Summer sun splash

Kasen Marsicano, 1, Dakota McDloskey, 8, and Chris Guthrie, all of Melbourne, cool off at Fee Avenue pool on Saturday, July 14, in Melbourne.

Brevard Rescue Mission finds ‘Joy’ helping homeless families

By Amy Lyon
For Hometown News

MELBOURNE — Brevard Rescue Mission has expanded its reach to provide transitional housing and support services for homeless women and children by opening its second apartment complex in Melbourne called “Joy’s Place.”

A dedication ceremony was held July 5 with a small gathering of supporters, including the Sutton family, whose eldest daughter, Joy Evans, is the facility’s namesake.

“We recently sold our group home in Rockledge and were able to get twice what we paid for it,” said BRM Founder and CEO Stacia Glavas. “Candidates go through daily accountability, personal responsibility and goal advancement.

“We serve single moms with at least one child in their custody,” said Ms. Glavas. “Candidates go through an extensive interview process, background check and drug testing. We have high success rates because the women that get accepted can improve their lives.”

BRM doesn’t accept any government funding, so financial donations are always needed to support the mission, as well as volunteers for the See RESCUE, page 8

By Brittany Mulligan

BREVARD COUNTY — There’s no doubt that gun violence has been a hot button issue in the U.S. within the past few years.

Tragedies such as the Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando and the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland have banded together those who want to see that their loved ones remain safe in a world where gun violence can happen anywhere at any time.

The Space Coast Progressive Alliance received exclusive permission to present “UPRISING: Pulse to Parkland,” a film by activist Vicki Nantz.

The event is a special screening in association with The Global Peace Film Festival and the film is Mrs. Nantz’s entry.

The 33-minute film will be shown to the public at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 2 at the Front Street Civic Center, 2205 South Front Street, Melbourne.

“Vicki Nantz has been at the forefront of many issues in Florida,” said Vicki Impoco, Communication Coordinator of Space Coast Progressive Alliance. “She’s an independent filmmaker and she devotes all her time to developing films about causes she believes in.”

The synopsis for the documentary features Florida Senator Linda Stewart, Florida House

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Floatation therapy offers new way to relax

By Brittany Mulligan  
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MELBOURNE — A new kind of therapy is making a name for itself. Floatation therapy, which enriches the body and mind through a meditative floating experience, is the only therapy center of its kind in Brevard.

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Two buttons inside the pod allow the client to turn a pod light on and off, as well as ring the reception in case there are any problems.

As a somewhat claustrophobic person, I was a little nervous about what I was about to do. Before entering the pod, I took a light shower and then slid in and closed the lid. A soft blue light stayed on until I was ready to be in the dark and music akin to being in a rain forest played softly for 10 minutes to help me get in the right frame of mind.

A light sensor in the room can easily turn on when opening the lid, which I found out after getting up to grab a Styro-foam neck pillow five seconds after closing my lid.

Inside the pod, I was surprised how buoyant I felt and despite the dark, I felt calm. The water’s temperature is kept at 94.2 degrees Fahrenheit, which is near the human skin’s own temperature.

While I didn’t fall asleep, I amused myself by pushing myself from wall-to-wall (there was a lot of room in there for my small size), until I felt relaxed enough to quiet my mind and contemplate life.

The hardest part for me being inside was not knowing how much time was left on the clock, but the point is not to worry about things like that. After 45 minutes, the rain forest sounds came back on for five minutes, and then to indicate the end of my session, the pod light came back on.

My limbs felt heavy and relaxed. After getting out of the pod, I crossed over to my shower to rinse off all of the salt. Once dressed, I was invited to spend some time in the relaxation lounge. Mr. and Mrs. Stracuzzi do not want clients to feel they have to drive right away after a therapy session, and so created the lounge as a place to come back to your senses before driving.

Water bottles are available in a mini-fridge, and it’s especially important to stay hydrated after such an experience. The relaxation lounge is kept dark, with soft lights and salt lamps around, and clients can use a coloring book to further relax. A guest book is available for you to jot down your float experience or to read others’ comments.

Clients of any age are invited to try Souler Float, although those 17 and younger need a parent or guardian’s permission and to be present throughout their session.

