presented by the Ormond Beach Historical Society will be at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8. This two-hour tour includes the Ormond Scenic Loop, Fairchild Oak, Three Chimneys Sugar Mill Ruins, Ormond Indian Burial Mound and historic homes along the way. A knowledgeable tour guide will interpret the 30 sites on the route. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$7 for ages 7-12, and can be purchased at the Ormond Beach Historical Society Welcome Center, 38 E. Granada Blvd. or by phone, using Visa or Master Card. Reservations are required as space is limited. Call (386) 677-7005 for tickets or more information. Bus tours leave from The Casements parking lot, 25 Riverside Drive, at 9:45 a.m. www.OrmondHistory.org.

•Festival: The Deltona lodge of The Sons and Daughters of Italy will host a San Gennaro

Sail away



Barney Senff, left, and Bud Delaney sit under the shade of a tree while racing their radio-controlled sailboats (photo left) at Reed Canal Park in South Daytona last Thursday. Both men are members of the South Daytona Model Yacht Club that meets at the lake for competitive fun. www.orgsites.com/fl/sdmyc

Photos by Randy Barber/staff photographer

Festival at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at 1270 Doyle Road, Deltona. The public may attend. Musical Expressions will perform. Donation is \$15, if made by Thursday, Aug. 28 or \$18 if made by Saturday, Sept. 1. For more information, call (386) 535-2734 or (386) 789-0562.

•Jazz show: The Kenny MacKenzie Trio will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at the New Smyrna Beach Regional Library, 1001 S. Dixie Freeway. For more information about the program, call (386) 424-2910, Ext. 104, or visit www.volusialibrary.org.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9

•Country concert: Country singer Bobby Meeks will

perform a free concert featuring Solid Gold Country Classics at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at the Port Orange Amphitheater, 1000 City Center Circle, Port Orange.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12

•Dinner and a movie, It’s OK to Laugh series: “Bagdad Café” will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Southeast Museum of Photography’s Madorsky Theater, Daytona campus of Daytona State College Hosseini Center (Building 1200). German tourist Jasmin Münchgstetter has separated from her husband and is now at the most desolated motel on earth. Brenda, a tough and short-tempered truck stop

owner, allows Jasmin to work at the café frequented by colorful characters. With an ability to empathize with everyone who visits and a passion for cleaning, Jasmin transforms the café and all those in it. Enjoy dinner at Daytona State College’s Cafe

101 and follow up with a seat in the Museum’s Madorsky Theater for a look at some great classic films. Meals at Café 101 are available by reservation only and must be booked separately by calling

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Fishing is an interesting hobby because no two days are the same.

Recently, I put my kayak into the Halifax River at the end of my street, as I have so many times.

It was just before dawn, and my goal was to paddle over to Tomoka State Park and wade the shoreline, as I often do.

As I cleared the Intra-coastal Boat Channel, I paused to get a lung full of cool morning air.

Soon, I was past the spoil islands with the far bank coming into view highlighted by the rising sun behind me.

That's when things changed.

The river was as smooth as ice, and up ahead I could see furious motion.

At first I passed it off as a pod of feeding dolphins, but as I drew near I could tell it was something else. Halfway between the clinker islands and the park bank was a huge school of baitfish riding the incom-



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DAN SMITH

ing tide north.

As I pushed the Green Peanut into the bait, I was surrounded by feeding fish. Big fish.

A school of tarpon was tearing it up. This was not the usual baby tarpon we encounter around the Tomoka, this was the big boys. I stopped paddling and sat in the middle of the pod of bait watching and listening as the huge tarpon splashed and rolled. Just then a big head shot up alongside my kayak and for a split second I was eye to eye with a tarpon that had eyes the size of golf balls and a head the size of a trashcan. Oh my!

I was happy the big fish did not capsize me. All around the boat tarpon from 75 to 100 pounds were going at it.

Of course, my next thought was trying to catch one. No matter that I was armed with a thin wisp of a rod that was spooled with 10-pound mono.

Like all fishermen, I am ever the eternal optimist. At that point my main worry was that if I attached myself to one of those monsters it might turn me over. As I sat there drifting north with the school, I also thought about the chance of losing the new lure that I had just tied on. Still, I could never forgive myself if I missed such an opportunity over a lost lure or an early morning swim.

I positioned myself as solidly as I could in the kayak and let fly. There was no question of whether I would hookup, and sure enough as soon as it hit the water I was on. It would not have mattered what bait I threw, a strike was a given. The reel began to sing and my rod arched. I readied myself for the jump that I knew was coming. As it turned out

the tarpon was not impressed enough with my efforts to jump. It just raised its big head out of the water and shook it a couple times and sent my lure flying. That was all of the work it needed to do to free itself, and it seemed to know it. I sat there laughing and watched the school move on toward the basin.

