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New Year's Eve in Deltona

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The City of Deltona will host the Holiday Parade on New Year's Eve at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, at Lakeview Drive and South Courtenay Parkway. Entry is $30 in advance or $40 on the day of the parade.

The parade will feature floats, live bands, and an appearance by Santa Claus. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Kristen White at 386-958-0101 or kristen.white@deltonafl.gov.

DeLand backs initiative to keep communities safe

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DeLand City Commission Dec. 4 approved supporting the Safe Cities, Safe Florida Initiative of the Florida League of Cities this year.

Mayor Greg Arpino, who is on the league board, said each year the president of the Florida League of Cities adopts a priority. For 2016, cities were asked to support the initiative.

While supporting the league president’s priority, it is really about keeping communities safe, Mayor Arpino said.

The initiative has three main components: enhanced training, resources, and partnerships.

It seeks to increase training opportunities for city officials, business owners and larger institutions.

It includes online resources and educational materials to be used to support efforts toward safer cities.

DeLand joins a spring summit series on community risk assessment and response, and an active shooter workshop in partnership with the FBI in different cities around Florida.

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“Regardless of the issues we face, we can work together to create safer communities for all of Florida,” Mr. Hurme said. “I am tremendously excited by the opportunity to work with city officials across our state to make this happen.”

According to Mayor Appar, the implementation of the initiative is going to be up to the cities. “We have done over the years and we continue to do a lot of risk management training, including training of our employees about highway safety, but some important depart-

ments that are in the field are trained in CPR and they go through annual CPR classes,” he said. “Some of those things are ongoing programs for the City of Deland, but they fold very nascally into the initiative of Susan Haynie.”

Mayor Appar said the ulti-

mately go to those make citizens and employ-

ees feel safe in their workplace and their community because those things impact their quality of life. We believe this initiative will be beneficial for the City of Deland.”

“The focus for this year is a good focus in the development programs and suggestions on how to implement that privacy, we will participate,” Mayor Appar said.

Space
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Mr Difilippo said: “It’s the state’s single point of contact for the space industry.”

“It’s about what it is (Florida) does to the innova-
tion culture we want to create in our communities because they will support us throughout every other industry,” he said. “It leads me to stress that Florida remains a leader in the space industry as it ever was. The real value is for what people do with all the hard work being brought to bear in the better-

ment of life on earth.”

Diversification of industry and growth of the supply chain is what he strives for.

He lauded Daytonas econ-
omy and business leaders for creating a community that “welcomes and supports the growth.”

Florida has created a business environment and low tax regime that compa-

nies can thrive in as they are many locales, Mr Difilippo said.

He also emphasized restruc-
turing trends as new technol-

gies are introduced. “Embry-
ology is leading much of the idea of how to han-

d the next generation aero-

space management system,” he said.

Coast
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Coach
Jacob deGrom and Corey Klu-

ber. Ms. Coach Dunn was inducted into the American Baseball Hall of Fame in 2014.

She added: “I think we need to think of Altoona for what we can bring to the transition.”

Herston President Wendy Libby said: “I am pleased with how

daytona beach and Embry-

Riddle College in this area in general part of the workforce sup-

ply chain. He emphasized in order to attract manufacturers to this area they need to see the regional capabilities here, ideally with commercial flexi-

bility with minimal regulation.”

As “Florida’s spaceport area is a repre-

sentation organization, we are committed to attracting and retaining the type of space industry businesses,” he said. “We have a trained workforce, proven infrastructure and impres-

sive regional record, Florida is the local area to Florida for aerospace businesses to thrive and Space Florida is the perfect partner to help them suc-

ceed.”

He added: “Our goal is to be the global leader in enabling space commerce. The future of space itself is that will be different. It will be inte-

grated with a myriad of other platforms that are transporta-

tion platforms along with the use that we in our everyday lives. This goal is to not just put up that stuff but to bring the benefits back to Florida and globally with a variety of other applications.”

