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Community notes

Funds available for first-time homebuyers

First-time homebuyers could qualify for Volusia County's Homebuyer Assistance Program.

The program is administered by the county's Community Assistance Division in cooperation with community-based affordable housing partners.

The program provides a deferred payment, second mortgage loan of up to 20 percent of the purchase price plus up to \$3,000 to assist with closing costs. If

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Sweetwater Coalition wants answers on road extension

By Estella R. Fullmer
For Hometown News

Some Port Orange residents, represented by Derek LaMontagne, are seeking answers from Volusia County concerning the Williamson Road extension project and have asked the city of Port Orange to help set up a dialogue.

The Sweetwater Coalition is a group of citizens who are concerned the proposed extension of Williamson Road, from where it ends at Airport Road to its proposed intersection with Pioneer Trail, is going to negatively impact the wetlands and quality of water of Spruce Creek.

Mr. LaMontagne presented several items to the developer, Pioneer Community Development District, about its 60 percent complete plan that concern Sweetwater Coalition members. He also

claims the acreage impacted does not match the numbers the district has provided in its plan. In his presentation, he stated the city donated 12.5 acres of wetland credits to the project in October 2012. In the district's plan cross-section maps the total acres of affected wetlands shown equals 15.9 acres. The total wetlands on-site according to the U.S. Corps of Engineers permit is 18.06 acres and the district's wetlands permit request states 6.92 acres will be affected. The coalition wants clarification on the differences in the acreage affected.

Repeated attempts on the part of Mr. LaMontagne and the coalition have gone unanswered by the district or were inadequately answered by Volusia County, according to Mr. LaMontagne.

The coalition had three goals in bringing their concerns before the council; first, for the city to

help open a dialogue with the county to adequately answer their questions; second, for the city to help find the answers to their questions concerning the cost and mitigation of the road; and third, to inform the council of details on the project they might not be aware of.

Mr. LaMontagne summarized the current project. See ROAD, A2

Play color



Randy Barber/staff photographer

Kylie Francis, 13, left, of Ormond Beach and Kayla Byrnes, 15, of Port Orange paint gears to be used on the set of the Center Stage Kids production of 'Willy Wonka Jr.' at Spruce Creek High School on Tuesday, July 16. The theater camp's final show will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 26 in the school's auditorium. Tickets are \$8 adults and \$5 children and can be purchased at the door and online at centerstagetheatricals.com.

Young farmers bring families, learn leadership

By J.M. Copeland
For Hometown News

The 2013 Florida Farm Bureau State Young Farmers and Ranchers Leadership Conference July 12 to 14 could easily be mistaken for a family reunion — and in many ways that's just what it was.

These families were all part of the 1 percent who grow the food, raise the beef and provide the dairy for the rest of us.

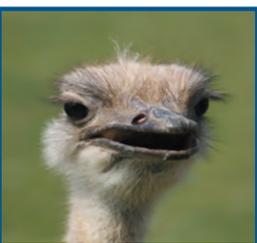
The annual conference at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort was more than a place to glean information, it was also an opportunity to meet up with friends, show off new members of the family and compare notes of personal and farm milestones in the past year.

Brad Austin, president of the Leadership Community of Young Farmers & Ranchers, works on his in-laws' dairy ranch in Jackson County with his wife Meghan, a large animal veterinarian.

Mr. Austin grew up in Fort Lauderdale, not known for farming, and welcomes the opportunity to talk to the few who understand the farming life. For him, the love of farming came during his first year at the University of Florida, later than most of his peers.

"Most of my friends from high school don't understand what I do. This weekend allows us to interact with people that are going through the same things we are,"

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DSC kicks habit off campus

By Erika Webb
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No butts about it, Daytona State College will be tobacco free this fall.

Starting Aug. 1, the use of any lighted or smokeless tobacco products on any campus or property owned or operated by the college will be prohibited. The prohibition extends to all DSC employees, students, and persons on college property, according to the DSC policy manual. Use of tobacco products is not prohibited in an individual's auto on the property.

Multiple surveys revealed a majority of Daytona State students, faculty and staff supported a tobacco-free campus policy, according to the college's website.

"A majority of those surveyed who said they do smoke indicated that they would like to quit, mirror-



Photo courtesy of Daytona State College

Daytona State College dental hygiene students participated in the cigarette butt cleanup event as part of Earth Day. Many groups of students and faculty have contributed to make the college campus tobacco free, effective Aug. 1.

ing numerous state and national surveys of tobacco users," DSC reported.

Nancy Homan is the fitness and aquatic center coordinator in the health and wellness department at DSC. She is the principal investigator for the grant funded through the Area Health & Education Center of Northeast Florida, AHEC, which provides educational materials, health screening tools, and visual aids on the hazards of smoking and dangers of

second hand smoke, in addition to free smoking cessation classes.

The grant proposal was a collaborative effort involving several departments and clubs including School of Health, Human and Public Services, School of Health & Wellness, Student Government Association, Environmental, Dental and Respiratory clubs and Counseling Services.

Students from those organizations and departments have participated in

activities associated with the grant and the policy's institution, Ms. Homan said.

"Most are seeking professions whereby they are not permitted to smoke at work," Ms. Homan wrote in a letter to the college's board of directors regarding implementation of the tobacco free policy.

She asked the board to support the policy and in so doing, "join the growing

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War exhibit honors veterans

By Estella R. Fullmer
For Hometown News

Veterans of the Korean War from Volusia and Flagler counties will be honored by the Department of Florida Korean War Veterans Association on Saturday, July 27.

The celebration opens a new Korean War display at the New Smyrna Museum of History at 120 Sams Ave. in New Smyrna Beach.

"The Korean War ended where it began, along the 28th parallel," said Bob McGuire, senior vice president of DoFKWVA. "After three years of vicious struggle and as many as 3 million lives lost, North Korea remained a communist nation and South Korea remained a free nation."

The date of the celebration is significant, according to Mr. McGuire. "July 27, 1953, was the agreed

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Happy puppy



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Dominick Carleo, 12, and Joe Ramirez of Port Orange help to keep Sampson the dog, cool and comfortable in the heat as they wait their turn during the low-cost pet shot clinic at Best In Show Pet Grooming in Port Orange on Saturday July 6. The pet clinic was sponsored by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Road

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ect according to district's plan, pointing out the route for the new road is now taking it farther east to hug Interstate 95, which the district says will be less of an impact to the wetlands. The new design, however, increases the area of wetlands to the west of the road it plans to develop, which appears on the plan map to encompass nearly all of the wetland area. Mr. LaMontagne feels this would increase the impact rather than decrease it.

He also informed the council the entire area was part of the Spruce Creek watershed

with the area affected being the last significant wetland supplying Spruce Creek. Anything that goes into that area would eventually affect Spruce Creek, which has already been designated an impaired waterway in an environmental study. "Normally there is a BMAP created when one of these surveys is conducted that maps out the best way to improve a watershed," said Mr. LaMontagne. "There has not been any BMAP done and we would like this council to ensure that one is completed before construction begins."

Mr. LaMontagne also pointed out there had not been any tree survey done and the plan did not show any trees being planted in the proposed extra

wide sod median. "A lot of the impact to the wetlands could be reduced if they just shrink the size of the road," Mr. LaMontagne said. "It appears they decided to make it double lanes in both directions because they over estimated the population of Port Orange in their survey."

He added the proposed sidewalk and bike trail also increased the width of the road and therefore its impact on the wetlands.

The Sweetwater Coalition presented the city with the following suggestions concerning the project: Reduce the road to two lanes, shrink or remove the extra-wide 22 foot median, leave the median in its original condition with its native trees, but if that can't be possible, then plant trees and not keep it a sod median as proposed. The coalition also suggests having the sidewalk meander around shade trees to add scenic charm and decrease the overall road width from 130 feet to the standard size of 100 feet, and to demand tree mitigation for more types of trees.

The final request is for the city and county not to build the road at all and save the taxpayers the estimated \$10 million the district expects it will cost to develop.

The council took a few minutes to discuss the information presented and identified the current plan by the district is to finish the design plan and all required studies by this fall and begin construction and have the project completed by June 2014.

The council then asked if he had given this presentation to the County Council and Mr. LaMontagne answered he had not. "I did not because first they said they had no tree surveys and second they said, 'It's being built within county standards.'"

Mr. LaMontagne told the City Council this was not an acceptable answer. "We don't want it to be just standard. We want it to be outstanding and beneficial to the waterways. Spruce Creek means a lot to me," he said. "I graduated from Spruce Creek High School. We want it to be aesthetically pleasing and to have the least impact on the wetlands as possible."

The council suggested it would be in the coalition's best interest and would help their cause best if they gave the same presentation to Volusia County. They also suggested presenting the information to Port Orange's Environmental Board, feeling that would be the best department to help them with their requests. Mr. LaMontagne said he would follow both suggestions.

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Zimmerman trial reveals an ugly truth

The trial in Sanford attracted lots of national attention. Civil rights leaders from across the country converged on Seminole County, carrying signs demanding justice. The protestors told the media they only wanted George Zimmerman to be brought to trial.

The problem was the facts of the case did not bear out a criminal prosecution. After the shooting of the black teenager, Trayvon Martin, the Sanford Chief of Police was fired for refusing to immediately arrest Mr. Zimmerman. The Seminole County Assistant State's Attorney also did not move quickly enough for the protestors and Gov. Rick Scott was pressured into appointing a special prosecutor from Jacksonville. Angela Corey the District 4 State's Attorney had an ethical responsibility not to proceed with the case unless there was sufficient evidence, but the trial went on.

After three weeks and 56 witnesses in the most one-sided legal proceeding I have ever witnessed, it was



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clear Mr. Zimmerman had acted in self-defense and he was completely exonerated. That result was not satisfactory to the African American community. Al Sharpton and the NAACP then demanded the federal government bring charges that Mr. Zimmerman violated Mr. Martin's civil rights. That is a charge only enacted to appease people who are not happy with the results of a legal trial. It reeks of double jeopardy.

Back in the late 1970s, a cousin of mine shot a man to death in Savannah, Ga. After an argument in a bar, my cousin went to his car to leave, but was followed. He took a .22 caliber pistol from the vehicle and killed the man. The shooter was charged with first-degree murder, but was acquitted on grounds of self-defense. Although witnesses said the man had threatened my cousin, he had never

received a single blow. That case drew almost no interest. Even the Savannah newspaper barely mentioned it. I wonder how that would have played out had the victim not been a white man.

After the Zimmerman trial, there was a lot of talk about racism and the inequalities of our justice system. It is true racism still divides our nation, but protesting the outcome of a jury trial will only deepen that divide. All people must accept the findings of our legal system and live within it. There is no better way.

