Visitors welcomed and served. Call Sandra Dix (321) 952-5618.

• Melbourne Garden Club — At 10 a.m. at the Eau Gallie Library, 1521 Pineapple Ave., Melbourne. Speaker will be Rhonda Spilman from Country Care Roses. She will be speaking on the Old Rose Garden. Visitors welcomed and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Sandie Dade at 952-5518.

• The single, separated, widowed or divorced group will meet for dinner at 4:30 p.m. at Benefish

Husband and wife team provide full-service care throughout Space Coast

By Amana Hatfield Anderson

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Melbourne — With the New Year come new challenges, aspirations and success.

On Thursday, Jan. 2, veteran husband and wife team Dr. Paul and Dr. Jennifer Sikloski became the new owners of Coquina Ridge Animal Clinic in Melbourne.

“We met in vet school and gradu-ated from N.C. State College of Vet- erinary Medicine — Dr. Paul in 2004 and myself in 2005,” Dr. Jen Sikloski said. “We lived in Winston-Salem and Nashville before moving to Florida to become the new owners of Palm Bay Animal Clinic in 2009.”

The pet-loving, pair also own a practice in Cocoa, where Dr. Stephanie McGinnis is the primary vet-erinarian.

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tion of whimsical and historical at the Brevard Museum of Natural History and Science this January. The month-long exhibit will fea-
ture handcrafted dolls created by the Space Coast Doll Artists. A special exhibit opening will take place on Friday, Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. Tickets are $15 in advance or $20 at the door.

“The exhibit opening is a form of fundraising for the museum, while also celebrating the unique exhibi-
tion,” said Rachel Burns, director of education and assistant director of the Brevard Museum. A nonprofit organization, the Brevard Museum of Natural History and Science depends on dona-
tions, participation at events and fund-raisers for both day-to-day operations and exhibit enhance-
ments.

“Light refreshments will be served and a special Victorian ‘Crazy Quilt’ will hang, cre-
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Run raises funding to help young musicians

By Chris Fish chris@hometownnews.com

BREVARD — The Brevard Symphony Youth Orchestra is kicking off the New Year with a bang, as it will kick into third annual “Symphony Sprint FIVE-MILE 5K” on Saturday, Jan. 4.

“The 5K, which begins at 8 a.m., will be hosted at Ryckman Park in Melbourne Beach. It’s a great way to kick off your New Year resolutions,” said Danielle Stern, public relations specialist with the Brevard Symphony Youth Orchestra. “We are the first race of the New Year, and we are celebrating 30 years of the BSYO. Prizes are being used to establish a much-needed tuition assistance fund.”

Ms. Stern said that the race will feature family-friendly activities, including refreshments, a costume contest, In-Non-Acrylic non-alcoholic toasts at the finish line, mini massages for participants, Pearl necklaces to celebrate the group’s 30th anniversary and performances from members of the orchestra.

“The race gets everybody going,” Ms. Stern said. “The race is a 5K fun race. The route is through Milford Mill Beach, so it is a scenic location. The weather has always been great. Running Zone will also do the timing for the 5K, which Ms. Stern said helps the race run smoothly.

“We have medals for our winners, along with a ‘Best Year Record’ award,” she said. “Runners, who ran our race last year, have the opportunity to beat last year’s time and we give a special award for that.”

There will also be a “Wacky Bootie” competition, where the individual who donated the craziest bootie will receive an award.

The BSYO is a 501(c)(3) organization that has provided symphonic training to the youth of Brevard County. The organization has funded the “Future of Music” scholarship, which will send a deserving young musician to summer music camp.

“The BSYO is such a great organization,” Ms. Stern said. “They deserve some recognition for grooming our area’s young musicians for 30 years.”

For more information, contact Chris Waddle at 321-693-3235 or email BSYO5K@gmail.com.

Deadline for adult flag football league’s registration

By Chris Fish chris@hometownnews.com

BREVARD — For all football lovers, team registration for flag football is currently open throughout this winter.