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LAND LINES

To play, Santa Claus is in a small, stone parade. Boring from a parade car at times be a hot trip here in the Sunshine State. Now don’t get me wrong, I usually do not want to see some old-dude exposing his knobby knees in short pants and a hat. But don’t let that thing I want to see is a heavy-breathing senior citizen wearing a Santa suit. This is the way! And there is to be some kind of medium building. Fake-scale lights became very trendy back in the 1990s and lots still use them. We know here! We haven’t had a freeze that could produce a decent icicle in more than 1,000 days. Up in New England or Canada, many put a sheet complete with icicles in the yard. Good for them. Not us! In Central Florida, though. Every now and then a local will put a kayak in the yard along with a team of dolphins or sailfish. Very nice! A fake snowman in a sorry night in Volusia County. I know the kids like them, but wouldn’t one sculpted from sand be a better choice? For those with an imaginative nature status in the front yard would be much better. OK, if you have to put a rod stock but will need natural ledge, bike-abouts and eco-tourists. Reservations are required, call (386) 736-9727.

Upcoming events include: •Eco-buggy tour of Deep Springs with an emphasis on land management practices and tropical Florida, and I don’t have to imitate a Rocky Mountain village. There are no rules, so I urge you to evol in beautiful, warm and tropical Florida, and I wish you all a Merry Christ- mas (no matter how you decorate). Dan Smith is on the board of directors for the Ormond Beach Historical Society and The Miller Racing Heritage Association and is the author of two books, “The World’s Greatest Beach” and “I Swear to the Snow Dreyfus.” Email questions and comments to loradown@net.com or call (386) 441-7770.

Linda insulin on a natural diet and I did my best not to provoke that. It always bothered me I had to pay an exorbitant price for a dead tree that had been cut many years ago some place up north. The trees were so dry they often were painted green in order to be sold.

Sometimes the pay at the tree lot made a big deal of instructing his clients about how to keep the tree fresh. Not a chance! The whole thing just seemed wrong to me. Why do the folks in the sub-topics mix on decor- ating their homes in an Alpines- motif for the holiday? An evergreen tree and lake ice due to line for Barat or Buffalo, but here in Florida things completely out of place. Locally we do grow a scraggly cedar tree, but it is a poor substitute for a Douglas fir. It shouldn’t have to do with what they had. Here’s his daughter Shayla’s Life T-shirt. There has to be some kind of middle ground. Life T-shirt. There has to be some kind of middle ground.

If you’re looking at this space, so are your clients

Book the “Night before New Years” take a short hike, and make a take home craft: •Emfuno countdown to the New Year 2 to 3:30 p.m.

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Wishing you a merry, tropical Christmas

Mike Smith

Don Smith obviously taught his children to make do with what they had. Here’s his daughter Shayla’s oak branch Christmas tree.

| Photo courtesy of Shayla Smith

Despite the heat and humidity, they still love their holidays. Wishing you a merry, tropical Christmas down clocks to ring in 2017. wishing wands and count- recycled confetti poppers, the New Year’s, “ take a short hike, and should embrace our tropi- fir. It shouldn’t have to be much better. OK, if you

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**Police Report**

**Volusia County Sheriff’s Office**

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• James McCloud III, 30, of Deland, was arrested Dec. 15 and charged with grand theft. Bail was set at $5,000.

• Carlee C. Cavanaugh III, 40, of DeLand, was arrested Dec. 11 and charged with possession of cocaine. Bail was set at $2,500.

• Robert Smith, 32, of Deland, was arrested Dec. 11 and charged with possession of paraphernalia and methamphetamine. Bail was set at $2,500.

• Ashley M. Long, 22, of DeLand, was arrested Dec. 15 and charged with criminal misdeeds and accused with a deadly weapon. Bail was set at $2,000.

• Elliott James Haupt, 19, of Deland, was arrested Dec. 15 and charged with possession of paraphernalia and cannabis. Bail was not set.

• Joshua Scott Lanphear, 24, of DeLand, was arrested Dec. 14 and charged with possession of cannabis. Bail was set at $5,000.

• Jake Lynne Hulon, 30, of Lake Helen, was arrested Dec. 14 and charged with principal to burglary of an unoccupied dwelling. Bail was not set.

• Frank Robert Turner, 28, of Ponce Inlet, was arrested Dec. 15 and charged with dealing in stolen property. Bail was not set.

**Deland Police department**

• Osama A. Campbell, 27, of Deland, was arrested Dec. 10 and charged with burglary of an occupied dwelling. Bail was not set.

• John Lamer Birch, 35, of Deland, was arrested Dec. 10 and charged with a drug offense. Bail was set at $5,000.

• Andric Anthony Seabolt, 31, of Deland, was arrested Dec. 12 and charged with burglary while armed. Bail was set at $5,000.