Military, veterans and first responders are invited to try a free floating session and can receive a 15 percent discount for following sessions.

It is recommended that you try it more than once because during your first time it’s hard to totally relax, Mr. Stracuzzi said. Water and salt in a quiet environment can do so much to the mind and body. It not
Four candidates compete for District 4

By Austin Rushnell
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BREVARD COUNTY — Four local residents will go head-to-head in the upcoming General Election for County Commission District 4, and there can only be one winner.

Hometown News is providing candidate profiles, so that our readers can become familiar with those who would like to serve Brevard County residents.

Profiles highlighting the remaining candidates in the Nov. 8 General Election will follow in the coming weeks.

Matthew Fleming, 37, Satellite Beach
Party affiliation: Democrat.
Number of years as resident: 22.
Occupation: Owner of Melbourne Pressure Washing.
Education: Graduated from University of North Florida with a Bachelor's Degree in International Business.
Marital status: Single.

What makes you the best candidate for this seat?: "Brevard County has changed. It is younger, more crowded, and it is facing huge problems caused by decades of one-party rule. I am the best candidate to represent my district because I bring a new vision of transparency and accountability in our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections. I am not bought and paid for by our government, which my competitors are unable to do because of their political connections.

Trudie Infantini, 60, Melbourne
Party affiliation: Republican.

Number of years as resident: 28.
Occupation: Certified Public Accountant, Trudie Infantini PA; Accounting Instructor, Florida Institute of Technology.
Education: Master's Degree in Accounting from Florida Atlantic University; Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Administration, Florida International University.
Marital status: Married.
Number of children: Four.

What makes you the best candidate for this seat?: "Brevard County's infrastructure has crumbled since my departure from the commission in 2016. We have had a long list of accomplishments in my short three and a half years as County Commissioner. I focus on needs, not wants and try to take emotions out of decision making. I have also traveled to Washington, DC and Colorado Springs several times to meet with companies and bring jobs to Brevard County. I have also been a champion of the five county consortium to work with state and federal authorities to restore our precious waterway. I have a long list of accomplishments in my short three and a half years as County Commissioner.

Curt Smith, 70, Melbourne
Party affiliation: Republican.

Number of years as resident: 32.
Occupation: Retired; more than 40 years in the private sector.
Education: Bachelor of Arts, US History, University of Miami.
Marital status: Married.
Number of children: One.

What makes you the best candidate for this seat?: "I am a longtime resident of District 4 and as a retired businessman I know how to work with people and get things done. I am a proven leader that has been both vice chairman and chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. I focus on needs, not wants and try to take emotions out of decision making.

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Richard Charbonneau, 68, Brevard
Could not be reached for comment.

For more information, call (321) 608-7450.

Dinner and dancing: Elks Lodge No. 1744 welcomes Elks and guests to their lodge, 211 S. Nieman Ave., Melbourne, for Dinner and Dance Night Fridays at 5 p.m.

For more information about room rentals or scheduled activities, call (321) 768-1744.

Things to do at in the Joseph N. Davis Community Center in Melbourne:
Fridays: Late Night Basketball (ages 8-17)
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For more information, email tryouts@udtraveball.com, call (321) 421-7220 or visit udtraveball.com.

Take a walk, learn to knit: The City of Melbourne’s Parks and Recreation Department hosts Adult Morning Club from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Fridays, Mondays and Wednesdays.

Enjoy an early walk to reduce stress, build muscle, strengthen your heart, and learn how to crochet and knit. You also will have the opportunity to learn about basic skills of computers and cell phone technology.

Admission is free and for ages 18 years and older.

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**Police Report**

Michael Hughes, 40, of Melbourne, was arrested July 16 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill and resisting officer without violence. Michael was arrested July 16 and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Edward Slater, 42, of Lipscomb Street, Melbourne, was arrested July 16 and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

John Bronson, 36, of A Lane, Cocoa, was arrested July 17 and charged with 2 counts of armed burglary of dwelling/structure, 2 counts of assault with intent to commit felony, 2 counts of possession of a controlled substance, 2 counts driving while license suspended (3rd or subsequent offense), 2 counts grand theft from dwelling over $100 and less than $300, 2 counts of keeping building/shop/vehicle for drugs (subsequent violation), 2 counts kidnapping, 2 counts distribution of marijuana, 4 counts of possession of a weapon/firearm/ammo by convicted felon, 2 counts possession of drug paraphernalia, 2 counts of robbery with a firearm, and 2 counts of use or display of firearm during felony under indictment.