The league meets on Wednesday nights at Palm Bay Regional Park and is 5-on-5.

“We operate the most professional, competitive flag league on the Space Coast,” said Troy Cox, recreation program coordinator for athletics at Brevard County Parks and Recreational Department. “It’s team registration, and we have been playing this brand of Florida flag football on the Space Coast since 1981. If you love football, you will enjoy this sport.”

Mr. Cox has operated flag football leagues and tournaments since 1978, said the league will play 10 regular season games and playoffs.

All teams are seeded for new instruments and the league championship is determined in the playoffs.

There will be an exhibiti- on night scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Palm Bay Regional Park to collect fees and paperwork.

The league consists of “7- on-7” and older games.

The team fee deadline is Jan. 8, and the league follows the rules and regulations established by the Florida Flag Football League.

Teams must have their own NFL or College football team uniforms, that include jerseys or t-shirts with numbers displayed on the back, shorts, with no pockets, required athletic shoes, with no metal or hard plastic spikes and the “original triple-threat flag belts” for each player.

Flag belts are being offered for $4. Checks can be made payable to the Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department, and the team registration form is required with payment.

Forms and payment can be mailed to Troy Cox, South Area Athletics, Brevard County Parks and Recreation, 1515 Avenue Road, Building A, Melbourne, FL 32901.

For more information, call Troy Cox at (321) 255-4490 or email troy.cox@brevard-county-parks.com.
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"People seem to know that we will always give you all the treatment options for your pet and make medical rec-

tomendations without try-
ing to push you in one direc-
tion or another."  

With the veterinary in- 
sustry moving toward large, multi-doctor facilities, where a client might see sev-
eral different veterinarians, the Sikoski’s have discov-
ered that people often desire to see one vet, or in their case, a husband and wife team; this small-office feel-
good quality of life for their families, said Dr. Sikoski. 

"In order to grow, we developed the idea of expanding to new locations in the county, while keeping the small clinic feel and per-
sonal touch of the single doctor practice," Dr. Sikoski said. "Our vision is to create a family of clinics that each prac-
tice similar styles of vet-
erninary medicine, while still maintaining a unique and hard-to-find sensi-
tive to their client’s needs. 

Dr. Sikoski added that Dr. 

With the addition of Coquina Ridge Animal Clin-
ic in Melbourne, each clinic 
is now 20 minutes from the next, and we hope to be able to accommodate client’s schedules even better by having the option for their pet to be seen at an alternate location on days their pri-
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According to the National Fire Protection Association, the United States has nearly 430 Christmas tree-related fires, four deaths, and 21 injuries each year.

This was the first year that Health First Palm Bay Hospital and the city of Palm Bay Fire Rescue teamed up for the demonstration at this event.

This event was a great visual on how fire from a dry Christmas tree can easily ignite." Ms. Bailey said. "This information is important for all holiday celebrations – whether you’re cooking, hanging lights or having that holiday fire in your fireplace. You should always be aware of your surroundings."

Dr. Myko, hospital director of clinical nursing, said both Palm Bay Fire Rescue and the demonstration of the burning Christmas tree served as a great reminder of the potential dangers. "We wanted to take this opportunity to remind people how important it is to be aware of the dangers with Christmas trees," she said. "The Christmas tree can be treated at home, if you are ever in any doubt, whether you need medical assistance, call 911 or get to the nearest emergency room." Ms. Bailey said, in addition to keeping a live Christmas tree watered, she also said to be aware of the heat sources around the Christmas tree, such as candles, heaters and fireplaces.

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• Music on a Sunday Afternoon at 3 p.m. in the community room at the Cocoa Beach Public Library. The library is located at 500 North Brevard Ave., Cocoa Beach. For more information, call (321) 406-1104 or visit cocoa-beach-florida.com.