• Aler-andra Hines, 20, of Deland, was arrested Dec. 12 and charged with burglary and with battery. Bail was set at $8,000.

• Lala Walik, 32, of Deland, was arrested Dec. 13 and charged with solicitation to defraud a数额less person. Bail was set at $1,000.

• Terrica Jones, 34, of Deland, was arrested Dec. 15 and charged with possession of a drug, offense and possession of paraphernalia. Bail was set at $1,500.

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**Public workers break food drive record**

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Please limit your comments to 300 words, so that we can include more entries.
Readers are asked to refrain from submitting slanderous or libelous statements.

Craft beers, ugh

Seems craft brewers are popping up everywhere. For one I love my beer on the weekend, but to pay almost twice the price for local craft brew that taste different and just doesn’t satisfy my taste makes no sense to me. I guess it’s a Millennial trend to drink these overpriced craft beers. When it comes to beers I can see the Brewer interests. As for craft beers, Smoky Mountain Brewery in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., seems to be doing it right. All of their beer are great. Is the brewer the same?

Bravo to the choir

I attended a wonderful concert at the New Smyrna Beach Library on Dec. 13 presented by the Southeast Volusia Community Choir. It was very enjoyable and the talent was excellent. Kudos to the director, accompanist and the choir. Please check for future performances at all times of the year. It will be well worth it.

Please help the seniors

I wish some people could do something for seniors. We have been put on the back burner. We only get a $5.00 rise each year. I wish some people could help seniors.

Pay for public servants disgraceful

I would like to say something about the pay scale for police, firefighters and Inspectors in the City of New Smyrna Beach. I was recently informed by the salary these people are getting. It was amazing. There are people who are working at fast food restaurants who are making more money. The Inspectors are leaving New Smyrna Beach Utilities Commission rapidly because they can go to IKEA and get a commodity one right off the bat. It is disgraceful, I use to supervise the City of New Smyrna Beach, that were paying what we pay for what they have to do.

Tongue in cheek response

After getting no Social Security raise for three years, we were promised a raise in January. Wow, I am getting $3.50. How am I ever going to spend it?

Fix the lights

Hurricane Matthew, now two months past, left a lot of damage to both private and municipal property. Repairs are all around and for the most part well done. However, the street lights are out in Atlantic Avenue is bad and in some areas black and white are not lit. Public safety and vehicle impact are at risk. Who is responsible? Let’s go on the ball and get the lights fixed.

Loudness

I wonder if there is volume, coming from a motorcycle or car, the local police would consider excess. So much noise among those owners if pulled in front of your house and revved up your vehicle?

Was it the Grinch or techies?

Am I just a cantankerous fuddy-duddy too old to keep up with the times? Or do others agree about the greater value of Christmas?

Play games, build blocks over those given in Christmas Present? Games build, bubbles, cars, car’s ride, hide and seek, hop, torches, trips through the woods, playing in the snow, ring toss, play dough, go cart, sidewalk chalk, Simon Says, etc.

Bluetooth, chat pagers, controls, droiders, hallucinatory vision, exhibitions, robots, robotic arms, mini robots, mini robots, touch screen, android, remote, and control monitor widescreen TV. Etc.

Way back 50 or more years ago, children developed interpersonal relationships, fair play, communication Skills, problem solving abilities, self-controlled, emotional stability, creativity while having fun with affordable toys or nothing more than their imagination.

Nowadays, youngsters aged two to eight, are plugged into or more expensive digital devices up to nine whopping hours per day. As far more than four times more than considered healthy by the latest research of pediatricians and educators, well-mean substitute presence would sound wondrous. Not only would such a win shift

in Christmases, bring the great health long term and well-being of contemporary youth but also set a positive example of sales money better spent in other ways throughout the new year.

If weed illegal, why not alcohol and tobacco?

I am always confused when I read about the controversies over legalizing marijuana. I would much rather explain to me why alcohol and tobacco are legal with their devastating medical costs as well as the hundreds of drunken driving deaths each year. It is truly beyond my comprehension.

It’s like a new hospital

Over a year ago, I vowed to never go to Beth Israel Medical Center in New Smyrna Beach. As an ex-nurse I was appalled at the lack of caring, nasty attitudes, and their total disregard for the patient. My midnight shift right before Hurricane Matthew, I had no choice, I was too sick. But since Florida Hospital took over what a fantastic change. Its go from the “Rant and out” place to truly the finest hospital in Volusia County.