On March 21, the most horrific crime in recent memory was committed in Brunswick, Ga. That coastal town is just a few minutes north of Jacksonville on Interstate 95. In that case a young white mother was out for a walk with her 13-month-old son in a stroller. On a city street in broad daylight she was accosted by two black teenagers who demanded money. When she told them she had none, they shot her. Now wounded, she begged for mercy, but the two attackers told her if she did not produce the cash they would shoot

her infant son. They did. The baby was shot in the head and died instantly. In a short time, the police had the two suspects in custody and they are now awaiting trial.

You may not have heard about that case. No national media converged on Brunswick. Al Sharpton or Jesse Jackson did not show up and President Obama did not give any statements concerning that crime. The white people of the town did not take to the streets. When that trial is over and if somehow the two thugs are set free, there will be no demonstrations or violent outrage. We live in a society governed by rules. Unless those rules apply to us all, racism is bound to continue.

Dan Smith is on the board of directors for the Ormond Beach Historical Society and The Motor Racing Heritage Association and is the author of two books, "The World's Greatest Beach" and "I Swear the Snook Drowned." Email questions and comments to fishwdan@att.net or call (386) 441-7793.

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Local housing agencies, lenders and real estate agents complete the required application, gather necessary documentation, and submit the package to the county for review and approval.

The program is not available in the city limits of Daytona Beach, Deltona, Ponce Inlet and Port Orange.

For information, visit www.volusia.org/housing or call (386) 736-5955.

Low-cost pet clinic planned

There will be a lower cost pet shot clinic sponsored by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Rescue Saturday, July 27.

The clinic will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Sky's The Limit Pet Grooming, 3174 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores.

The clinic is licensed and permitted. This is cash only for the shots. The clinic is

open to everyone.

No appointments are needed. For more information, call (386) 748-8993.

Road closure set

To accommodate FPL power pole relocation work, Herbert Street, between Golden Gate Circle and Stonegate Lane, will be closed to traffic.

The closure will occur Thursday, August 1, and it is related to a future sidewalk project.

Detour traffic plan: from east bound Herbert Street, north onto Golden Gate Circle, then east onto Iron Gate

Circle to Stonegate Circle, then east back to Herbert Street. Local traffic will be allowed to Trails End Drive, Silver Sands Middle School and the Nova Family Campground.

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Extension offers turfgrass pest control class Aug. 1

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Farmers

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Conference attendance was more than in past years and attracted new members, according to Michael Roglasky, YF&R/Women's Coordinator Field Services.

"We have 182 attending and 53 are first timers," Mr. Roglasky said.

Issues the leadership weekend program addressed extended beyond the fields. Topics of the biggest concern were finances, inheritance taxes and promoting the farms.

"Most farmers don't promote themselves. They are

raised to be modest," said Joe Siegmeister, assistant director of field services for District IV, which includes Volusia County. "This leadership program helps people bring some out of their shells."

Many, like Sam Daugharty, are farming the land their ancestors farmed.

"You see some folks you don't see but once a year," said Mr. Daugharty, a soft-spoken sixth generation farmer in Volusia County.

His plans for the weekend included visiting with friends from North Florida and attending the agri-tourism sessions.

"It's another revenue you

can make on your farm," Mr. Daugharty said. "I may not do it, but it's good to find out about."

Many farmers have incorporated agritourism into their farms by creating special areas on their land from corn mazes to having fields for the public to pick their own food.

"Agriculture is so diverse" Mr. Steigmeister said. "There's aquaculture, agri-tours and you-pick. All for people who want to have a special day on a farm."

A tour of Volusia and Flagler counties on Saturday took the attendees to fern farms and the Evans Fish Farm, specializing in raising sturgeon for caviar, in Pierson to the Florida Agricultural Museum in Flagler County, and a variety of local farms along the way.

Mr. Austin said the industry is more complex than it was 40 years ago and many farmers today have secondary educations, calling him-



Photo by J.M. Copeland

Reed and Elizabeth Hartman of Martin County with their daughter, Lilly Kate, 5 months, and Michael and Libby Matteson of Lake Wales with their three-month old son Hunter at dinner the first night of the Florida Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Leadership Conference in Daytona Beach.

self the "extreme" having earned a Ph.D.

The dairy farm Mr. Austin works with is like most dairy

farms in the state. They provide milk for Publix and Winn-Dixie grocery stores.

"If you buy from them,

there's a good chance your getting Florida milk," Mr. Austin said. "People want to know about their food."

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First ERAU students earn doctorates

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In an Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University milestone, the first students have completed the research-based Ph.D. degree programs the university launched in 2010.

Jaime Rubio Hervas earned a Ph.D. in engi-

neering physics and Robert "Buck" Joslin a Ph.D. in aviation.

During his studies at Embry-Riddle, Mr. Hervas helped develop an unmanned aerial vehicle used in the Galapagos Islands to deter poachers from mutilating sharks for shark fin soup. He also worked on a project in South Africa employing UAVs to monitor great white sharks. His productive research resulted in 20 peer-reviewed papers.

Mr. Hervas completed his dissertation research under the supervision of his Ph.D. advisor Dr. Mahmut Reyhanoglu, a professor of engineering physics. Joined by Dr. Reyhanoglu, Mr. Hervas will next work as a Research Fellow on a project titled "Automatic Landing System for UAVs" at the School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.

Mr. Joslin finished his



Mr. Hervas



Mr. Joslin

dissertation research under the supervision of Dr. Alan Stolzer, professor and chair of the Doctoral Studies Department.

Mr. Joslin is a chief scientist with the Federal Aviation Administration and used his studies at ERAU to evaluate technology for preventing aircraft accidents on runways. He will take his findings — that even the latest technology alerting pilots when two planes are on the same runway could stand

improvement — back to the FAA to influence the development of future technology.

In an additional role, Mr. Joslin will soon become an adjunct professor for one of Embry-Riddle's world-wide campuses in California and may teach full time after retiring from the FAA.

Nearly 60 other ERAU students are enrolled in the aviation and engineering physics Ph.D. programs.

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Police report

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

Port Orange Police Department

- Kaylee Rae Caudill, 22, of Port Orange, was arrested on July 12 and charged with possession of a Schedule V substance and petit theft. Bail was not set.
- Tiarra Cache Barsi, 23, of Port Orange, was arrested on July 13 and charged with domestic violence battery by strangulation and battery caus-

- ing bodily harm. Bail was not set.
- Vicki Ann Dowgiallo, 37, of Port Orange, was arrested on July 13 and charged with possession of paraphernalia and methamphetamines. Bail was not set.
- Nathan J. Harjes, 35, of Port Orange, was arrested on July 13 and charged with possession of a Schedule II substance, possession of paraphernalia and cannabis. Bail was set at \$31,000.
- Albert A. Edwards, 55, of Port Orange, was arrested on July 14 and charged with robbery with a deadly weapon. Bail was set at \$20,000.
- Anthony Wayne Bridewell, 27, of

Port Orange, was arrested on July 14 and charged with possession of a Schedule II substance, cannabis and paraphernalia. Bail was set at \$1,750.

Volusia County Sheriff's Office

- Stanley Irvin Puckett, 51, of Port Orange, was arrested on July 18 and charged with lewd and lascivious molestation on a child younger than 12 years of age and sexual battery on a person less than 12 years of age. Bail was not set.

School News

Support education when renewing Florida auto tags

Drivers can "play tag" and help send a deserving, low-income student to college. When Florida drivers renew their license tags and registration, they now have the option of making a voluntary contribution to Take Stock in Children. Take Stock in Children is one of 24 voluntary statewide contribution options and the only choice for educating low-income students in Volusia County. Drivers can contribute as little or as much as they choose. Voluntary contributions remain in Volusia.

Embry-Riddle Worldwide honored by BbWorld

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Worldwide was named a winner of six Blackboard Catalyst Awards for Exemplary Course Program. Instructional designers Helen Anderson, Shannon

Field and Monica Surrency joined faculty members Merrill Douglas, Jay Hines and Todd Smith for the awards presentation during BbWorld, Blackboard's annual user conference in Las Vegas. They developed course programs in Human Factors and Ergonomics, Small Business Management, Applied Regression Analysis, Globalization and World Politics and Marriage and Family for ERAU's Worldwide Campus. Also recognized were center director Wendi Kappers and faculty development instructor Sara Ombres from the Rothwell Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence for their faculty-training course, Making the Blend. Instructional designer Jan Neal and faculty members Jim Jurewicz and Bobby McMasters were recognized but did not attend the conference.

Volusia County presents \$10,000 check to WDSC

Continuing its long-held designation as Volusia County's official public tel-

vision station for emergency information, WDSC-TV 15 welcomed officials on July 10 for the annual check presentation of \$10,000 to Daytona State College President Carol W. Eaton. This year, Volusia County Council Chair Jason P. Davis presented the check to Dr. Eaton, joined by James A. Judge II, Volusia County Emergency Management director. Daytona State's WDSC-TV has served the county in this capacity for more than 10 years. For more information about WDSC, call (386) 506-4415 or visit wdsctv.org.

Stetson staffer and student honored

The Florida Career Professionals Association honored a staff member of and student of Stetson University during its annual conference in Orlando. Robin Kazmarek, associate director of Career Development, was presented the 2013 Brownlee Leadership Award for her support of the association, and Mark Marcus was hon-

ored with the Student of the Year Award. Ms. Kazmarek's recognition marks the first time in the 26-year history of the award that a member of Stetson's staff has won. Mr. Marcus, a junior accounting student at Stetson, was nominated by John Sheehy, coordinator of Career Development. Mr. Marcus is participating in the Siemens Energy 2013 Accounting Internship Program and plans to graduate in 2014.

ERAU leader awarded

Adam Marks, chair of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Worldwide management and technology department, was named a winner of the Blackboard Catalyst Award's Beyond the Course. The award honors those who have made an impact at their institution through the innovative use of Community Engagement, Content Management or Outcomes Assessment modules within the Blackboard Learning management system.

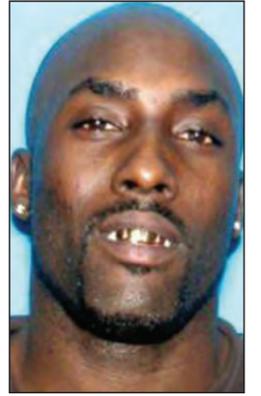
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Travis Dion Miller

Crime Stoppers of Northeast Florida is seeking information on the whereabouts of 27-year-old Travis Dion Miller. Miller is wanted on a felony arrest warrant issued on June 20, charging him with unlawful sexual activity with a minor and contributing to the delinquency of a child. The judge has set his bond at \$15,000. Miller is 5 feet, 7 inches tall and weighs about 170 pounds and has brown eyes. His last known address was on Eastern Road in South Daytona. Anyone with information regarding Miller'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.