I didn't know if any other fishermen were out on that morning, but I hoped someone else would have the same fun I had just enjoyed. I figured that the giant tarpon would continue on up the Tomoka River and that stream is mostly a dead end so they would have to swim it both ways. Hopefully someone else would have the surprise I had.

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

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(386) 506-3859. Movie admission is by donation. For more information, call (386) 506-4471 or visit daytonastate.edu.

•Prayer and Meditation: For a half hour of contemplative music, join the instrumentalists of Music for Prayer and Meditation (formerly known as Music for Healing) each Wednesday from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. at All Saints Lutheran Church, 751 Dunlawton Ave., Port Orange. This ecumenical respite is sponsored by the Port Orange Ministerial Association and offers an oasis of silent prayer and meditation accompanied by comforting sounds of live instrumental music. For more information, call All Saints Lutheran Church at (386) 761-9129 or email suz.acree@gmail.com.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

•Sara Fox Gallery: "The 10th annual Holocaust Exhibit - A tribute to My Parents" will be from 1-5 p.m. Sept. 13 to Sept. 23, at 110 N. Halifax Ave., Daytona Beach. Admission is free. For more information, call (386) 258-5333.

•Opera Video Club: The club will meet at noon Thursday at the Daytona Beach Shores Council Chambers' Activity Room, 3058 S. Atlantic Ave., for the screening of "Andrea Chenier," an opera by Giordano, sung in Italian, with English subtitles. The event is free. For more information, call (386) 767-6967.

UPCOMING EVENTS

•Classic Radio Comedy Shows: The Ormond Beach Historical Society will host an afternoon of classic radio shows in conjunction with the Daytona Playhouse Reader's Theatre. "Classic Radio Comedy Shows" will be performed at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Anderson-Price Memorial Building, 42 N. Beach St. Ormond Beach. Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$10 for historical society members. Space is limited. To make a reservation, call (386) 677-7005, stop by the MacDonald House from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday or visit www.OrmondHistory.org.

•Bird count: The Halifax River Audubon Society will host its free fall migration bird count at 7 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15. Participants should meet at southeast end of City Island parking lot. Participants should bring a lunch and beverage. For a team assignment, call (386) 788-2630.

•Gala: The Children's Home Society will host its Puttin' on the Ritz Champions for

Children Gala at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at The Plaza Resort, 600 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 304-7600, Ext. 227.

•Folk dancers: "Just Twistin' Hay" Irish-Celtic Folk & Inisheer Irish Dancers will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at 399 North U.S. 1, Ormond Beach. Tickets are \$10. For more information, visit www.ormondbeach.org.

•Shorebird chase: The Halifax River Audubon Society will host a shorebird chase on Friday, Sept. 21. Participants should meet at Target parking lot east of Interstate 95 on Dunlawton Avenue (behind Panera) to form carpools. Participants of this free event should bring a lunch and beverage. For more information, call (386) 253-1166.

•Illusionist: The Amazing World of Illusions VII will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, 399 N. U.S. 1, Ormond Beach. Tickets are \$15. For more information, visit www.ormondbeach.org.

ONGOING EVENTS

•25 percent solution to save our cities: This group will demonstrate from 4 to 5 p.m., each Tuesday outside the Port Orange Regional Library, 1005 City Center Circle. For more information, contact paf1222@bellsouth.net.

•Rose Room Gallery: Four artists come together for the Soul Journeys exhibition at Peabody Auditorium. Through non-objective, soft impressions and bold strokes the viewer is invited on the artists' journeys giving the audience a glimpse of their feelings. The exhibition opens to the public on Sept. 5 with works by Jon Miller, Carson Kapp, Nancy Hagood and Shirley Pittman. The exhibit runs Sept. 5 to Sept. 29, at 600 Auditorium Blvd., Daytona Beach.

•VFW Post 4250: "The Little V" has weekly dinners. Every Friday at 5:30 p.m., there is music for your dancing and listening pleasure. Dinner is served at 7 p.m. Also, Wednesday is dart night at 7 p.m. Thursday is bike night at 6 p.m. Food is available. Saturday is karaoke from 7-11 p.m. Post 4250 is located behind the New Smyrna Beach Airport, next to Enterprise Rental. Take U.S. Highway 1 to South Street. For more information, call (386) 423-1789 or visit www.vfw-post4250.com.

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Interior design club to feature guest speaker at kick-off

The Daytona State College student chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers will host its fall semester kick-off event from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, featuring keynote speaker Alissa Bennett, associate vice president for the Volusia Building Industry Association and owner of Design Studio A.

The student chapter event, which is free and open to the public, features a complimentary luncheon and will be in room 230 at Daytona State's Advanced Technology College, located at 1770 Technology Blvd.

To make a reservation or for more information, call or email (386) 506-4158, creameb@DaytonaState.edu.