Walter Reed, 27, of Pinewood Drive, Palm Bay, was arrested July 17 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill, and aggravated battery of a pregnant woman.

**West Melbourne Police Department**

Shawn Crawford, 29, of Harbor City Boulevard, Melbourne, was arrested July 16 and charged with possession of marijuana over 20 grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia with residue.

Daniel Dull, 26, of Garvey Road, Palm Bay, was arrested July 16 and charged with possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana over 20 grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sean Trechok, 29, of Sheaffe Ave, Palm Bay, was arrested July 18 and charged with driving while license suspended (3rd or subsequent offense).

Thomas Anthony Gorman, 55, of 100 Riverside Drive, Cocoa, was arrested June 29 and charged with aggravated assault as domestic violence.

Thomas Anthony Gorman, 55, of 100 Riverside Drive, Cocoa, was arrested July 8, and charged with driving under the influence and reckless driving.

**Brevard County Sheriff's Office**

Brigette Hancock, 29, of Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, was arrested July 14 and charged with possession with intent to purchase methamphetamine, tampering with or fabricating physical evidence, and possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

Donna McIntyre, 54, of Daytona Drive, Palm Bay, was arrested July 14 and charged with aggravated battery as domestic violence.

Jerry Moore, 35, of Queen Street, Titusville, was arrested July 14 and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver within 1,000 feet of school/worship/business, possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana less than 20 grams, possession of marijuana with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver, contempt of court – felony, and never obtaining a driver’s license.

Michael O’Connell, 38, of Gannet Avenue, Palm Bay, was arrested July 14 and charged with possession of a controlled substance, and possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

Nathan Scales, 29, of Water Drive, Palm Bay, was arrested July 14 and charged with driving while license suspended with knowledge (1st offense), failure to register motor vehicle, and possession of methamphetamine with intent to purchase.

Helen Benjak, 31, of Hortana Drive, Merritt Island, was arrested July 15 and charged with possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana under 20 grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Oscar Burns, 32, of Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Coral Gables, was arrested July 15 and charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle.

Jeffery Christian, 33, of Van Dyke, Palm Bay, was arrested July 15 and charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle.

Christopher Groce, 47, of Wrangler Lane, Rockledge, was arrested July 15 and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Nichole Heath, 34, of Poinsettia Avenue, Cape Canaveral, was arrested July 15 and charged with possession of a controlled substance, trafficking heroin 4 grams and less than 30 kilograms, possession of marijuana under 20 grams, trafficking methamphetamine 14 grams and over, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Leopoldo Vila, 40, of New Haven Avenue, Melbourne, was arrested July 15 and charged with false imprisonment and battery.

Bernhard Vock, 86, of Hamlet Drive, Melbourne, was arrested July 15 and charged with aggravated assault on person over 65 years of age, and battery of a person over 65 years of age.

Toni Bevan, 41, of Pace Drive, Palm Bay, was arrested July 16 and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.
Please adopt, don’t shop
I’m sure you’ve heard this rant before, but please read again just in case you’ve forgotten . . .

For everyone who loves animals, please don’t buy a dog or puppy from one of the few retail animal stores in Brevard County. Most of those animals come from puppy mills, and there are many wonderful dogs who need homes at the several shelters in Brevard. Please remember to ADOPT DON’T SHOP!

Thank you from all the wonderful animals who need homes.

Tag not valid everywhere
To get it straight, you were right, that tag is only allowed to park in a handicap parking on a military base or Veterans Affairs property, government area, unless it has a wheelchair on it. It’s the law they can use a blue handicap placard with that tag but not freely so listen up veterans.

Those who have a disabled veterans tag are not allowed to use handicap parking outside of government installations. If you do, you need the wheelchair tag or the blue placard.