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Agrees with Dan

I read the Land Lines article by Dan Smith in the July 19 *Hometown News*.

I agree with his view that the legalization of pot would be a good thing for Florida.

The taxes and license fees would be paid to the state. The law enforcement people then could direct their attention to real crimes and the people who are using pot would feel more at ease.

I'd say it's a win-win for all.

No so sure, Dan

I wanted to tell Dan Smith that recently some diners at a fast food business in Michigan found a loaded pot pipe in their kid's meal. Just wanted you to know.

Good going, Dan

I commend Dan Smith for his piece on marijuana. He speaks truth. As a medical professional, I have seen the damages resulting from this overly, and may I say (prescription drug), medicated and alcohol ingesting culture. Many are suffering from health challenges that could be helped by this herb.

We need to rethink this. Cancer patients deserve to have this option, as do those suffering from fibromyalgia and other conditions.

Dan is brave to share and I hope folks will reconsider. So many lives and families are damaged from drugs and alcohol that have multiple and even deadly side effects. It's all about politics not about people.

Parking lot signs still mean stop

People do not stop at the stop signs at Walmart and Winn-Dixie. I almost got hit again. The police say they can't do anything because it's private property. What can you do to make people stop at stop signs?

Shop locally

I am a 10-year resident of New Smyrna Beach and I have discovered three new local businesses on Third Avenue — a swimwear place, dentist and pizza place. These are three businesses I can walk to from my home. I want to encourage everyone to shop locally. That is how we keep New Smyrna Beach strong. We need to keep independent owners in business. They offer quality services and care. This is what makes New Smyrna Beach great.

In response to: 'No brain in my head'

Apparently you think everyone follows your habit of not texting while driving. Well, let me tell you something

Taking in the action



Randy Barber/staff photographer

One-year-old Aiden Miles of South Daytona would like nothing more than to open his bag of Skittles during the "Justice for Trayvon" National Day of Action Vigil, which was part of a 100 Cities Action on Saturday, July 20. The Daytona Beach event was in front of the Fifth District Federal Court of Appeals on Beach Street.

sweet pea. Most people are drawn to texting while driving. Their common excuses are it is only for a moment or it is an important call.

It must be stopped. Apparently you think drinking in a car is OK if you are stopped. Apparently you think riding in a car with a loaded gun in your front seat is OK if you are stopped. Open your eyes. Smell the fertilizer — not your false sense of roses. This world is falling over backward to texting. Children are so addicted to it that I am sure your common statement to children texting is oh look isn't that cute.

Anything can be overdone. No. 1 — get those phones out of cars. No. 2 — make it illegal to travel with one whether you are the driver or passenger. No. 3 — level heavy fines and jail time against those who break these laws. No. 4 — get a class of instruction for those who cannot think straight about texting while driving. I am sure that you would make an excellent student.

In response to: 'Missed the mayhem'

I would be curious as to that person's definition of fun. Would it be the underage drinking by young girls or the dangerous traffic situation these inebriated cyclists created? These dangerous conditions could not be grasped in pictures. I think you missed the point.

The point was how dangerous the situation was. How the dangerous situation was apparently ignored by law enforcement and how our beautiful city could gain a reputation if encouraging drinking and driving. It was not if a person had the option to leave during this event, although, one should not be forced from their homes. It is a matter of safety and laws.

Fun? How much fun would it be if someone was injured or fatally wounded during this event? Who would be responsible then?

In response to: 'It's the thing on the side of your steering column'

Reading the Rants and Raves in the July 12 issue, I felt really sad for one rant. He or she was ranting about the fact people do not use their turn signals. I am sure that everyone who drives has felt that frustration but maybe I can offer a little help. Over 40 years ago, I started driving. I was taught to expect the worst from other drivers. If you pay attention to the road and the drivers around you, you have a better chance of making it from point A to point B. After all, that is what all of us are trying to do.

If you're driving down the road, try if possible to keep from having a car driving at the same pace next to you. That way, should you need to swerve, you won't hit anyone. If you see someone weaving, it can be for many reasons, so it would be wise to give them a little room. If on the freeway and you miss your turn, don't slam on your brakes and try to cross several lanes just to make it, go up to the next one and turn around. If someone comes up from behind and is driving faster than you, let them pass. It's not your job to control their speed.

Yes, it is very frustrating when someone doesn't use their turn signal, but there is not much you can do about

that but when coming to an intersection or off ramp be prepared for someone to either turn or hit the brakes. I have been driving for more than 40 years with no accidents and no tickets. So I do hope that this might help you.

Yesterday's women

Do you remember when a woman was a woman was a woman? It was great. Women tried to stay slender, smelled good and walked with grace. Today, they are stout, forget underarms and speed walk.

Did you ever think you would see a woman with tattoos? Only in the circus. Seeing a woman with tattoos reminds me of seeing a guy driving an 18-wheel truck. Piercing is a turn on to some women. They pierce the tongues, eyelids, lips, ears and unmentionables.

They're down at your neighborhood bar drinking beers and wearing their best dungarees, which they call jeans. Instead of sitting in a posh nightclub decked out in the finery of their dresses, nylon clad legs crossed and sipping martinis. The young men of today cannot appreciate those great days of yesterday. How can they look back on those classy days with those classy dames when they were never exposed to them?

Find a phone booth

I had to giggle at the responder to the cell phones in cars topic. Missed the point completely and made me wonder the age of the ranter.

Maybe the ranter is too young to know that for decades people drove cars without phones. If they had to make a call they would actually stop their car, get out of the car and walk to a antique called "The Phone Booth." I think the ranter should include themselves in the statement made that the person does not have a brain cell in his or her head. I do believe the complaint about cell phones is a general one that many people are upset about. While there are many who do not touch their cell phones while driving there are just as many who cannot put the phone down.

In the past two weeks my husband, who drives a motorcycle, was cut off three times by someone driving while talking or texting on their cell phone. I have sat at a light and watched people rear end cars because they get the green light, but they are so busy texting they don't realize their lane is moving.

Maybe this will help you understand. It is legal to drink and it is legal to purchase liquor and get in your car and go home. It is not legal to open that alcoholic drink while driving home though many do.

If people were responsible and stayed off their phones while driving, then no one would be upset about people having their cell phones in their vehicles. Instead of calling people brainless, maybe take that energy and put it into something more positive. Like educating people about the danger of driving while talking or texting on your cell phone. Oh, and one last note, back in the "old days" if you broke down, you got out of your vehicle and either walked to one of those antique phone booths or if on a highway, you walked to the call box and called for help.

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Letters

County councilman should resign

Volusia County Councilman Doug Daniels, District 4, should resign.

Mr. Daniels' acceptance of a \$125,000 consulting contract for his company, GDH Corporate Solutions, from the City of Daytona Beach at the City Council meeting last week will raise the unavoidable appearance of conflict of interest on many upcoming votes the council must take.

A public officer or employee is prohibited from holding any employment or contract with any business entity or agency regulated by or doing business with his or her public agency. [Sec. 112.313(7), Fla. Statutes.

Any vote by the council relating to the City of Daytona Beach and the several other municipalities that include beach properties, and there will be many, could be affected.

If Councilman Daniels chooses to recuse himself

from certain votes, it will leave our council with only 6 voting members and perhaps make it impossible to reach a majority decision on the issue before them.

The citizens of District 4 elected Mr. Daniels to represent them on all votes taken by the Volusia County Council, not just some of the votes.

By virtue of past experience Councilman Daniels is well suited for the position he has contracted for with the city of Daytona Beach. But he cannot ethically, or in good conscience, hold both his elected council seat and his contracted city position.

Doug Daniels should do the right thing for the citizens of District 4 and the citizens of Volusia County and give up his County Council seat.

Tony Ledbetter
Chairman

Republican Executive Committee of Volusia

Labor market getting closer to sweet spot

The labor market in Volusia County is getting close to that sweet spot where higher wage jobs grow to the point that they start creating other jobs.

In June, the state labor department reported unemployment was at 7.3 percent in Volusia, compared to 7.1 percent in May and 9.1 percent a year ago. While there was the usual bump in the jobless rate with school ending, comparing June to June 2012 shows growth in construction, health care, manufacturing, and business and professional services jobs. With those four sectors up, as well as growth in tourism, hospitality and retail trade jobs were up 1,400 jobs from last year.

The county isn't quite where it needs to be to become a major producer in the economic recovery. While Volusia produced about 2,000 more jobs from last year, about 2,000 workers found jobs outside the county. So far, labor markets in the surrounding area are performing better than Volusia, but at least the county is headed in the right direction.

Right now the average number of jobs in Volusia each month is about 158,000. Goods producing



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jobs are at 16,800 and the service producing jobs that help create spin off jobs are at about 50,000 jobs. We need to keep seeing those jobs grow by about 1,000 a month to really become part of the economic recovery.

We'll have more about it soon, but a big story is developing in New Smyrna Beach. Houston-based Silvestri Investments, which developed Oceanwalk at New Smyrna Beach, has bought the Causeway Landings project site from Atlantic Housing Partners for \$2.68 million. For all the folks hoping the original project would get built, with for sale condos instead of rental apartments, they may get their wish. Silvestri has generally preferred building condos over apartments. In fact, Silvestri just restarted construction at Oceanwalk, adding building 18, so obviously the company believes

the condo market is on the upswing.

Waterfront property in New Smyrna Beach apparently has turned around. A 5,000-square-foot ocean-front house recently sold for \$3 million, the same as the owner paid for it in 2004. While the owner didn't make a profit on it, there wasn't a loss either.

In another developing story, the Coraci family has bought back land it sold to Maryland-based Humphrey Corp. at Willow Run and Williamson boulevards in Port Orange for \$1.5 million. Anyone with a computer can look at Google maps and figure out new residential development will head in that direction, so that intersection will be ripe for commercial development.

Commercial real estate investors continue to have a strong interest in Volusia. Some recent deals included National Retail Properties of Orlando selling the Wendy's properties in New Smyrna Beach, South Daytona and West Ormond Beach to Pa-

based American Realty Capital for \$3.2 million. Also, ABC Liquors sold its new New Smyrna Beach store to Platinum Holdings for \$3.18 million.

On a final note, Brown & Brown Inc. continued its march toward becoming a \$2 billion company in the second quarter. The Daytona Beach-based insurance agency network and benefits manager posted revenue of \$325.8 million in the quarter, up from \$290.9 million in the second quarter of 2012. The company's net income was at \$52 million, up from \$42.5 million last year. The company's growth is getting a boost from the improving national economy with its existing operations adding to the income growth. Add that to its aggressive rate of acquisitions and it is moving closer to becoming the largest insurance seller and manager in the nation.