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• Sanctuary School for homeless children at 3 p.m. at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Management and Education Center, 444 Columbia Blvd., Indialantic. The sanctuary seeks to educate homeless youth, adults, tracks and work. Youth opportunities are available as a volunteer or as a paid staff member, but sometimes there are signs that it was there. An opportunity for young people to make a difference. Learning how to identify the signs. Designed for ages 7 to 12, the program is free. For more information, call (321) 270-6019.

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- Anthony Vangel, 23, address unknown, was charged Dec. 22 with resisting arrest without violence and two counts of larceny.

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- Ramon A. Washington, 26, of 3014 Lindsey St., Melbourne, was charged Dec. 24 with failure to appear and unarmed robbery.

- Nica Brenda McMechen, 31, of 220 University Blvd. E., Melbourne, was charged Dec. 23 with murder, battery of an occupied structure, grand theft of a controlled substance, petit larceny and forcing/procuring.

- Jamar Donald Washington, 19, of 215 University Blvd. E., Melbourne, was charged Dec. 24 with unarmed robbery.

West Melbourne Police Department

- Clarence McBrian, 55, address unknown, was charged Dec. 24 with petit larceny.

- Aaron Lee Adams, 20, address unknown, was charged Dec. 20 with armed burglary of an unoccupied structure, grand theft of a controlled substance, petit larceny and possessing/storing/providing.

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Finding treasures in the sand

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Got something to say?
Email the Hometown Rants & Raves at brenews@hometownnewsonline.com or call (321) 242-1281. Callers are asked to refrain from making slanderous statements. Statements of fact will be checked for accuracy.

WHERE ARE THE DRIVERS COMING FROM?

I was just reading Rants & Raves about how “other people's accidents cause my rates up” and how drivers in Florida are causing this. While sitting at a light waiting for the light to change, I noticed I had backed into my bumper. The second time was really hard.

And then I had a lady backing up at a Publix shopping center, an elderly lady, and I was honking my horn at her when she was backing up too fast. She then ran the front of my car.

I got out and said, “Didn’t you hear me?”

“Crafts, no,” I heard.

Well, OK. So much for that.

I don’t know where these drivers are coming from, but it has to be done.

I know good drivers like me and this other woman who write in bad rates are up.

This is not fair.

Something needs to be done.
Thank you.

Bad audio on TV and in movies

Thank you very much for this wonderful paper you create.

It is the only paper that I know of that has good news in it.

I pass this is considered a rant. It is concerning the bad audio, supposedly noise and music on the TV and in the movies. It is supposed to be background noise, but it is a lot louder than the people speaking.

People see all the complained problems, and there are a lot of us, makes me very hard to hear and understand what the people and characters are saying on TV and in the movies.

Keep your dogs out of the grocery store

I want to know why dogs, and I don't mean eating-eye dogs, are allowed in our grocery stores now. I don’t like it. I don’t want to buy groceries with their dogs.

Can somebody please explain to me why people cannot go grocery shopping without their dogs?

Thank you very much.

The new Health Insurance Marketplace options available

In the article “The new Health Insurance Marketplaces options available” in the Dec. 21 Hometown News, you quote a report, released by the Department of Health and Human Services, which states that “in state after state, citizens are connecting with the new health insurance marketplace, living near and finding affordable choices for consumers.”

Before I logged on to www.healthcare.gov, I actually believed this and thought that GOP deputies to "Obamacare" were simply perpetuating politics at its worst. I could not have been more wrong. After a number of unsuccessful attempts to log in to the Health Insurance Marketplace, I was finally able to get on the site, dutifully answered all of the questions, including that my current income is $4,471 per year, or $372.58 per month.

I was a bit surprised to find that I was unable to qualify for any of the plans treated a government help for low-income citizens.

I was more shocked when I looked at the premiums of the plans I am eligible for. The very least expensive plan, which covers none of my current medical costs and has a $6,360 deductible – more than my total annual income and would cost $205 per month, more than 75 percent, yes, three-quarters of my income. The least expensive plan that covers any of my existing doctors costs $177.82. That is more than I make each month.