Pay attention to candidates
Yesterday I registered as a democrat instead of my usual independent status. I always have voted as the independent that I am . . . except in the primaries because I can’t vote in the primaries. Sometimes I have changed and registered republican and sometimes as a democrat so I could include my voice of who gets into office. This year, there is no way I would vote for a republican for any office in either the primaries or general election in November.

Our state Legislature is republican-heavy; Congress is the same. They have all fallen down on the jobs the state Constitution and U. S. Constitution assigns to them and which they take an oath to do. I am pleased that we have so many people from both parties running as candidates for Governor of Florida. I am researching all of them as I do with every election.

I have to admit that my first instinct is to vote for Gwen Graham because it’s time we bring the state into the 21st century and elect a qualified, woman governor. However, if in my research there is a man who meets my requisites for governor, I’ll vote for him.

My preliminary research doesn’t indicate that will happen. Please pay attention to who is running for what office.

Go online and get information about the issues or candidates that are not published by the backers as well as those published by the backers or the party line — no matter which party line it is. Do your research so you can vote in an informed, intelligent way and not just what someone tells you to do.

Bridges should allow fishing
I moved here from South Florida 12 years ago because of the schools, Banana and Indian rivers, the surf and fishing. Instead of getting better for shore fishermen, things have gotten worse.

The one fishing pier has become a drinking and eating place with little room for parents to bring the kids to fish. Do you want your child four feet from someone drinking? The bridges should have fishing locations for people to cast their lines.

Titusville’s big bridge gets hundreds of people because there are not many other places to go. The Port St. John boat ramp has been out since the hurricane . . . there are just ‘no trespassing’ signs now. Other Florida cities with the word ‘Port’ such as Port St. Lucie and Port St. Joe have fantastic boat ramps. Brevard County needs a 1,000-foot fishing pier like the one Juno Beach has . . . no bars or drinking alcohol.

The waterways are the second best thing about Brevard after Kennedy Space Center.

Allow leaders to lead
Most people have heard the saying “keep your friends close and your enemies closer”.
This is what the president practices with leaders around the world. How will differences be resolved if there are no discussions or if people don’t talk to each other?

Most people simply want peace, as does our president. It serves no purpose to continually call leaders of other countries names. It is a juvenile approach to diplomacy which can lead to military engagement causing death and destruction.

Does anyone or any country want another Vietnam? There are several models of governing around the world. It is not the job of the United States to tell every country to function as a democratic republic.

We definitely would resist any world leader, or the United Nations, telling us that we must use a communist model, or a dictatorship to run OUR country. Be careful what you advocate or support, you might get more than you want.

Slower traffic move right
I am so happy that law officials finally are forcing slower traffic to move right. All I can say is that it’s about time. There is no such thing as tailgating in the left lane . . . move over and let them through.

If you still want to drive slow in the left lane you will continue to get me to shake my head as I pass you on the right. Don’t complain when I get back in the left lane . . . no matter how close you think I am.
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Souler Float is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

For more information, call (321) 591-9005 or visit www.SoulerFloat.com.

In general, the nonprofits I address in my articles are those that support people programs; in my case, those supporting seniors. Other types of nonprofits are also important, especially when they are not already funded by magnanimous sums of tax and private donor money. These organizations serve particular community needs that cannot be met by any other resource.

In conclusion this discussion on nonprofits, it is extremely important for readers to understand that different age demographics in Brevard County have different needs and resources to meet those needs. Our elected officials must be held accountable to see that the young and old alike are supported fairly and that taxpayer money is equally directed to both age groups. If we allow those who elect to designate tax dollars to the support of one segment of the population without thought or some measure of support to the other then we are unfairly attaching an element of need to one without regard to the other. Nonprofits are needed. Commissioners, direct your Housing and Human Services Staff to give you the necessary facts to govern wisely and fairly.

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Kid’s Club program.
“We work hard to instill stability into the lives of our residents, so we are always in need of consistent volunteers for our Kid’s Club program,” said Ms. Glavas. “Volunteers ideally commit to one session a week to love on kids.”

The Kid’s Club program takes place in Melbourne while the mothers are in life skills classes and Bible study on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, as well as Saturday mornings.

A third need of BRM is affordable housing in the $750 to $850 per month range for its program graduates.

“When the moms are educated and employed, they must find stable, permanent housing before they move on from Brevard Rescue Mission,” said Ms. Glavas.