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Business incubator celebrating anniversary

Fifteen University of Central Florida incubator companies will be featured Monday, July 29, at a free Open House/Expo to celebrate the second anniversary of the UCF Business Incubator at Daytona Beach International Airport, 601 Innovation Way.

Highlights of the Open House/Expo, which will be from 4 to 7 p.m., will be the presentation of the Entrepreneur-of-the-Year award and the launch of two incubator businesses: Fusion Fitness Designs and Abraham Rosa Seasonings, according to Site Manager Connie Bernal.

The early- and second-stage companies based at the incubator are AbM Engineering, Abraham Rosa Seasonings, AquaSolve,

Best3Bids, Better Firearms Designs, Bounce Forward, DeLand Bakery, Delta Dynamic Developments, Festival Designs, First Response Disaster Team, Fusion Fitness Designs, Klein-Yaney Media, Medical Exercise Associates, Mind to Medium, Nexis International and Source2MLS.com.

To make a reservation, contact Arlene Wilson at arlene.wilson@ucf.edu or (386) 872-3100.

Realty awards top producers

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Florida Top Producer was Denise Hutchinson from the Daytona Beach office.

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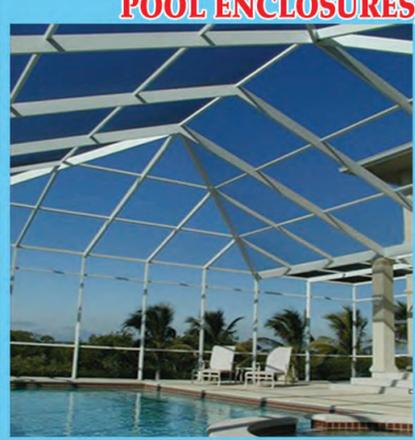
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DAYTONA BEACH — Dr. Bonnie J. Sorensen, director of the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County, was named the 2013 Great Communicator by the Volusia/Flagler Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association.

Dr. Sorensen will be honored Aug. 13 at the 14th annual "Gems in Communications" Great Communicator Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at Cypress Head Golf Club in Port Orange.

The annual award, given to one outstanding communications professional in Volusia and Flagler counties, is the highest honor bestowed by the chapter.

Kent Donahue, chapter president, said Dr. Sorensen is

celebrated for her tireless promotion of healthy lifestyles and public education.

"Dr. Sorensen has been highly successful in articulating the interconnection between public health and our everyday lives," he said. "She has demonstrated a lifetime of accomplishments in effective communication."

With more than 20 years in public health, Dr. Sorensen's professional experience includes service as deputy director of the Florida Department of Health, president of the Florida Public Health Association and recognition as an HIV/AIDS expert.

In 2007, she helped launch the California Department of Public Health in Sacramento under Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

In 2012, she was assigned as incident commander of the tuberculosis cluster investigation in Duval County and was named interim director of the Florida Department of Health in Duval County.

Dr. Sorensen received the 2012 Public Health Hero Award by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials. She is board certified in Endocrinology and Metabolism, and Internal Medicine. She earned her bachelor's degree and medical degree at the University of Illinois.

The public is invited to the luncheon, which is co-sponsored by Florida Health Care Plans and Cypress Head Golf Club, 6231 Palm Vista St., Port Orange. The cost, which includes lunch, is \$18 for stu-



Dr. Sorensen

dents, \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Reservation deadline is Friday, Aug. 9. Email bholden@fhcp.com or visit fpravolusiaflagler.org.

Business

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The 2012 President's Platinum Team Award in Florida went to Christopher Pollard and Jack Pollard, also at the Daytona Beach office. McColly Real Estate is at 3118 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 756-8111.

Panheads Pizzeria is open for lunch

Panheads Pizzeria, 4085 S. Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange, is now open for

lunch at 11 a.m. Tuesday through Friday.

For more information, call (386) 872-4924.

Keller Williams Realty Florida Partners taps Frank Bruno

Frank Bruno has joined Keller Williams Realty Florida Partners, 3510 S. Nova Road, Suite 112, Port Orange.

"Frank comes to us following a remarkable career in public service including



Mr. Bruno

20 years on the Volusia County Council," said Michael Leadlay, team leader of the Keller Williams office. "His peers elected him chairman of the council twice and the voters chose him to be the first ever Volusia County Chair for two terms. That is not only an extraordinary measure of confidence in his leadership, but also explains his vast knowledge of the entire 1,200-square-mile footprint of Volusia County."

Mr. Bruno has long had an interest in real estate and earned his state license after completing his studies in residential real estate at the Bob Fritze School of Real Estate.

Mr. Bruno has a business background as the founder and former owner of LithoCraft Printing in Port Orange, a successful venture he owned for 22 years before selling it. He is a vet-

eran of the U.S. Army.

He and his wife, Mary, who is a long time educator, are active community volunteers and have been engaged in a wide variety of health and human service agencies, as well as civic and church activities.

Villages of Royal Palm reports sales doubled in first six months of year

The Villages of Royal Palm reported sales of luxury homes for active adults were up more than 100 percent over last year.

Winston Schwartz, president of Winston-James Development Inc., which is developing the Villages of Royal Palm, said the luxury community sold 16 new homes from Jan. 1 through June 30.

The average sale price of a new home at the Port Orange community for the first half of 2013 was \$275,000.

Florida Hospital opens outpatient rehabilitation in Daytona Beach Shores

Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center has expanded its rehabilitation services and opened an outpatient facility in Daytona Beach Shores.

The new facility, at 3506 S. Atlantic Ave., offers an array of outpatient physical therapy services, including amputee rehabilitation, balance retraining, fall prevention, home exercise instruction, manual therapy, neurological rehabilitation, orthopedic rehabilitation, strengthening, pediatric services, sacroiliac rehabilitation, sports medicine, TMJ rehabilitation and vestibular rehabilitation.

Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center also offers outpatient rehabilitation therapy at the Pavilion at Port Orange, Florida Hospital Oceanside and at Sterthaus Drive in Ormond Beach.

This expansion comes on the heels of Florida Hospital Peninsula Rehabilitation's recent \$3 million renovation.

For more information, call (386) 231-3235.

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With merger, bank makes its presence known in Florida

By Cecil G. Brumley
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Weston-based Florida Community Bank is making the transition from a holding company for the assets of failed banks to one of the state's largest banking operations.

FCB recently completed its first negotiated acquisition, buying Great Florida Bank of Coral Gables. Based on Great Florida's most recent report of outstanding shares of common stock, the deal is valued at about \$42.5 million with FCB paying \$2.34 for each share.

FCB, a subsidiary of Bond Street Holdings, was formed in 2009 and used to maintain the assets of failed banks in cooperation with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Great Florida also was in shaky condition, but FCB already was

involved in turning it around, FCB President Kent Ellert said in a telephone interview. "Based on the pricing, we feel OK about the assets of Great Florida."

The combined operations put FCB as the fourth largest bank based in Florida with assets of \$4.4 billion and 67 offices along both Florida coasts.

Mr. Ellert doesn't expect any of the offices will close. "Very little overlapped between our two operations," he said.

FCB is now poised to become a statewide bank, something Florida hasn't had with a state-based bank in several years. It will need to move into the Jacksonville, Panhandle, Tallahassee and Tampa Bay markets to do it.

In the news release announcing the deal, Mr. Ellert said, "The transaction

with Great Florida Bank is truly a 'game changer' for our Company as we have been eager to expand our presence in Miami, Florida's largest metro market. We are a Florida-based, Florida-focused company and the merger with Great Florida Bank adds significant scale to our brand and will result in meaningful synergies that will benefit customers and communities of both institutions.

"Consistent with our previously completed eight successful acquisitions, this merger will significantly enhance our Florida footprint and will provide a foundation for us to augment our commercial lending team to further generate organic growth," he said.

M. Mehdi Ghomeshi, President of Great Florida Bank, said in the news

release, "This merger is a win for our stockholders, customers and banking franchise. This business combination significantly enhances our combined abilities to be one of the financially strongest and

most competitive community banking organizations in Florida. We are confident that this merger is a highly attractive strategic alignment for all of our constituents."

The transaction is expect-

ed to be completed by the end of the fourth quarter of 2013, subject to customary conditions, including receipt of regulatory approvals and the approval of Great Florida stockholders.

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pest control workshop and testing for spray technicians from 8:30 a.m. to 1:35 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, at the Pig-gotte Community Center, 504 Big Tree Road, South Daytona.

Speakers will include Dr. Eileen Buss, University of Florida professor of entomology; Dr. Phil Harmon, University of Florida assistant professor of plant pathology; and Karen Stauderman, horticulture extension agent for Volusia County.

Licensed applicators can earn up to four CEUs for recertification.

The fee, which includes lunch, is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. For advance registration, call (386) 822-5778 or email mcampbell@volusia.org.

Donations needed

Mary Barrs and her God's Little Angels charity are collecting new socks and underwear for needy children going back to school.

She and her volunteers will be accepting donations of new socks and underwear at her home at 540 South St.

Call before making a donation. The phone is (386) 253-5349.

Checks made out to God's Little Angels Inc. may be sent to SunTrust Bank, 2300 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores, to the attention of Angel Macauley.

Donations will be made at several area Head Start facilities after the start of the school year.

Pampered Chef is joining Autism Speaks

Local Pampered Chef representative Heidi Nates is teaming up with Autism Speaks to host a night of cooking at 7 p.m. Aug. 2.

Pampered Chef will donate a portion of the proceeds to Autism Speaks.

Participants may order online by visiting pamperedchef.biz/cookwithheidi and click on Shop Online and type in Kathy Davis as the host or email teamjoseph3@gmail.com for the location.

To join the walk or to donate, visit walknowforautismspeaks.org/volusia/teamjoseph3.

Community family day planned

The Port Orange Elks will host a Community Family Day from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1.

Discover or Rediscover the Elks at this event, which is open to the entire community.

Learn about the many programs the Elks are

involved in which support the veterans and children in the community.

A dinner special will be served with the first dinner cost of \$5.75 - second adult dinner is half price and children younger than 12 eat free.

Entertainment will See **NOTES A11**

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War

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upon cease fire date, but no peace treaty has ever been agreed upon. Now in 2013, 60 years later, there is still only an uneasy truce."

The exhibit is small, but educational and will have historical artifacts that give a sense of understanding of the war to all who attend.

"Without glorifying war, it adds to the richness of the existing New Smyrna Museum of History," Mr. McGuire said.

All Korean War Veterans of Volusia and Flagler counties will be honored at 2 pm in the park next to the museum at 120 Sams Ave. The ceremony will consist of a

welcome by Mr. McGuire followed by a proclamation from Mayor Adam Baringer. The Marine Corp. League will present the Colors followed by the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance. Rev. Jim Cook will deliver the Invocation and Larry Skates, president of the New Smyrna Museum of History, will have a few remarks. Pastor Hur of the Korean Baptist Church of Daytona Beach will say a Prayer of Reunification and Chuck Husband, president of the KWVA Chapter 189 will dedicate the new exhibit.