It’s a hospital the way one would expect. The nurses are fabulously caring. No matter what, they will not stop to wash with but real towel etc. Your bed is properly maintained, the nurses are a real team effort to ensure your complete comfort. I was impressed with their uniforms.

Florida Hospital, it is truly a medical center we can all be proud of.

Don’t use history for zoning change

The Dec. 9 article “Owner fights to keep short term rental ... ” left out some important points.

First of all, the property had never been zoned for short-term rental. Second, the owner does not live there, and third, the attempt was to convert short term rental status by having the building zoned as historical is a misuse of this designation. To gain historical status a property must be more than 50 years old.

The owner knew when he purchased the property, it was out of the zone. The New Smyrna Beach ordinance to limit short term rentals (that the 30 days) is necessary to keep balance in a tourist area. These hotels/motels/marinas are places where the tourists staying over the permanent residents, the value of property declines and the city loses the tax that brings folks to New Smyrna Beach – a friendly, charming small beach town.

Current use of Internet rentals is challenging all tourist areas to consider ways to keep a balance between entrepreneurial use of housing and maintaining a sense of community. New Smyrna Beach has a great endowment, it is not “just” to keep this revenue from making more income.

Angel for the arts

A giant angel stands atop the Museum of Art-DeLand float on Saturday, Dec. 3, as it rolls down Woodland Boulevard in the DeLand Christmas Parade.

Rants & Raves

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Workers having a happy holiday

There are more people working in the Volusia/Flagler area than ever before. For the first time, the number of jobs in the two-county area was more than 200,000, the latest report shows for the statistical area. With that high a percentage than 200,000, the latest report shows for the statistical area.

ManpowerGroup estimates the state provides a separate unemployment report, but not in the same format. That larger labor force will come in handy, though, as ManpowerGroup estimates the Volusia/Flagler area will have the strongest hiring outlook in the nation in the first quarter of 2017 with a total of 31 percent of employers expected to add workers. So, with that high a percentage there are job opportunities in the numbers shows the Volusia area down was down slightly and Southeast Volusia was up slightly, but West Volusia was up way up, probably because of healthier seers from the storm.

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Real estate investors definitely are continuing to notice the strong Volusia economy. Some of the recent deals include a Brooklyn firm buying Sande Manor nursing home at 1050 Ocean Shore Blvd. in Ormond Beach for about $1.3 million. A Florida investor bought the Walgreens building at 1566 Boulevard and Nova Road in Holly Hill for about $2.6 million. A ranch on State Road 415 in the Sumatra area just sold for $1.1 million. Orlando investors bought the office building at 228 N. Ridgewood Ave. in Daytona Beach (next to Family Dollar), for $467,000.

A couple of new restaurants are coming closer with construction starting on Boulevard on Beach and Chap- lins Parkway at 204 S. Beach St. (most formerly Wendy’s City Grill) and Better Taste Italian Restaurant is going in at 500 Southdown Blvd., both in Daytona Beach. The Boulevard in the northeast quadrant of Ormond Beach is converting to EconoMotel. Also, construc- tion is starting on Halina Health’s free-standing emergency clinic in Deltona.

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Lastly, Daytona Beach Interna- tional Airport got a light increase in air service with American Airlines adding a mid-afternoon flight from to Charlotte, and is now up back to four flights a day at the Daytona Beach airport.

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Mary, the Holy Mother of God Vigi Mass will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31. Masses will be at 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 3. For more information, call (386) 667-4279.

DeLand First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will have living nativity from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, on the front lawn of the church, at 1403 W. New York Ave., DeLand. Christmas Eve Service will be at 5 p.m. The Christmas Sunday celebration is a 10:45 a.m. service in the Sanctuary based on Luke 2:3-38, "A Father's Lef to the joy of the'"

For more information, call (386) 745-0578.

Triton United Methodist Church See SERVICES, page B2

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Christmas Services

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DeBary St. Ann’s Catholic Parish will have masses at 7 and 11:30 a.m. Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24, at 26 Dogwood Trail, Deltona. Caroling will begin at 11 p.m. Christmas Day masses will be at 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 25.

For more information, call (386) 293-2114.