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Kid’s Club program.
“We work hard to instill stability into the lives of our residents, so we are always in need of consistent volunteers for our Kid’s Club program,” said Ms. Glavas. “Volunteers ideally commit to one session a week to love on kids.”

The Kid’s Club program takes place in Melbourne while the mothers are in life skills classes and Bible study on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, as well as Saturday mornings.

A third need of BRM is affordable housing in the $750 to $850 per month range for its program graduates.

“When the moms are educated and employed, they must find stable, permanent housing before they move on from Brevard Rescue Mission,” said Ms. Glavas.

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Local authors to lead Melbourne book fair

By Brittany Mulligan
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WEST MELBOURNE — Sometimes the best kinds of books are not sold in stores. You never know, your next favorite author might be found by visiting the Authors for Authors book fair this weekend.

The West Melbourne book fair will feature a variety of genres written by local and statewide authors from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, July 28 at the West Melbourne Library, 2755 Wingate Blvd.

“We have a lot of talented people here and also we have a lot of readers here,” said Dr. Valerie Allen, co-founder of Authors for Authors. “We have such a big retiree population and they like to read. With kids, you want them to start reading very young, so they learn how to read for pleasure as adults.”

The theme of this year’s book fair is “Red, White, and Blue Books for You!” Children’s authors will have activities for kids that will tie into their stories and to encourage reading at a young age.

Authors for Authors was started by Dr. Allen, Holly Fox Vellekoop and Marshall Frank as a way to promote local authors and get more people reading.

The second biggest event of the year is Authors for Author’s “Meet the Authors’ Book Fair,” which is scheduled for the weekend of Nov. 17-18 at the Eau Gallie Civic Center.

“Our writers get exposure for their works and they meet their readers and network with each other to get writing ideas and marketing ideas,” Dr. Allen said. “Readers are excited because they get to meet real live authors.”

For more information, visit authors-forauthors.com or email Dr. Allen at vallenwriter@gmail.com.

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years) from 8 to 11 p.m. $1.
Mondays: Morning Walk (all ages) from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Monday to Friday.
Free.

Pickleball (all ages) from 9 a.m. to noon Mondays and Wednesdays. $1.
Adult Organized Full Court Basketball (ages 18 years and older) from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays. $1.
After School Tutoring (ages 6-12 years) from 3:45 to 5 p.m. Monday to

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Surterra Wellness
‘Christmas in July’ to help Green Gables purchase property

By Jamie Desena-McFarland
For Hometown News

MELBOURNE – Green Gables at Historic Riverview Village Inc., the local non-profit dedicated to purchasing and restoring the home of inventor William T. Wells and his family, is inviting local residents to get into the holiday spirit. Victorian style.

The organization’s first ever Christmas in July event is set for noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 28 at 1501 S. Harbor City Blvd. The “Christmas in July Open House” will feature one or more decorated Christmas trees, rooms adorned in holiday decor, Victorian-inspired Christmas treats and tours of the home, which was built in 1896.

The event was motivated by the weather, along with the need to raise awareness and funds for the restoration project.

“It was a hot day and we had been working in the yard when someone said, I wish it was Christmas! So we decided to make it so,” said the organization’s president, John Daly. “The Wells family through the several generations that lived there was known for entertaining, so a Christmas party seems appropriate.”

With a suggested donation of $20 for admission, the event’s organizers are also looking to the event to inspire the giving sentiment of Christmas time.

“It is not an admission fee, simply a suggestion for those who want to know what is appropriate,” Mr. Daly said. “We recognize that ‘appropriate’ is in the eye of the beholder, so people are welcome to donate more or less. Even leaving a name and contact information is a donation because we use our list of visitors to show potential donors and grant agencies that the project has community support.”

This is the first time Green Gables at Historic Riverview Village has set a suggested donation for entry into an event at the home, Mr. Daly noted.

The organization formed in 2010 and initiated a campaign to raise awareness about the house in 2014 after a permit for demolition was issued. The group began serious fundraising efforts in 2017.

Since 2014, the nonprofit has been negotiating with Green Gables’ owners to purchase the property and has made some temporary repairs to the structure.