The special guest speaker will be Jason Davis, Volusia County Council Chair and a Gulf War Veteran, and the closing ceremony will con-

sist of retiring the Colors and a benediction. Mr. McGuire invites all veterans from not only the Korean War, but World War II, Vietnam and the more recent conflicts to attend to support their brothers-in-arms.

South Korea has risen to be one of the world's fastest growing economies, ranking 10th on the world stage, according to Mr. McGuire. "They also continue to be one of the United States staunchest allies."

"Around the world, the 22 nations which joined the United States under the cooperative banner of the United Nations are today celebrating this victory over the forceful spread of communism," explained Mr. McGuire. "North Korea, aided by the USSR and China's vast military potential, failed physically and philosophically to dominate South Korea. North Korea has squandered its resources in the mythical defense of its philosophy while its people continue to live lives that most of the world finds reprehensible and inexcusable," stated Mr.



Photo by Estella Fullmer

Marci Skates, a volunteer at the New Smyrna Museum of History, stands amidst the new Korean War exhibit, which opens Saturday.

McGuire. July 27, 2013, will be a day to remember those who died for freedom in Korea and to honor those who fought and stopped the advance of communism and suppression of the common people of South Korea.

For more information about the new Korean War exhibit at the Southeast Historical Society's New Smyrna Museum of History, call (386) 478-0052 or visit nsb-history.org/Exhibits. For more information about

the KWVA, write to Mr. McGuire at the Department of Florida KWVA, 971 Indian Lake Road, Daytona Beach, FL 32124, call (386) 323-6401 or email McRob10@AOL.com.

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Habit

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social norm supporting a smoke free environment and support from within academic communities for such policies for campus health and well-being."

Ms. Homan has been with

DSC for nearly 16 years. When she applied for the grant in 2010, she said, she had a five-year plan, which included getting the information out, conducting surveys, educating students and faculty, and garnering support and back-up.

She worked fast. And, she said, she had a lot of help.

"This has been really supported by student groups," Ms. Homan said. "Without them we wouldn't have been successful with all of the surveys."

It stands to reason a fitness advocate would be opposed to the use of tobacco products, but Ms. Homan's motivator was closer than her vocation to her heart.

"My father was 53 when he died of a massive stroke," she said. "He was a heavy smoker. That's the reason I feel so passionate. I don't want this to happen to other families. I had to learn the hard way."

Cigarette smoking approximately doubles a person's risk for stroke, and cigarette smokers are two to four times more likely to develop coronary heart disease than nonsmokers,

according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In 2010 when the grant was awarded, 430 colleges in the United States were tobacco free, Ms. Homan said.

As of July 8, there are at least 1,182 college campuses nationwide that have gone 100 percent smoke-free, according to the American Non-Smokers' Rights Foundation. Of those, 798 have gone entirely tobacco-free, with still more considering their own policies, the ANRF reported.

Nearly all institutions in the Central Florida region have already adopted tobacco-free campus policies or are considering them, according to DSC's website.

Ms. Homan said during the 2012 Cigarette Butt Pick-Up and Earth Day event, students, student-athletes, staff and members of the Volusia County Health Department removed 15,000 butts from the Daytona Beach Campus in just one hour.

This year around 9,000 butts were removed from the grounds of the Daytona Beach Campus; lesser amounts were picked up at other branch campuses, DSC's website reported.

The tobacco-free policy should eliminate the need for counting next year.

Ms. Homan said the AHCC has been invaluable to the effort. The grant is helping to offset the cost of the policy, including the purchase of campus signs, and the organization facilitates the smoking cessation classes, which are open to the public, in addition to providing four weeks of nicotine replacement therapy to participants.

Last fall Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University announced it will implement a tobacco-free policy, also effective Aug. 1. Bethune-Cookman University also prohibits use of tobacco products on campus.

"We are trying to coordinate classes with Embry-Riddle and Bethune-Cookman on our campuses monthly so opportunities exist to all students, staff and general public," Ms. Homan said.

Other Florida colleges and universities with 100 percent tobacco-free campuses, according to the ANRF, are Edison State College, Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, Florida International University, Florida State College of Jacksonville, Florida State University, Gulf Coast State College, Hillsborough Community College, Miami-Dade College, Nova Southeastern University, South Florida Community College, University of Florida, University of Florida Health Services/Shands, Seminole State College, University of South Florida Health and Warner University.

"The state of Florida has quite a few (tobacco free campuses) compared to other states," Ms. Homan said, "and we should be proud... Florida is proud."

Tobacco-free Florida has compiled a list of organizations that offer free or low-cost smoking cessation programs for those seeking help to quit.

For information on smoking-cessation classes in the area visit daytonastate.edu/nobutts.

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Me Strong strives for "we" strong approach

By Erika Webb
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On a scorching day in June, Litsa Taylor ran through the hot, soft sand on the beach. Fatigue, heat and sore muscles urged her to quit. Everyone who's ever been affected by cancer pulled her through the sand and pushed her to the triathlon's finish line.

"I wanted to quit, but I thought I'm not a quitter and I thought of the people with cancer who can't run, who've passed or are in a bed," Mrs. Taylor said. "Thinking of them gives me that extra push."

Mrs. Taylor represents Me Strong, the rapidly growing non-profit organization initiated in 2011 by four DeLand women. They wanted to do something to help their beloved friend, Linda Ryan, who was facing cancer for the third time. They couldn't sit by and sit still.

After all, Ms. Ryan never does.

She overcame thyroid cancer in 2002, cervical cancer 2004, and ran a marathon just four weeks before being told the cervical cancer had recurred, showing up in her lymph nodes.

Barbara Underhill, Kim Martin, Kim Winters and Kathy Guyer were determined to find a way to help. "Kim Winters called me right before my first chemo (treatment)," Ms. Ryan said.

The group of friends had decided they wanted to do a 5k run benefit to honor Ms. Ryan.

"I didn't want it to be just about let's raise money to fight cancer," Ms. Ryan said. "I wanted people to be active. I was in the best shape of my life so I felt strong going into my battle and I feel like if you're in good shape mentally and physically, you're better equipped to conquer anything."

The five of them marched forward carrying that message. Many others have fallen into step.

In two years, Me Strong has raised \$25,000; 60 percent has been given to cancer patients and their families for medications, treatment and diversions, such as dinner out with their families.

Proceeds have gone to, among others, a cancer-stricken mother of twins, a 16 year-old-boy with brain cancer and a woman with metastatic breast cancer.

The rest of the funds raised have been donated to cancer research.

That first 5k race in DeLand was on Jan. 28, 2012. It was expected to attract 300 participants. Social media, community newspaper coverage and Ms. Ryan's open, honest blog about her journey through cancer saw to it the roster was three times that number. The 5k is Me Strong's flagship annual fundraiser, and Mrs. Taylor said, in its second year, the race drew 1,200 runners, making it the largest 5k race ever in Volusia County.

In 2012, VP Communications President Vickie Pleus and the Me Strong "Linda's Run for the Dream" 5k won a Florida Public Relations Association Judges' Award at the Orlando Area Chapter Image Awards program in the very competitive special event category.

Mrs. Taylor, who teaches Fashion Marketing at DeLand High School, ran in both 5ks, winning first place in her age division each time.

She said the Me Strong founders contacted her offering to sponsor her in other events as a way to market their organization.

"So I do events all over Florida representing Me Strong," Mrs. Taylor said.

The 35-year-old mother of three children displays the Me Strong logo as she participates in triathlons, races..." anything to get exposure," she explained.

Aside from displaying the logo, Mrs. Taylor talks to other contestants and attendees at the events about the endeavor and the group's accomplishments.

"It's an honor for me to represent such an elite group of women, those five women who embody everything I look up to," Mrs. Taylor said. "I may not win every race, but it's more important for me to be a positive influence for my children, my friends and the community."

Mrs. Taylor is an active member of Stetson Baptist Church. Her three children, Carson, 7, Reese, 4, and Caroline, 2, inspire her to lead by example. She wants them to see their mother being physically and spiritually active, eat-



Photo courtesy of Me Strong
Me Strong founders and "friends for life" are, from left, Kathy Guyer, Linda Ryan, Barbara Underhill, Kim Martin and Kim Winters.

ing right, achieving goals and inspiring goal-setting in others.

Those ambitions did not go unnoticed by Me Strong's founding five.

"Basically, they thought I embodied everything Me Strong stood for," Mrs. Taylor said. "I have an active lifestyle. I work, am active in the community. I'm a mom and I try to teach my kids to live a healthy lifestyle."

She said she only started running about two years ago, right around the time of the first 5k race, but she's always enjoyed physical activities including biking, spinning and cross-fit, and is a "huge" supporter of the DeLand YMCA.

Running added a whole new dimension to Mrs. Taylor's life and allows her to devote more time to one that was solidly in place before her feet hit the pavement.

"God is my number one, my support system," Mrs. Taylor said. "When I'm running I have a lot of time. That's when I think, pray and clear my head. I can make a lot of decisions and I just kind of feel free."

Often, she pushes a double stroller containing her two girls, which provides the added benefit of quality family time.

Ms. Ryan considers running a lifesaver.

In 2011, she participated in a clinical trial at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston where she underwent eight rounds of

chemotherapy. Each treatment included a nine-hour infusion. Between flights to Houston for treatments she ran for her life.

"I did two half marathons and three 5ks," Ms. Ryan said. "For me, being outside and being active was my way of letting cancer know it would not win."

By March 2012, there was no evidence of disease in her body.

The organization's name originated prior to Ms. Ryan's 2011 diagnosis during a trip she, Mrs. Winters and Mrs. Winters' daughter took to Boston.

"We were doing a power walk in Boston Garden and this woman ran by," Ms. Ryan said. "She looked so confident and strong and Kim looked at me and said, 'Me strong woman!'"

Ms. Ryan said Me Strong has given each of the five women something.

"We each find purpose, satisfaction and gratification through doing this and giving back to others, and telling my story has been therapeutic for me," she said.

Also for her, the effort gave deeper meaning to the concept of friendship.

"These friends ... what they've done to honor me, to help me through my battle, it really defines what friendship should be and is," she said. "Honestly, I'm thankful for my cancer. So much good has come out of it."

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The Port Orange Elks Lodge No. 2723 is located at 5207 S. Ridgewood Ave.

This lodge covers the community from Daytona Beach through Port Orange.

Golf outing benefits HUM

The 6th annual Halifax Urban Ministries Golfn'4 Homeless Prevention will be Saturday, Aug. 10, at River Bend Golf Club, 730 Airport Road, Ormond Beach.