Unlike the federal government, I can’t spend more than I made the year before I could be made.

Again, the annual deductibles are more than my annu-
ity.

How can President Barack Obama claim that help is available for low-income citizens, when someone who makes less than the premiums is ineligible?

To add insult to injury, I was just informed that Blue Cross is doing away with my current health insurance, which costs only $95 per month for myself and my currently unemployed daughter, because the plan doesn’t comply with Affordable Health Care Act guidelines. While it was not a great plan, because it didn’t cover hospitalization, it did at least cover our doctors and prescriptions.

I am curious to know how many other central Floridians are actually losing their health insurance thanks to “Obamacare.”

Response to Rant: ’Real Estate is different in Florida’

I am a Real estate, listing and selling in Brevard County since 1995.

Following is my response to the writer of the above rant.

Episode No. 1 – Ask the agent to leave immediately

Episode No. 2 – Ask the agent to leave immediately

Episode No. 3 – Ask when the professional photographer is scheduled

Then interview agents who are willing to provide you with:

1. A resume
2. Several years of local experience; or if a new agent, working with an experienced agent.
3. References from previous clients.
4. A cancellation clause in the contract – no charge if you are not happy with the way the agent is working for you.

A professional agent will work with you to show the house to the best advantage.

A professional agent understands that sellers have personal connections with their properties.

There is a good reason to ask the seller to leave away some items.

Fortunately, there are only a few who do the way you described your reader.

Mismanagement waste company

This is about the handling of the new waste collection contract in Merritt Island since 1995.

The new containers were delivered late in September to homes near the Tropical Trail.

At the time of the delivery, the workers were asked whether they were leaving the tar paper containers at a 15-plus cubic foot complex. The worker said that he knew they were to get the smaller ones out. The workers talked with the property manager and left the paper containers.

A letter to Waste Management received the information that the containers would be changed out on Nov. 26.

Meanwhile, the recycle containers had not been picked up.
up after being placed at the street on Sept. 30. So for three weeks, we had yellow top containers lining the street.

On Nov. 1, all of the containers were placed at the street to be changed out. Needless to say they are still sitting on our house. Maybe the County Commission should request a refund from Waste Management on at least a correction of the problem.

Common Core standards

To catch up in international education standings, the United States is emulating standards in Korea, Singapore, Finland and Hong Kong.

Programmers have not told the public that to maintain high standards, school days are eight to 10 hours with four hours of homework and the school year is 220-230 days.

There are no sports or extra-curricular activities. But, these schools are free and governments run.

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Parents in the United States will not stand for subjecting their children to these schedules, especially in government-run schools. In at least one system, 3-year-olds are taken from their parents Monday through Friday and put in kindergarten at boarding schools. It is no wonder why there are student demonstrations protesting the loss of their childhood, and suicide rates are high for students who fail the high standards testing.

Yes, we should raise our standards, but with U.S. college standards, where students from Korea, Singapore, Finland and Hong Kong compete for a seat.

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• Name of pet
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• Three of your pet’s favorite things to do
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Outdoor specialty store’s grand opening draws thousands

By Chris Fish

Entertainment and the great outdoors.

The ribbon cutting ceremony was attended by hundreds of people, many of whom were there to celebrate the grand opening of Bass Pro Shop in Palm Bay on Wednesday, Dec. 4 for an “Evening of Conservation.”

“Bass Pro Shops is a true conservation company that specializes in providing the right equipment for the future to help get people out of doors, with the right equipment,” said James King, Palm Bay manager, on Wednesday, Dec. 4 for an “Evening of Conservation.”

The group’s initiatives and programs include conserving state fish and wildlife resources, teaching children outdoor skills, giving children and conservation programs, such as Tippet Fearless, which encourages anglers to catch and release largemouth bass greater than eight pounds.

Bass Pro Shops is located at 730 Bass Pro Dr. N.E. in Palm Bay and is open Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, visit, www.basspro.com.