The group has also taken on the responsibility of paying the property taxes and conducting regular maintenance, Mr. Daly noted.

The main goal over the next 20 months, however, is to raise $250,000 in donations that will go toward the purchase of the property.

“At some point the owner’s patience will end and they will decide to sell the property to a developer,” Mr. Daly continued. “And Green Gables itself, while structurally sound, continues to deteriorate and we need to acquire the property and begin stabilization.”

The intended fundraising amount of $250,000 will be put up as matching funds required for a Florida Division of Historic Resources grant proposal the organization is expected to apply for in May 2020. The anticipated grant award is $500,000, so the matching funds must equate to half that amount.

If the organization is able to raise the $750,000 that would come from the grant and the matching funds or elsewhere, the owners will donate $215,000 toward the purchase of the property.

With the combined funds, the organization will be able to cover the property’s appraised value of $965,000.

For more information about Green Gables at Historic Riverview Village, visit www.savegreengables.org.

Crime

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Lance Calley, 43, of Lomboks Street, Cocoa, was arrested July 16 and charged with dealing in stolen property, false verification of ownership to secondhand dealer less than $300, petty theft – larceny over $100 and less than $300 (1st degree).

Darrell Choppe, 33, of Peachtree Street, Cocoa, was arrested July 16 and charged with contracting without a license during state of emergency, possession of a controlled substance, larceny from building over $300 and less than 10,000 from person older than 65 years of age, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Richard Hartzel, 37, of Buttonwood Drive, Merritt Island, was arrested July 16 and charged with possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver, and sale of methamphetamine.

Raymond Hoffmann, 33, of Riviera Drive, Titusville, was arrested July 16 and charged with dealing in stolen property, grand theft larceny over $300 and less than $5,000, and possession of a firearm/weapon/ammo by a convicted felon.

Amber Jones, 25, of Ligustrum Lane, Merritt Island, was arrested July 16 and charged with cash deposit with intent to defraud, and grand larceny over $300 and less than $5,000.

Clifton Jones, 37, of Marsh Harbor Avenue, Merritt Island, was arrested July 16 and charged with possession of cocaine, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

Kathy Peacock, 21, of Lake Drive, Cocoa, was arrested July 16 and charged with grand theft of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, and dealing in stolen property.

Jenna Straker, 30, of Glencove Avenue, Palm Bay, was arrested July 16 and charged with aggravated battery, and false imprisonment as kidnapping.

Stephen Troester, 35, of Melbourne, was arrested July 16 and charged with possession of a controlled substance, trafficking methamphetamine 14 grams or over, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of drug equipment.

Donald Watson, 37, of Palm Avenue, Mims, was arrested July 16 and charged with possession of a controlled substance, loitering and prowling, possession of burglary tools with intent to use, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Joey Christian, 46, of Olsen Road, Cocoa, was arrested July 17 and charged with aggravated assault as domestic violence and felony battery.

Seth Edwards, 19, of Skylark Avenue, Merritt Island, was arrested July 17 and charged with aggravated battery on a pregnant woman – domestic violence, child abuse without great bodily harm – simple assault, and false imprisonment – domestic violence.

Danielle Harris, 30, of Denton Circle, Cocoa, was arrested July 17 and charged with failure to register as a sex offender.

Jason Hebert, 37, of Anchor Lane, Merritt Island, was arrested July 17 and charged with battery by strangulation – domestic violence.

Calvin McCormick, 31, of Glenegales Way, Rockledge, was arrested July 17 and charged with dealing in stolen property, false verification of ownership to secondhand dealer less than $300, and grand theft from a dwelling over $100 and less than $300.

Justin Myers, 28, of School Street, Cocoa, was arrested July 17 and charged with carrying a concealed firearm, possession of cocaine, driving while license suspended (3rd of subsequent offense), possession of marijuana over 20 grams, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Vincen Barber, 29, of Thrush Circle, Barefoot Bay, was arrested July 17 and charged with burglary of an unoccupied dwelling unarmed, dealing in stolen property, and grand theft from a building over $300 and less than $5,000.

Edward Copeland, 78, of Cheney Highway, Titusville, was arrested July 18 and charged with loiter and lascivious acts/molestation – victim under 12 years of age.