Forbes names Stetson University one of 'America's 650 Top Colleges'

Stetson University has been named to Forbes Magazine's annual list of "America's 650 Top Colleges."

The rankings, compiled exclusively for Forbes by the Washington, D.C.-based Center for College Affordability and Productivi-

ty, focus on the quality of teaching, career prospects, graduation rates and levels of debt. To see the information online about Stetson University, go to <http://www.forbes.com/colleges/stetson-university/>.

This year's rankings put Stetson at seventh in Florida, 255th among private colleges and universities, and 336th in the nation. The magazine highlights a variety of information about Stetson, including academics, tuition and financial aid, athletics, admissions and student life.

Stetson is among six Atlantic Sun Conference institutions included this year.

The Forbes rankings are based on five general categories: Post-Graduate Success (32.5 percent), which evaluates alumni pay and prominence; Student Satisfaction (27.5 percent), which includes professor evaluations and freshman to sophomore year retention rates; Debt (17.5 percent), which penalizes schools for high student debt loads and default rates; Four-Year Graduation Rate (11.25 percent) and Competitive Awards (11.25 percent), which rewards schools whose students win prestigious scholarships and fellowships like the Rhodes, the Marshall and the Fulbright or go on to earn a Ph.D.

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Take a trip down to Hobe Sound to play a classic course

If there is one thing I despise, it's a golf course over-run with homes. When it comes to golf courses and the homes and development that go along with many new courses, the wounds are usually permanent scars.

When Lost Lake Golf Club opened in 1993, it was cut through the pristine wetlands in Hobe Sound. The Jim and Tom Fazio-designed course featured tons of nature. No two holes ran side-by-side, making each stand apart. One of the problems with today's new courses is that they are an amenity for a developer, meaning that along the fairways and greens come roads and homes.

I first played Lost Lake in 1995 and fell in love with the course. Over the years, as the development matured, homes and roads went up where many trees once stood. As the homes went up, the fairways felt narrower. The greens lost some of the framing they had to aid your approach shots. I fell out of love with the course.

A few weeks ago, I traveled back to Lost Lake to see how time had treated her. Many of the scars I remem-



bered from my last time out have disappeared. As the course has matured, the trees and landscaping that were put up when the homes were completed have grown in and taken hold. The holes where I remember feeling like I was playing from someone's back yard no longer feel that way. I enjoyed playing the course once again.

Lost Lake Golf Club is a semi-private club with five sets of tees to challenge golfers of any ability. From the back tees the course measures a shortish 6,850 yards. Not long by today's standards, but you need to remember this is a Fazio

masterpiece that carries a slope rating of 135. The landing areas are tight and there are several forced carries with water coming into play on 13 holes. You simply cannot miss fairways if you hope to conquer this layout. The greens are filled with bumps and hills forcing you to be on your game with the flat stick as well. The Tournament tees play to 6,481 yards, followed by the Club, Senior and Forward tees which play to 6045, 5574 and 5106 yards respectively.

One thing I always like to see on a course is a drivable par-4 and a reachable par-5. Well, reachable for golfers of most abilities, that is. The fourth hole measures 340 from the back tees, and considerably less as you move forward. It practically begs you to drive the green. Temptation does come with a price, should you miss right where water runs the length of the hole.

The seventh hole is a very reachable par-5, playing a mere 485 yards from the tips. After a solid drive, golfers have to ignore the

beautiful rock waterfall short and left of the elevated green and thread their approach between that and a large oak behind and right if they hope to make an easy birdie or perhaps an eagle. The front-nine closes with one of the best par-4s on the course. The 413-yard hole demands an exacting tee shot. From there, it's an approach to a green framed by a large hill with the beautiful clubhouse sitting behind.

The back-nine begins with a twisty par-5. To reach the 10th hole in two, golfers must hit a long drive and then dare to carry a large lake to a small, narrow green perched atop a sizable hill. Even laying up takes serious concentration, as you must aim well away from the green and hit a precise shot to a narrowing fairway.

Lost Lake's closing holes are some of the best in the area. The par-3 16th looks easy from the tee, but miss this small green and you will pay dearly. Seventeen isn't long, but its green is deep and severely sloped. Golfers

need to make sure they hit their approach shots to the proper level or risk three-putting.

At 441 yards from the tips, the 18th is a monster. Wayward drives wind up in the marshlands or deep rough. Just like the ninth hole, number eighteen has its green tucked into a hillside with several bunkers protecting it. After putting out, it's a short walk to a well-deserved beverage at the clubhouse.

I had a great time playing Lost Lake for the first time in many years. I'm pleased to see that the course has matured nicely. The staff is as friendly as ever, and the conditioning of the course was superb.

If you'd like to take on one of the Fazio's' better works, call the Lost Lake Golf Club pro shop at (772) 220-6666 or visit www.lostlakegolf-club.com.

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