Cosmetic team and partners provides gifts for seniors

By Chris Fish

MELORENI – This holiday season, Sandy Maslan is determined to help a some seniors who are sometimes forgotten.

Her Mary Kay team has joined forces this year with Aging Solutions and All One Senior Day Care in Merritt Island to put together package for the elderly throughout the area.

“Last year, the group distributed more than 150 packages to seniors across Brevard County,” Maslan said. “We all have someone who we know who is determined to help a senior who is sometimes forgotten.”

For some seniors, Ms. Maslan’s gift will be the only gift they receive this holiday season.

Last year, the group distributed more than 150 packages to seniors across Brevard County.

“When we delivered the packages to the residents, their faces just lit up,” Ms. Maslan said. “One lady was in tears and said, ‘I don’t know who you girls are, but thank you and God bless.’”

Mary Kay’s intention is to help seniors this holiday season.

To find out how you can help, contact Sandy Maslan at smaslan@marykay.com.

For more information, visit, www.sarnoanimalhospital.com

With a $25 donation, Ms. Maslan said the group will put together a package that includes a holiday card telling the senior who the donation came from.

For more information, contact Sandy-Maslan@marykay.com.

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Tails from the Vet

Dr. Michael Ponce

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Ms. Rockwell added that "around the world" is a theme Ms. MacLean developed when they met this weekend. "Mrs. MacLean really set the theme for all of it in some form of song," Ms. Rockwell said. "We are excited to present three inspiring women, who incorporate the different songs, so we decided to demonstrate songs that teach young people to respect. Offer your support and much you can do other than respect. There's not much you can do other than offer your support."

"Around the World in 80 Minutes" is at 7:30 p.m. EST, carrying a Thaicom 6 from Launch Complex 40 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and will evoke something intriguing and inspiring in each soul, as they listen." Ms. Rockwell said. "Our hope is that every human, no matter where and experiences we share as humans, no matter where you live in the world," Ms. Rockwell said. "We all feel the same joy, love and loss, insecurities and unrequited love." Ms. Rockwell said that Ms. Green said the idea was developed when they met this weekend. Mrs. MacLean, a voice faculty member at Eastern Florida State College, and Mrs. Rockwell, a music teacher at Challenger K-8 Elementary School, Sherry MacLean, a voice faculty member at Eastern Florida State College, and Mrs. Rockwell are "The Three Sopranos." The trio of music educators will sing international arias, ballads and light classical favorites during "Around the World in 80 Minutes" on Saturday, Jan. 4 at First United Methodist Church in Melbourne.

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Blogger, collector team up for fabulous home decor

By Amanda Hatfield Anderson

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Mrs. Schmidheiser, who runs a “Do it Yourself” and interior design blog called “Home By Ally,” said her love for repurposing furniture and interior design runs in her blood, as her great grandmother owned an interior design business for many years in Winstown, N.J., and her mother and grandmother have kept the passion alive. “Growing up, I would always rearrange my bedroom in my parents’ houses and steal decor from across the house to put in my room,” Mrs. Schmidheiser said. “Home By Ally” was launched in December 2010, while Mrs. Schmidheiser and her husband, who serves in the U.S. Air Force Dakota. The couple moved to the Space Coast in July 2012, when Ally’s husband received a position at Patrick Air Force Base. Mrs. Schmidheiser’s blog reveals step-by-step instructions for projects to beautify the home, such as turning spotlight shades into nap snackers and creating just about anything with burlap.