The fee is \$75 per player. Fee includes: Green fee & cart, coffee and doughnuts, cook out style lunch, course contests & awards, 50/50 drawing raffle prizes and hole-in-one contest for a chance to win a Buick Verano from Ritchey Cadillac.

For sponsorship, golf details or information, call (386) 252-0156 or email Mark@HalifaxUrbanMinistries.org.

Registration is required by Aug. 2.

Food drive slated

The Town of Ponce Inlet has announced a Positively! Ponce sponsored food drive to benefit Halifax Urban Ministries. Donations of non-perishable food items, baby food and diapers are needed.

Drop off locations are:
•Town Hall, 4300 S. Atlantic Ave. (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday)
•Police Department, 4301 S. Peninsula Drive (8 a.m. to 6 p.m., 7 days/week)
•Fire Department, 4680 S. Peninsula Drive (8 a.m. to

4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday)
•Community Center, 4670 S. Peninsula Drive (9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday).

This campaign will run through Aug. 15.

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Fond farewell



Randy Barber/staff photographer

With the American Flag at half-mast, Firefighter/Paramedic Cody Case, left, of Fire Station One in Daytona Beach, stands with fellow firefighters as they show their respect in honoring the late Arthur Wilson, a former Daytona Beach Police Chief and Volusia County Fire Marshall, and resident of Port Orange, on Thursday, June 27. The procession headed north on Beach Street with "Rosie" the fire truck leading the way to Pinewood Cemetery.

School

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Keiser University sets open house

Keiser University will host a Summerfest open house from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at 1800 Business Park Blvd., Daytona Beach.

Join faculty, staff and students of Keiser for refreshments, games, campus tours and prizes.

This family-friendly open house will feature exhibits and hands on activities for healthcare, business, technology and legal programs.

Keiser offers doctoral, master's, bachelor's and associate degrees. It assists in making a college education manageable for busy individuals. Semesters feature one class at a time for one month at a time courses. This system fosters a healthy balance between life, work and study.

For more information, visit KUopenhouse.com or call (888) 844-8404.

Parents of children with disabilities invited to 'Awareness Day'

The Central FL Parent Center is hosting an "Aware-

ness Day" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Oceanfront, 3301 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores.

The event is for parents whose child has a disability or is struggling in school (from a suspected disability).

Central Florida Parent Center is a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to parents of children with disabilities/special education needs. Central FL Parent Center receives funding from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs for its AWARE project.

For more information, call (727) 789-2400 or visit www.CFLparents.org.

Stetson professor named Fulbright scholar

Stetson University English professor Jamil Khader, Ph.D., will explore facets of the deep, multi-layered Palestinian society to promote greater comprehension of the universal human condition and social justice during a year-long Fulbright fellowship.

His project, "The Part of No Part: Marginality in Palestinian Literature," ties into his work on post-colonial turbulence and restrictive social orders in

Africa, the Caribbean, the Middle East and the Americas.

Teaching at Bir Zeit University near Ramallah is part of the Fulbright fellowship.

Fresh start course offered

A Fresh Start for Men Course will be from 1:30 to 3:30 Aug. 5-28 at Daytona State College, Wetherell Center, Room 219

1200 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach.

Sponsored by DSC's Center for Women and Men, the free four-week program assists men who desire to make a successful transition into career and technical training programs at the college.

Students will explore career options, examine educational opportunities, and establish personal and career goals.

They will also learn interview and job-readiness skills and how to create a resume for successful entrance into the workforce. Participants must have a high school diploma/GED or be willing to pursue a GED at the Daytona State College School of Adult Education.

Classes meet on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

For more information, call (386) 506-3068.

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Out & about

FRIDAY, JULY 26

•“Wind in the Willows:”
The Shoestring Theatre will present “Wind in the Willows” July 26-28 at 320 S. Goodwin St., Lake Helen. Show times are 8 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students. For more information or to make a reservation, call (386) 228-3777.

•Front Porch Friday Festival: The Riverfront Shops of Daytona welcome everyone to the monthly, all day festival, which will celebrate 1930s style and the Dog Days of July.

Riverfront merchants will participate by offering coupons, promotions, sales, and events from fitness and health to food, fun and flashbacks. Attendees will enjoy local art, culture and music on the street. Some merchants will be giving out dog treats to four-legged visitors, compliments of Sophie’s Circle. Some of the special events this month include a pet food drive to benefit Sophie’s Circle with two pet food drop off points: The Curiosity Shop at 222 S. Beach (FREE child size beach balls for children 10 and younger while supplies last) and Calnan Real Estate at 204 N. Beach (Calnan Real Estate has pledged to donate \$1 for every can/bag of dog or cat food brought in). Others are Happy Yappy Hour Specials, a Kan Jam Tournament at Windy City (5 p.m.), an Open House at White Robin (6-8 p.m. hosted by Jack White Land Co., 206 S. Beach, upstairs) and the movie under the stars at dusk, “Because of Winn Dixie” presented by Cinematique. Most events are free or cost a nominal fee. The events begin at 7 a.m. and last throughout the evening.

For more information, email fpff2013@gmail.com.
•Dogapalooza: Ormond Memorial Art Museum will host Dogapalooza from 6 to 8 p.m. (four-legged guests need to be well behaved and on leashes.) Local artist Nettie Price will display some of her animal art and there will be doggie merchandise vendors, music, a dog art activity and a dog costume contest (costumes judged at 7 p.m.).

Brief dog sitting will be available so two-legged guests can enjoy the “Mixed Messages” exhibition inside the museum.

Refreshments include ice cream and cookies, and free “lapucino” (water) will be provided for dogs. Pet food donations for Sophie’s Circle

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Photo by J.M. Copeland

Front house manager Lisa Couture and Tufo’s Bistro owner Sam Tufo welcome diners to the new Italian restaurant in Daytona Beach Shores.

Bistro offers Italian fare with a twist

By J. M. Copeland
For Hometown News

Tufo’s Bistro is an Italian Restaurant with a twist. From appetizers to dessert everything is homemade.

Owner Sam Tufo relies on 56 years of family tradition and recipes to offer his diners a one of a kind dining experience in Daytona Beach Shores.

The epicurean journey begins at the door when guests leave the heat and the beach traffic behind and enter a cozy dining room of intimate

tables and individual booths in alcoves. For larger groups there is a separate dining room that accommodates up to 15 diners.

“People tell me they like to just come in to get away from the busy outside,” Mr. Tufo said.

Many order the eggplant as an appetizer to start their meal, but my husband and I decided on the Stuffed Hot Half, an excellent choice for those who crave the heat of Hungarian hot peppers served in a special red meat sauce.

Selecting an entree isn’t easy, but is an excellent excuse to go back again and again. Traditional Italian fare includes lasagna and spaghetti. My husband chose the homemade Gnocchi, a Tufo specialty with sausage and meatballs while I tried the Shrimp & Asparagus & Steak with the jumbo shrimp sautéed in garlic butter and asparagus.

After the salad, fresh bread and baked potato, I wasn’t sure how I

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Country soul will emanate from Bandshell

For Hometown News
newsdy@hometownnewsol.com

County music artist Dustin Seymour will perform at a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 26, at the Daytona Beach Bandshell.

Mr. Seymour has been singing since the age of 2 when he would watch his dad and his gospel group “The Jeremiah Singers” perform at churches in the Southeast. He remembers running up to the stage and demanding to hold the microphone.

He started performing at 7 and began singing professionally at 10.

He attended Belmont University in Nashville and fell in love with songwriting. While there, he picked up the guitar and started writing his own music.

He has performed with Alan Jackson, Dolly Parton and the Oak Ridge Boys.

Country music and bluegrass are his first loves, but he’s always been drawn to different sounds. From

R&B artists to bands like U2, Radiohead and singer-songwriters, even classical music. All of these different styles have molded him into a different kind of country music.

Following the path of artists like Ronnie Milsap and Conway Twitty, he has become a performer of what he likes to call Country Soul. It’s country music with something extra.



Photo courtesy of Bandshell Live

Dustin Seymour will perform at a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 26, at the Daytona Beach Bandshell.

After walking away from a terrible car accident with nothing more than a few scratches, his eyes were opened. He knew there was more that he was meant to do, to say ... to sing. That’s what he was able to do with his new EP “What I’m Made Of.” The songs were written with healing and progress in mind.

The concert series is made possible by the Daytona Beach Cultural Services Department and promoter Wyatt Davis.

For more information, call (386) 307-0922 or email bandshelllive@gmail.com.



Week of 7-26-2013

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, work to strengthen a relationship with a coworker or acquaintance. Developing this relationship now will bear fruit down the road.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, take some time for quiet contemplation this week. You have a lot of things on your mind and need to work through them before you can focus on other things.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, you may find yourself on a spending spree and it may be difficult to know when to put your credit cards away. Bring a friend along to help you rein in your spending.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, with so many big decisions looming on the horizon, you may be thinking of running away from it all. But all of your problems will still be waiting for you when you get back.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Leo, people have been coming at you from all angles and you’re ready for a break. Retreat to a quiet place sometime this week and pamper yourself.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

A change of scenery breathes new life into your daily routine, Virgo. Although it may be temporary, you will embrace the opportunities to recharge for a while.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, a new job may give you a new perspective on life. Make the most of this new perspective and apply it to both the personal and professional parts of your life.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, sometimes people just do not get your sense of humor, so don’t be upset if a joke doesn’t garner the laughs you anticipated. Your closest companions will still

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will be entered into a special prize drawing. Rescued Hearts will have a pet adoption.

Near the museum, Lulu's Oceanside Grill is offering dog-friendly dining.

Admission to the event is \$2 and proceeds go to Sophie's Circle and Rescued Hearts Animal Shelter of Ormond Beach. For more information, call (386) 676-3347.

•Summer Sounds Concert

Series: Ormond Beach Leisure Services Department free "Summer Sounds" concert series presents "Knights to Remember" (Doo Wop, '50s, '60s and oldies) at 7 p.m. at Rockefeller Gardens, 25 Riverside Drive. Grab a lawn chair or blanket and come out and enjoy the music and breeze from the Halifax River.

For more information, call (386) 676-3241.

•"Bye Bye Birdie:" The Little Theatre of New Smyrna Beach will perform "Bye Bye Birdie" July 26 through Aug. 4 at 726

Third Ave., New Smyrna Beach. Shows are 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$19 seniors and \$10 for students younger than 18.

For more information and to purchase tickets, contact the Little Theatre box office at (386) 423-1246 or visit www.NsbPlayers.org.