Lorenzo McDowell, 30, of Estridge Drive, Rockledge, was arrested July 18 and charged with armed burglary of dwelling/structure, felony battery by strangulation, burglary of an occupied structure unarmed, grand theft of a firearm as larceny, and possession of a firearm/weapon/ammo by convicted felon.

Paul Redick, 19, of Merritt Island, was arrested July 18 and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver, possession of cocaine, sale of cocaine, 2 counts of possession of controlled substance, sale of drugs, and trafficking of heroin.
The ‘Back 2 School Bash’ is a free event that will help prepare families for the coming school year with fun events and information.

**Back 2 School Bash for next year’s students**

By Austin Rushnell
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BREVARD COUNTY — Being prepared for the new school year is one of the most important parts of having a successful start, and one event is helping all the preparation to be a good time, too.

On July 28, Central Florida Expos and Play Melbourne Parks & Recreation will host its annual ‘Back 2 School Bash.’

The event is free to attend, and helps to prepare parents and students for the coming school year, while offering plenty of fun activities for the kids.

“We work with [Play Melbourne] every year to put the event together, this is the fourth year,” said Gina Verruso of Central Florida Expos. “It’s a nice event, because it’s very family-oriented, and it’s usually right before going back to school. We usually try to get together a lot of resources, this way the parents (especially from the South Brevard area) know what’s going on, [etc.]”

The Back 2 School Bash will feature vendors such as daycare organizations, products for children, and local and state organization that will provide supporting information for parents.

“We’re trying to bring in resources that will be helping these all year long,” Ms. Verruso said. “One of the organizations that are coming, [for example,] is the Children’s Hunger Project. They are going to be there, providing information for their program, and kids can be signed up for them. We’re bringing a lot of very valuable resources, and we encourage all parents that have children that are going to go back to school, especially small children, to come and take advantage of our event!"

The Back 2 School Bash will be held on July 28 at the Wickham Park Community Center, 2815 Leisure Way in Melbourne. It will be held from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Visit funspacecoastkids.com/calendar/eventdetail/62891/-/back-2-school-bash-wickham-park-community-

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**Saturday, July 28**

- **Rock the Porch:** Rock the Porch Jam is from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the second (Aug. 11) and fourth (July 28) Saturdays at Melbourne Beach Old Town Hall History Center, 2373 Oak St., Melbourne Beach. The free, inclusive event features blues, rock, folk, and country jam for spectators and musicians. For more information, call (321) 427-4624, email info@beeandthehive.com, or visit www.booandthehive.com.

- **Communicate with confidence:** The Peace Talkers Toastmasters Club meets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Saturdays at Wat Punyawanaram Buddhist Temple, 4490 Aurora Road, Melbourne. The group can help you improve your communication and leadership skills at a peaceful setting. For more information, email Pim Parpart at piml@juno.com.

- **Weekend karaoke:** Elks Lodge No. 1744 welcomes Elks and guests to their lodge, 211 S. Nieman Ave., Melbourne, at 6 p.m. See CALENDAR, page 14
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**Back-to-School**

2018-2019 Student Schedule August-January

School District of Brevard County
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MONDAY, JULY 30

Grief support group: Hospice of St. Francis will host a Grief Support Group at 1 p.m. Mondays and 10 a.m. Thursdays, at 4875 N. Wickham Road, Suite 108, Melbourne. For more information, call Christy Taylor at (321) 269-4240 or email bereavementservices@hospiceofstfrancis.com.

Things to do at Lipscomb Community Center in Melbourne:
Mondays: Adult Morning Club from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. Ages 18 and older. Free.
Tuesdays: The Cub Scouts meet (ongoing) from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For ages 6-11 years, $24 yearly.
Wednesdays: After School Youth Club, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Ages 6-11. Free.
Thursdays: Youth Game Night, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Ages 6-11. Free.

Saturday: The Breakfast Club from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 7. Ages 5-13, $3. All events take place in the Lipscomb Community Center, 3316 Monroe St. For more information, call (321) 608-7450.