“Since moving to the Space Coast, I feel my style has evolved greatly,” Mrs. Schmidheiser said. “I have found my true style in vintage, sturdy style mixed with the Space Coast style. I enjoy earth tones, natural elements and anything with a story to tell,” Mrs. Schmidheiser said. She believes that people should decorate their homes with things they love and that speak to them. In addition to finding her style identity, Mrs. Schmidheiser has also started a new venture — teaming up with a vintage collector to open a booth in the Wildwood Antique Mall in Melbourne. “I decided to join Wildwood Antique Mall on a whim, after speaking with my friend and partner, Dawn, of Lucky Day Design Co.” Mrs. Schmidheiser said. “I decided to take a chance and remember that you only live once.” The Satellite Beach resident and her business partner share a love for all things vintage, antiques and anything with a story. When furniture, what inspires me most is when I love the story that goes with it,” Mrs. Schmidheiser said. “For me, it’s about trusting what you love and cherishing it, and letting others know, we will certainly do the same.”

The decorating duo, “Home By Ally,” create jewelry, gathering collections and paint furniture, antiques, vintage finds and unique, handmade items, such as items that children’s growth and handmade paperweights and pumpkins for the fall,” Mrs. Schmidheiser said. In addition to “Home by Ally,” Mrs. Schmidheiser also received orders at Patrick Air Force Base. The couple moved to the Space Coast, you can see us on our booths, with homemade mimosas’ homes on the backs of our shirts. “Our fur babies are our world and keep us just as busy as our business,” Mrs. Schmidheiser said.

“Ally Schmidheiser, of Home by Ally, and Dawn Maltzke, of Lucky Day Design Co., have partnered up to bring eclectic and beautiful decor options to homes in Brevard County. Schmidheiser said: “It is extremely important to look at your house as more than just a place to live, but as your business. On top of that, we feel it is very important, because we were first customers and we always want to maintain the partnership and business services. When Mrs. Schmidheiser is not, rehabbing a thrift store find or blogging, she enjoys opening time with her three dachshunds, Winston, Tim and Milo. Wildwood Antique Mall is located at 1240 Sams Road, Melbourne. For more information, call (321) 952-7080. www.homelyblyghte.com or facebook.com/homeblygly.
**From Polaroid to Digital Art**

Florida artists Rene Grif- fith and Deleya Have teamed up to highlight the amazing breadth of their contemporary photography at Clay Stephens Lifestyles Showroom A Gallery. The exhibit “From Polaroid to Digital Art” will unveil the ancient visions of two fine photogra phers. Known for her hand-manipulated darkroom photography and digital paint ed paintings, Ms. Dean has developed her own unique style of fine art photography to create Florida scenes reminiscent of vin tographs to create Florida scenes reminiscent of vintographs to create Florida scenes reminiscent of vintographs to.

In conjunction with First Friday Art Walk, the public is invited to attend the opening night reception to meet the artists on Friday, Jan. 3, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Complimentary light hors d’oeuvres and wine will be served. The exhibit will be on display from mid-December through Feb. 2nd, 2014. Clay Stephens Lifestyles Showroom A Gallery is located at 1399 Highland Ave., (near the Eau Gallie Square). Visit us online for more information.

**New Business in EAGD**

There are two new businesses opening this month:

At First Friday, make sure to stop by Chef Mario’s Cafe at 111 State Street. Eau Gallie for Italian Cuisine and Art District (EAGD) of Mel bourne. Ms. Griffith is a painter and photographer, who works from her Indialantic home studio. To see more of her work, visit her website at www.marygriffith .com.

Ms. Dean lives on Lake Monroe in Sanford and is an avid hiker. Her outdoor gallery can be found at http://pixygal.com/gallery.

**News from the Eau Gallie Arts District**

First Friday Art Walk – Jan. 3, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Eau Gallie Square. Enjoy the light/music show in Eau Gallie Square this month. Favorite vendors will be there all along with new businesses.

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The problem with an ad is that it seems to be getting worse.

I just finished up on a call with someone who had downloaded a program for work. After we ended our call, there were other browser win-
dows on their screen with web pages that she had never even visited before. In fact, they were different programs opening that she didn’t know or even understand the function or performance problems.

She’s still working on one for over an hour cleaning and removing all machine for over an hour that said she had driver and different programs opening and at least two downloads. She visited and at least two programs downloaded a program for worse.