•Cinematique: The Danish and Swedish film with English subtitles "A Hijacking" and "Before Midnight" will be shown this week at Cinema-

tique Theater, 242 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach. Tickets are \$5-\$9. All tickets \$5 on Tuesdays. Theater closed on Mondays.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

•Star Spangled Summer Concert Series: Billy Joel tribute band the Turnstiles will perform a free concert at 7:15 p.m. Saturday, July 27, at the Bandshell in Daytona Beach. For more information, email Bandshell.info or call (386) 947-8007.

•Dance Program: Kristi's

Rhythm & Dance, in cooperation with South Daytona Parks and Recreation, will host a dance event for National Dance Day from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, July 27, at James Park Dance Studio, 1700 James St., South Daytona. The hip-hop dance class will be offered for ages 9-18. There is a \$5 registration fee payable at the door. For more information, call (386) 763-1148.

•Tribute to the Beach Boys: Celebrate the never-ending beach season with a concert featuring a "Tribute to the

Beach Boys" at 7:30 p.m. at the Athens Theatre in Downtown DeLand. Reserved Seating is Preferred \$25, and Rows A-E, Center and Adults \$20.

•Anything That Floats Boat Race: Teams may push, pull, paddle, shimmy or even sway their homemade vessel to the finish line. Awards will be given for first, second and third place finishers as well as "Best Decorated" and "Fastest Sinker." Vessels launch from

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Bistro

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would ever finish the generous portion. Oh, but I did and even left room for homemade tiramisu while my husband finished his meal with bread pudding.

The menu even includes

hamburgers, hotdogs and torpedoes. Mr. Tufo said tourists checking in late and locals wanting a later bite to eat can come by for a quick meal to dine in or carry out.

The personal service extends to the owner himself as Mr. Tufo regularly visits with diners during the meal to make sure all is what

they expected. Even when he is in the kitchen, Mr. Tufo has a system to determine if a customer enjoyed their meal.

If I see a plate come back and there's still a lot of food on it and no one has asked for a to-go box I go out and ask if there was a problem. I want them to tell me the truth. It won't hurt my feelings," he said.

Tufo's opened June 19 and, in that time, he has made new friends, including local hotel managers, but not all of his guests are strangers, many followed him and his staff from his previous restaurant, Crane's Roost in the Crane Lakes community.

"I wanted to get out into the open so people could see me. My other restaurant was in a gated community," he said.

So where does Mr. Tufo go if he wants a home cooked meal? His mom's, of course. "No one cooks better than me ... except my mom. When I want homemade food, I go home."

Fortunately the rest of us can go to Tufo's.

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•Alfredo's: A free wine tasting will be from 5-7 p.m. Aug. 10, at 4647 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., Port Orange. Call ahead for wine tasting at (386) 322-6090.

•Black Sheep Pub and Eating House: Happy hour is daily from 3 to 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. to close. Black Sheep has social night on Wednesday. Happy Hour is all night and live Team Trivia starts at 7:15 p.m. with gift card prizes. Every Friday night live music starts at 8 p.m. Black Sheep Pub is at 890 S. Atlantic Ave. in Ormond Beach. For more information, call (386) 673-5933 or visit www.theblacksheep.com.

•Bruce Rossmeier's Destination Daytona: Every Thursday is Bike Night at Saints & Sinners Pub with live music from 7 to 10 p.m. All model

bikes welcome. The second Sunday of the month is Super Swap Car & Motorcycle Swap Meet from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendor spots are \$10 for an 18-foot by 30-foot space. Proceeds benefit Camp Boggy Creek. There is live music at 1 p.m. Live Music at Saints & Sinners Pub every Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. The schedule is at www.brucerossmeier.com.

•Café Da Vinci: Live entertainment is offered each weekend. An open mike night is at 7 p.m. each Wednesday. Café Da Vinci is at 112 W. Georgia Ave. in DeLand. For information, call (386) 736-0008 or visit cafedavincideiland.com.

•Caffeine Bistro and Tiki Bar: Live entertainment is offered Thursday through Saturday on the deck with a DJ inside. Kona Tiki Bar opens at 3 p.m. Happy hour daily from 3 to 7 p.m. There are daily food and drink specials. A late night dinner menu is available until 1:30 a.m. Private dining, parties and special events are available in the Wine Cellar. Caffeine Bistro and Tiki Bar is open 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday at 49 W. Granada Blvd. in Ormond

Beach. For more information, call (386) 672-7277 or visit CaffeineWineBar.com.

•Chaps Steakhouse: The country nightclub features karaoke from 7 to 11 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. There are line dancing lessons with Karen and Dave at 6 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$5. There is a full restaurant and bar, game room, darts and cornhole. Chap's opens at 5 p.m. each day and is at 4170 U.S. 1 in Edgewater. For information, call (386) 689-9155.

•The C Note: Line dancing lessons are offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays for \$5. Karaoke is Wednesday. Live bands perform Friday. The C Note is at 1301 Canal St. in New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 423-0700.

•Down the Hatch: Live music on weekends. There are drink and dinner specials daily. Down the Hatch is at 4894 Front St. in Ponce Inlet. For more information, call (386)

761-4831.

•Fletcher's Cigar Bar & Social: Tuesday night is Beer Club. There is a free new craft beer every Tuesday (half off every beer every Tuesday). Cost is \$15 monthly or \$150 annually. Thursday night is poker night. There is no buy-in, free to play. Fletcher's Cigar Bar & Social is at 1220 Hand Ave. in Ormond Beach. For more information, call (386) 677-2700 or visit www.fletcherscigarbar.com.

•Fountain Beach Resort: The resort is home to the Oasis Tiki Bar & Grill. Karaoke is 5-10 p.m. Friday-Monday. Fountain Beach Resort is at 313 S. Atlantic Ave. in Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 255-1001.

•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 to 11 p.m. Frappes North is at 123 W. Granada Blvd. in Ormond Beach. For reservations, call (386) 615-4888 or

visit www.frappesnorth.com.

•The Garlic: Blues and Jazz musicians perform seven nights a week. Mark "Muddy Harp" Hodgson plays pop, rock and the blues 7-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Marc Monteson Quintet, "Swingin' Sounds of Sinatra" will perform from 5-7 p.m. Sunday. Saxophonist

Thom chambers takes the stage from 7-10 p.m. Sunday and 6-10 p.m. Monday. Johnny Mag Sax will perform 6-10 p.m. Tuesday during ladies night. Mr. Hodgson returns from 6-10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. The Garlic is at

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Scopes

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share a laugh.

for all of the things you still have to get done? If not, get busy and enlist a few helpers.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you will host a house full of guests this week. This role suits you well, so don't worry as the party draws closer and the pressure begins to mount.

Aquarius, you are often supportive of those around you and they appreciate that support. Continue to be a valued friend and confidante, and you'll be happy you did.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

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blues and country hits from 1-5 p.m. Friday, July 26, and Sunday, July 28, at 2301 S. Atlantic Ave. in Daytona Beach Shores. For more information, call (386) 255-5411.

Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort: Rick Steffen Entertainment will perform from noon-4 p.m. Friday through Monday at the Pelican Bar at 125 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach.

Inlet Harbor Restaurant & Marina: Live entertainment is offered on the deck. Inlet Harbor is at 133 Inlet Harbor Road in Ponce Inlet. For more information, call (386) 767-5590.

JB's Fish Camp: Robert "Top" Thomas and The Swamp Kings will perform from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 2 at JB's Fish Camp, 859 Pompano Ave., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386)-427-5747.

Lagerheads Bar & Grill: Jose will perform from 6-10 p.m. Friday. Lionheart will perform from 6-10 p.m. Saturday. Gary Wright will perform from 5-9 p.m. Sunday. Ed Wolford will perform each Monday and Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. Reuben "The Lounge Lizard" Morgan will entertain from 5-9 p.m. each Wednesday. Live entertainment is weather permitting at 2986 Ocean Shore Blvd., Ormond-by-the-Sea. For information, call (386) 265-1977.

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Mck's Tavern: Banished Misfortune will perform from 7-10 p.m. Friday, July 26. A traditional Irish music session will be from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, July 27. Mck's is at 218 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 238-3321.

Moose Family Center: Comedy Improv will be at 7 p.m. Fridays at 601 W. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach. Karaoke with Shellee is from 6-10 p.m. each Tuesday and 7-11 p.m. each Thursday and Saturday. The Five o'clock Charley Band will perform rock and roll, blues and country hits from 7-10 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call (386) 673-8722.

Norwood's Restaurant and Wine Shop: Free wine tastings are from 5 to 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.

Ocean Deck: Karaoke is from 4 to 8 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday. Caribbean Posse performs from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., each Thursday through Sunday. Tom Redmond performs classic rock from 5 to 8 p.m. each Friday and 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. each Monday. The Ocean Deck is at 127 S. Ocean Ave., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 253-5224 or visit www.ocean-deck.com.

Ohana Luau Dinner Show: This dinner show spectacular and family-style feast will be each Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The show has a 6:30 p.m. seating, dinner at 7:15 p.m. and show at 7:30 p.m., at the Hawaiian Inn, 2301 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores. Participants will learn traditional dances with Polynesian women, warriors and keikis (children). A flaming fire knife dance and hula with audience participation will be featured. For more information, call (386) 255-5411, Ext. 186, or visit www.myohanaluau.com.

Peanuts Restaurant &

Sports Bar: Robert "Top" Thomas and The Swamp Kings will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, July 26. Every Thursday the Pirates sing their original hits at 8 p.m. Texas Hold 'em is played at 6 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday. A comedy auction with Robert Lewis and Free Bingo for Beers is at 7 p.m. each Tuesday. Every Wednesday is Ladies' Night from 8 to 10 p.m. Peanuts is at 421 Flagler Ave., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 423-1469.

Peter's Wine Shop: Girlfriends Get Together is from 4 to 7 p.m. each Wednesday. Thursday wine tasting is from 5 to 9 p.m. Guest wine experts pour and discuss wine. Peter's Wine Shop is at 1665 Dunlawton, No. 105, Port Orange. For 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 to 8:30 p.m. each Thursday at 241 N. U.S. 1, Ormond Beach. For more information, visit fiveo'clockcharley.com.

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

The Smokehouse Saloon: Rockin' Blues Jam is from 2-6 p.m. each Sunday. Chance and the Blues Daddies perform. The Smokehouse Saloon is at 144 S. Ridgewood Ave., Holly Hill. For information, call (386) 265-5998.

VFW Post 4250: "The Little V" offers homemade Friday dinners, with all the fixin's. It's open to the public from 5:30 to 7 p.m. with live music at 7 p.m. Also, Wednesday night darts and Saturday night karaoke from 7-11. Sunday breakfasts served from 8-11 a.m. Post 4250 is behind the New Smyrna Beach Airport, next to Enterprise Rental. Take U.S. 1 to South Street. For more information, call (386) 423-1789 or visit www.vfw-post4250.com.