Upcoming events

December to Remember The fourth annual A December to Remember Daytona Beach will present Pocket Orange in concert Dec. 23, at 8 p.m. Each event will be at the Bandshell. Additional events include a free free remote control cars, hamst crab tank and sand art lessons, noon 5 p.m., Daytona Beach Portola 4-H Dog Exhibition from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Jekyll Island Express Train See OUT, page B3

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Horoscopes

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SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, now is a great time to turn your focus inward and to your inner world. With the new moon in your solar sixth house during the coming week, you are better able to appreciate and honor your personal needs. Consider some options you anticipate being available to you. You will have a vantage point from which to view your needs and use it to make some important decisions.

TAURUS - Apr 20/May 20

A change of scenery could be just what you need, Taurus. Get out of town for a few days and recharge your personal batteries. This respite can do wonders.

GEMINI - May 21/June 21

Work in conjunction with a coworker to accomplish a difficult task, Gemini. Enlisting your cooperation, team that side in the right approach in the work ahead.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Big changes are ahead for you, Cancer. Are you ready to make a transition in this area of your life for the time being? You may have to make a series of changes in the coming weeks.

LEO - July 23/Aug 22

Leo, a hectic schedule on the horizon has you feeling some pressure to get everything done. It’s understandable, but offset yourself some time to have fun.

VIRGO - Aug 23/Sept 22

Verg, uncertainty has you considering some options you never gave much thought in the past. Be open to new experiences and embrace this chance to start anew.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 22

Libra, think about exploring your creative side and find out new ways to make the most of that exploration. The reward will be well worth the investment.

SCORPIO - Oct 23/Nov 22

Scorpio, just when you think some miscommunication has been smoothed over, you find yourself right back in the same situation all over again. Remain patient.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, now is a great time to make some healthy changes. Remember to your diet. See SCOPES, page B2

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Horses and riders parade down Lakeview Drive in Deltona on Dec. 17, past Blake Park near the end of the Lake Helen Christmas Parade.
Cooking for Christmas

I was the night before.
Christmas was arrival, not a house, a creature was summoning me, the head of the house.
Every house was in bold after celebrating the coming event, drinking lots of eggnog and cheer. In houses everywhere, the cook was preparing and getting things ready for that great Christmas meal.
As children, we couldn’t stand going to bed early waiting for Santa to come. Then we’d grow up and start our own families and begin creating holiday traditions. The kids and the children become adults, the tradition changes, but it never is the same. Special dishes are always there to sooth the pain, but many times it wasn’t at Christmas.

I’m going to do just that. I’ll follow the steps of past cooking bakers, mix the ingredients, add a little spice, and bake around 150 people around the table. I’ll do it just as a way for me to do it because I can. I’ll do it because I want to. And I’ll do it if it made me eat it. That’s the joy of this day, I think. I would cook, I would eat, and I would make sure that the house had that warmers that morning. I know that wasn’t this food to prepare, but that is a typical day in a restaurant. The chef asked that I would put the potatoes and have them here at 7 a.m. I would cook care of the roast. I showed up at 2 a.m. and starting preparing the meal. At 7 a.m. everything was ready. I saw it all by the time the turkeys are done. I came home and started feeling the kitchen by doing the small family, no one was ever small in the kitchen. I did it all. Everything was being done. It was a year Christmas. The full of the Christmas holiday spirit. The giving of yourself is the best way. I became a cheetah in the first place.
We, chefs, do share a meal.
We prepare food that is safe, pleasing to the palate, and we got our own and happiness that on the faces of others. You know what I mean. We were able to cook more and because everyone is happy, it makes you happy.

Try volunteering at your local church or food bank, and be ready to be touched by the holiday spirit. It will change your life and your life. Here is a recipe for the best eggnog ever to also lift your spirits. I know that has this food to prepare, but that is a

EGGNOG

Ingredients
10 egg yolks
8 ounces granulated sugar
1 1/2 cup milk or half and half
2 tablespoons pure vanilla extract (or 1 vanilla bean split)
1 drop of your choice, like Earl Grey Bourbon

Directions
Combine egg yolks and sugar in a mixing bowl until smooth.
In a separate bowl, beat the egg whites until stiff. Fold the egg whites into the egg yolk mixture until combined.
Place the mixture over a simmering pot of water and heat slowly stirring constantly until it starts to thicken. Remove from heat don’t overcook it or it will curdle.
Place in refrigerator to cool.
When cooled, add two tablespoons heavy cream for more richness and add a few of your favorite flavorings to the eggnog.

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