When I was cleaning her computer, I look at and go over the steps she was following. First standard steps really – there was an address to go to first to register and then download the program. The details on how to get to the website linked to “Speedtest.net” was a popular software repository where many publishers use to download their software. The reason she was getting things wrong is that the program was hijacked!

She was connected to her computer when she was doing and was following a set of steps that were to the point and accurate. So what happened? How did her machine get so worked over and now she was having to download a simple program to rescue her computer? Well it looks like that my caller could have done differently – she didn’t have a chance.

If she had an earlier volume how important it is to learn to recognize and ignore internet ads, but I will admit, sometimes it is very hard to tell the difference between what the ad is and the link (or button) you are supposed to click next. Now what happened? How did her machine got so worked over and what was she supposed to do to fix it?

The solution she used to the correct download was to try and run from within a confusion. There was a banner ad along the top with the background and text and the edges of the portion of the page with a big green word “Install” before and another similar banner just a bit further. She moved my eyes down past the usual legitimate “Download” button (also in green) and I could clearly see the button that was there that time it was too late. How is the casual user supposed to be able to tell which of the three buttons is the real one? I said, she didn’t have a chance and once the click happened it was too late.

The problem was a set of ad for a registry cleaner of some sort. Clicking either of the two suggested buttons opened the program and the other just said that the program she was supposed to install was hijacked and now you have a system of optimization running in your system that no wonder so no wonder she is getting things hijacked.

There is an answer to this dilemma. Yet it is still very difficult to resist ads but there are ads that is too close for that number on the download of the ads and you or we can try to legitimate “Download” button.

March 24th Through April 4th
3142 South Atlantic Avenue
BUNCO with the Palm Bay Women’s Club
Palm Bay Women’s Club is sponsoring a “BUNCO” game that will have a grand prize punch will be served.

For more information, call (321) 225-0972 for information.

Mar. 25
The Melbourne Civic Theatre presents “Key Lime Pie Fest”

The Florida Key Lime Pie Company will be presenting the Third Annual Florida Key Lime Pie Festival at the Melbourne Civic Theater on March 25.

The event will be held at 6800 Legacy Boulevard at 6 p.m., featuring key lime pie, music, a food contest, and more.

For more information, visit www.floridastateparks.org/parkevents/ or call (321) 225-0972.

The concert is free with regular admission, and there will be a charge for the pie eating contest.

The event will also feature a Key Lime Pie eating contest, live music, a pie auction, and other activities.

Tickets are $8 in advance and $10 at the door.

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For information, contact the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s Sebastian Inlet State Park.

Festival of Flowers 2014

The Festival of Flowers event will include popular entertainers and will feature a variety of music, dance, and art activities.

The event will be held on March 29th. For more information, visit www.festivalofflowers.com or call (321) 225-0972.

The cost for adults to attend the Festival of Flowers will be $15 per person, $12 per child ages 5-12 and children 4 and younger are free.

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The Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s Sebastian Inlet State Park continues to hold the Night Sounds events.

Atlantic Bluegrass will perform on March 20th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event will feature a variety of music, including bluegrass and folk music.

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The cost for adults to attend the Florida Key Lime Festival will be $30 per person, $25 per child ages 5-12, and children 4 and younger are free.

The event will feature Florida’s state pie, key lime pie, and other various pie-related activities.

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Corvette owners donate toys, books, money and food for the less fortunate

The Cape Kennedy Community Center, Cocoa Coast Yacht Club joint toy drive this year resulted in Corvette owners donating new books, toys, gifts, gift cards, books and cash for needy children and adults up to 18 years old. In addition, two refrigerators were donated to Central Brevard Senior Center to feed seniors in need.

Candlelighters receives senior spirit of giving

The seniors at Wickham Park will hold their annual Candlelighters senior holiday season to benefit Central Brevard Senior Center, an organization dedicated to helping seniors who have been battling cancer, and other chronic illnesses.