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•**Rock Concert:** Orlando rock band Blaine the Mono will perform at 8 p.m. at the Deltona Amphitheater, 2150 Eustace Ave. The up-and-coming female-fronted foursome blends blues, grunge, alternative and metal to form a fresh, cohesive and catchy sound.

For more information about the band, visit www.blainethemono.com.

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Regional Library and the Friends of Deltona Library. For more information, call (386) 789-7207 or visit www.voluntarilibrary.org.

•**Late and Local:** "Byzantium" will be shown at 9:30 p.m. at Cinematique Theater, 242 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach. Part of the "Late and

Local Cult Classic Film Series," this fantasy thriller is about mother and daughter vampires dealing with the pitfalls of eternal life. Two mysterious

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•**Ballroom Dance:** The Greater Daytona Chapter No.

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glass for \$5. For more information, visit partyonflagler.com.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

•Blue Spring Summertime Sunday Social: A "Summertime Sunday Social" will be from 6-7:30 p.m. at the park. Regular park entrance fees (\$6 per car up to eight people in the vehicle or \$4 for single person vehicle) will apply and all the Sunday Social activities are included as a bonus. Blue Spring State Park is at 2100 W. French Ave., Orange City. For more information, call (386) 775-3663.

TUESDAY, JULY 30

•Improv & Indie: An hour of Live Improv comedy with the Random Acts of Insanity Improv Troupe starts at 8 p.m., followed by the indie

movie "Byzantium." Tickets are \$5. The show is at Cinematique Theater, 242 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 252-3118.

WEDNESDAY, July 31

•Music for Prayer: The instrumentalists of Music for Prayer and Meditation and the Port Orange Ministerial Association invite you to a half hour of beautiful music from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. at All Saints Lutheran Church, 751 Dunlawton Ave., Port Orange. The half-hour is an opportunity to experience an oasis of silent prayer and meditation accompanied by comforting sounds of local musicians. Casey Baker will perform on piano.

THURSDAY, AUG. 1

•Summer concert: The free Summer Concert Series continues with a performance of "Gypsy Jazz with the Cook Trio" from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. in Riverside Park, 105 N. Riverside Drive, New Smyrna Beach. Concerts continue into August. For information, call (386) 424-2175.

•Let's Dance: The New

Smyrna Beach Dance Club and Elks Lodge No.1557 now offer ballroom dance classes with a practice session after class. It's open to the public and no partner necessary. The class starts at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, at 820 W. Park Ave., Edgewater. Learn to dance or brush up on your skills, meet new friends and get some exercise. Tacos are available, if you get hungry. For more information, call (386) 843-9893.

UPCOMING EVENTS

•Movies on the Halifax: At 8:30 p.m. Friday, August 2, Ormond Beach Leisure Services Department and The Casements Guild will present "The Muppets" in Rockefeller Gardens.

Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and come out and enjoy the movie. Refreshments for purchase will be available.

•Folk Song Swap at Gateway: A community jam for musicians and friends will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at 880 N. Charles Richard Beall Blvd., DeBary. Joe and Lynn Goldovitz, local performing musicians, will head up an evening of sharing and swapping of folk music. Bring a

few songs in your heart, your guitar, banjo, mandolin, harmonica or whatever musical instrument you want to play. The cost is \$3 fee per person. No alcohol.

•Surfers for Autism's fourth annual Inlet Beach Festival: This event will be from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Ponce Inlet Jetty. At an SFA event, 200 children and young adults with autism and related special abilities spend the day being pushed into waves by expert instructors.

•'50s & '60s Rock 'n' Roll Sock Hop: This event will be from 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at City Island Recreation Center Ballroom, 104 Orange Ave., Daytona Beach. Suggested donation is \$10. Appetizers will be served. Attire is '50s and '60s, or come as you will. DJ is Bruce Remsburg, and his large selection of Rock & Roll and Rhythm & Blues. Dr. Darryl L Gentry will have a viewing and signing of his new book, "Let The Good Times Roll, The Birth Of Rock 'n' Roll 1955-1963." Dr Gentry will also bring his collection of more than 2,000 oldies.

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•Musical drama: "Still I Weep," a musical drama by playwright Anthony Felton, will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, and 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center. "Still I Weep" is an original stage play chronicling Mr. Felton's struggle to deal with an abusive childhood. General admission tickets are on sale now for \$20 for adults and \$17 for students. A portion of each ticket will support community scholarship programs.

Purchase tickets with Visa or MasterCard by calling (386) 676-3375, online at the City of Ormond Beach website ormondbeach.org and at the Performing Arts Center Box Office at 399 N. U.S. 1. The box office is open from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and two hours prior to every show. For more information, call (386) 676-3375.

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On a role



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Jordan Linton, 10, right, of Daytona Beach playing the part of Charlie with Lauren Gardner, 12, of Port Orange as his mother, rehearse a scene on the set of the Center Stage Kids production of "Willy Wonka Jr." at Spruce Creek High School on Tuesday, July 16. Also pictured in bed as the grandparents are, from left, Kersin Gracia, 10, Jillian Lamboglia, 10, Sara Casimiro, 9, and Jesse DeBloom, 10.

Out

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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.

•American Legion Post 270: Each Monday from 5-7 p.m. is taco night. Wednesday wings are served from 5-7 p.m. Each Friday from 5-7 p.m. is a fish fry. Post 270 is at 119 Howes St., Port Orange. For more information, call (386) 788-6800.

•AMVETS 911: The post serves food Wednesday and Friday nights and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday at 5624 Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange. For information, call (386) 788-1014.

•Cracker Creek's Pirate Cruise: Featuring the Pirates of Spruce Creek, cruises are at 1

p.m. each Saturday and Sunday at 1795 Taylor Road, Port Orange. Costumed pirates create a live, interactive experience as young buccaneers learn navigation, weaponry, knotting or rope tying and lingo, all the while searching for the lost treasure at Spruce Creek. Pre-registration is required by calling (386) 304-0778.

•Orchid Society: The Volusia County Orchid Society meets at 6 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Volusia County Fairgrounds Agricultural Center in DeLand. The next meeting is July 17. Guest speakers will be Keith and Dina Emig from Winter Haven Orchids. They will talk about nodosa hybrids and mounting orchids. There will be orchids for sale. The meeting is free to the public. For more information, call (386) 801-4749 or visit vsosonline.org.

Center: Cards and game

playing is from 1-3 p.m. each Monday and Thursday at the center. There is no cost. Silver Sneakers exercise classes are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-10 a.m. Humana-eligible members are free. Non-eligible members are \$2 per class resident, \$2.50 non-resident. The center is at 504 Big Tree Road, South Daytona. For more information, call (386) 322-3070.

•Polish American Pulaski Club: Dinner the fourth Sunday of July and August at 1 p.m. followed by dancing until 5:30 p.m. For dinner and dancing, the cost is \$17, or \$10 for dancing only. The club is at 3621 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach. For information or reservations, call (386) 258-7059.

•Port Orange Elks Lodge No. 2723: Offers bingo open to the public on Fridays at

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A visit to Sebastian Inlet via Neptune Marine repair



**FISHING
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Just back from a couple days at beautiful Sebastian Inlet just south of Melbourne.

For me, spending time there is like a visit with an old friend. Almost 40 years ago my wife, Lana, and I began going there to camp on an island to fish and clam for days on end.

As time went on, our tent also became occupied by our daughter, Shayla, and son, Landan, both of whom visited that inlet while still toddlers.

On this trip, Shayla brought along her 10-year-old daughter, Delayna, and Landan was accompanied by his wife, Sarah, who is carrying our first grandson.

Although Sebastian Inlet is still the most remote inlet on Florida's east coast, it

has grown some and is now surrounded by a nice state park. Our tent has given way to a motor home since Lana and I are not quite as sturdy as we were back in the '70s.

Fishing at Sebastian is always good and the place is world famous for the snook that sometimes gather there.

If you go there and find the jetty fishing platforms lined with anglers, you will know the snook bite is on. That was not the case this time, but we still had fun catching bluefish, small red and black drum, and ladyfish. The Sebastian Inlet Park goes from the beach to the Indian River and it is not unusual to happen upon a real fishing event there.

Many years ago, I had the boat on the trailer and was heading home when I noticed the beach was lined with surf fishermen. I had to stop to see what was going on and found each angler had a bucket full of pompano. They were in close and biting like mad on anything you could throw.

I quickly joined the fun and caught nearly 20 fat pompano on a silver spoon. Another time I was there alone and, with the fishing slow, I joined other boats anchored in the inlet to just catch some winter sun and while away the day. All of a sudden my rod and every rod in the other four boats bent double and we all landed huge bluefish. Mine was over eight pounds and is still one of the largest I have ever caught. Only one to the customer as they were obviously just passing through.

Back when the state was about to ban nets, Lana and I decided to take our 50-foot drag net to Sebastian to catch black drum one last time. In an area where we had enjoyed past success, I walked the net in a circle in water up to my armpits. As I headed back to shore it was obvious we had a lot of fish. When the net began to tighten the fish panicked and began to jump high over the net to escape.

Snook!
We had gathered about 30 snook in our net.
Of course, it was then and is now illegal to take snook like that, but it sure was fun.

To prepare for my trip to Sebastian Inlet I knew I had to do some work on my little 50-horse Evinrude. It had been running rough and I knew the two carburetors were probably gummed up.

For years, I have relied on the good folks at Neptune Marine to do the repairs I cannot (or the ones I am too lazy to do). Gordon and his son, Chad, have kept me and many more running for a lot of years. Usually they will offer a few solutions to any problem depending on my budget. Many years ago I needed a used boat and when I told Chad I was willing to pay \$2,000 for a 16-foot Aquaforce boat, motor and trailer, his first response was "oh, you will get it cheaper than that." He brokered a deal with his dad and I bought the boat for \$1,600. You have to admire that kind of honesty. Because of that honesty Gordon and Chad have made that \$400 back from me many times over.

On this occasion, Chad tore down my carbs and cleaned them and rewired my electric choke to make the Evinrude purr like a kitten — a very talented young man. Trouble is, now Chad is telling me he is considering leaving the shop to pursue a career in nursing. While that is a worthwhile calling, I hope he changes his mind. His dad Gordon is like myself in that he is getting a bit long in the tooth and nearing retirement. Chad and hard working Ned would be the obvious choice to keep up the service.

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For more information, email Coach Todd Angel at tangel@pacex1.com or visit DaytonaRaptors.org.

Fitness

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- DeLand Family YMCA: 1:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

- Four Townes Family YMCA: 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

- Ormond Beach Family YMCA: 12:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

- Port Orange Family YMCA: 12:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

- Southeast Volusia Family YMCA: 9:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

For more information, call (386) 738-9622.