The seniors at Wickham Park will be holding a raffle to be held at the Wickham Park Community Center, 1478 Wickham Park Blvd., Cocoa, FL 32926 on Saturday, December 21, from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The proceeds from the raffle will be used to benefit Central Brevard Senior Center.

The seniors at Wickham Park will be holding a Christmas party, to be held at Matt’s Café, 1600 N. Highway A1A, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 on Saturday, December 14, from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. The proceeds from the party will be used to benefit Central Brevard Senior Center.

New bus route will help seniors

Seniors have another way to get to One Senior Place in Viera. Effective in the edition of the new bus Route 7 and bus stop adjacent to the senior resource facility at 8805 Spy- glas Rd., Melbourne, FL 32940.

The new Rockledge/Viera bus route originates from the Rockledge Transit began in October, and will provide seniors with the least stops, including One Senior Place Viera which offers an opportunity for seniors, who reside in the Rockledge area, to depend on a friend or family member to get to the senior resource facility.

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Melbourne Main street launches logo contest

Melbourne Main Street, a nonprofit located in Historic Downtown Melbourne, is a year-old organization.

Members have been encouraged to participate by submitting ideas for the new logo contest.

Artists should be creative and confident in their work, and should be able to build something simple as simple as bold as you would like.

The only requirement is that your design should be sub- mitted via email in vector for- mat (.PSD or AI files). The winner will receive a prize package from local Downtown Melbourne mer- chants and at the “star of the show” at the logo reveal party to be held at Matt’s Can- burn in February.

Deadline for email submis- sions is January 15.

For more information, contact: Cape Kennedy Community Center at (321) 255-3290 or visit www.CapeKennedyCC.com.
The majority of Floridians share:

Florida, this can be a real challenge. In rare cases, there are two types of lawns that the Florida season can accommodate: St. Augustine grass and Bahia grass. Each has its advantages and disadvantages compared to other grasses.

St. Augustine grass is native to Florida and is adapted to subtropical climates. It thrives in shaded areas and can withstand heavy foot traffic. However, it requires regular mowing and irrigation, and it can be susceptible to diseases like brown spot.

Bahia grass, on the other hand, is a warm-season grass that prefers full sun and well-drained soil. It tolerates salt and extremes in temperature, but it may not be as attractive aesthetically as St. Augustine grass.

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With a little care and some basic maintenance, you too can have a healthy lawn. Always keep your garden in tip-top shape by applying the proper treatments at the right times of the year. This can help prevent lawn problems and promote healthy growth.

Tips for a lush, green lawn during the winter months:

- **Fertilizer:** Apply a balanced fertilizer with a high phosphorus content in the fall to encourage root development. Avoid applying nitrogen after November 1 to prevent the growth of grass during the winter months.
- **Watering:** Water your lawn deeply but infrequently. Watering early in the morning is best, as it helps reduce evaporation.
- **Mowing:** Reduce mowing frequency and raise the cutting height to 2.5-3 inches during the cold months. This allows for adequate grass cover and reduces the risk of injury to the blades.
- **Weed Control:** Control weeds in the spring with a broad-spectrum herbicide. Avoid using herbicides when temperatures are below 60°F, as they may not be effective.

Now, let’s talk about keeping it green. During the winter months, all plant materials are growing at a slower rate, allowing you to reduce the amount of care required. However, it is important to continue with basic lawn care practices to maintain a healthy lawn.

1. **Mowing:** Continue to mow your lawn with a higher cutting height to promote healthy root growth.
2. **Watering:** Water your lawn as needed to prevent soil moisture from becoming too dry. Avoid overwatering, which can lead to thatching and other lawn problems.
3. **Weed Control:** Keep an eye out for weeds and control them as needed. Use a selective herbicide to eliminate problem weeds.
4. **Fertilizer:** Apply a slow-release fertilizer in the fall to provide nutrients for the winter months.

By following these tips, you can ensure your lawn stays green and healthy all year round.