TUESDAY, JULY 31

Sunrise yoga: Enjoy yoga at 7:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Barrier Island Center, 8365 State Road A1A, Melbourne. Improve your health with BIC volunteer Isa. There is an $8 donation. For more information, call (321) 723-3556 or visit www.barrierislandcenter.com.
Karaoke night: Elks Lodge No. 1744 welcomes Elks and guests to their lodge, 211 S. Nieman Ave., Melbourne, for Karaoke with Janice and Rene from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays. Supper is available after 5 p.m. For more information about room rentals or scheduled activities, call (321) 768-1744.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 1

Singles event: Check out Brevard Singles Meet Up for Bowling & Billiards the first Sunday of every month (Aug. 1) at 6 p.m. at Brunswick Bowling Lanes, 1089 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne. After a fun evening of games, the group meets later for karaoke. There are no membership fees or dues. For more information, call or text Missy at (321) 537-1335.
Sanctuary to display creepy critters

By Brittany Mulligan
BMulligan@hometownnewsbrevard.com

BREVARD COUNTY — Whether it slithers on its body or tickles your skin with its tiny feet, Florida reptiles and insects play an important role in our ecosystem.

This Saturday, July 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., naturalists from the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary’s management and education center are inviting the public to learn more about our native animals through guided hikes and activities.

The seventh annual “Creepy Crawly Day” will give visitors an up-close opportunity to learn more about bats, snakes and insects. Attendees can even snack on some tasty ranch or chocolate-covered critters, such as mealworms, crickets and ants.

“In recent years it’s been on and off that we’ve gotten the Orianne Society from the Central Florida Zoo to bring their venomous snakes,” said Patty Rendon, Education Center Coordinator for the Sanctuary to display creepy critters

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary will host its seventh annual ‘Creepy Crawly Day’ featuring native animals such as bats, snakes and insects.

Photo courtesy of Pat Rendon

Out & about

For the complete Out & About listings, go to bit.ly/OutAndAboutHTN.

SEED set to rock out at Johnathon’s

SEED will be performing at 10 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at Johnathon’s Pub, 140 N. Brevard Ave., Cocoa Beach.

For more information, go to http://bit.ly/SEEDthedRockBand or call (321) 522-2122.

Kashiwa, Cole at Studio Theatre

Saxophonists Jeff Kashiwa and Steve Cole perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28, in the Studio Theatre at the Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts, 3865 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne.

Tickets start at $54. For more information, call (321) 242-2219 or go to www.Kingcenter.com.

Footloose celebrates the wisdom of..."Now you gotta cut loose ... Footloose!"

The Feller Theatre Academy presents Footloose at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, and Friday, Aug. 3, and at 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4, at The Henegar Center, 625 E. New Haven Ave., Melbourne.

Footloose celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people, guiding them with a warm heart and an open mind.

For ticket information, call (321) 723-8698 or go to henegar.org.

Hippiefest 2018 at King Center

Hippiefest 2018, featuring Vanilla Fudge, Rick Derringer, Mitch Ryder & the Detroit Wheels and Badfinger fearing Joey Molland, is at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, at the Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts, 3865 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne.

Tickets start at $29.75. For more information, call (321) 242-2219 or go to www.Kingcenter.com.

BJ Thomas to sing at Studio Theater

Five-time Grammy Award winner BJ Thomas will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, in the Studio Theatre at the Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts, 3865 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne.

Tickets start at $52.50. For more information, call (321) 242-2219 or go to www.Kingcenter.com.

Classic Albums Live presents The Beatles

Classic Albums Live presents The Beatles: White Album at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts, 3865 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne.

Tickets start at $29.75. For more information, call (321) 242-2219 or go to www.Kingcenter.com.

Cancer, sometimes the first step to starting something big is just believing you can do it.

VIRGO – Aug. 22/Sept. 22

Virgo, this week presents a perfect opportunity to focus on a project you have been meaning to revisit. It’s good to relax, but free time this week may be better spent working.

LIBRA – Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Libra, you’re inclined to focus on others, but it may be time to carve out some time to care for yourself. If you burn out, everyone will pay the price.

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Horoscopes
Touring with the Townies

Mick and Stacey Pesek, of Cocoa, were on a British Isle Princess cruise and took this picture in Glasgow, Scotland, on June 1, outside of the concert hall and even were fortunate enough to hear a bagpiper playing. The weather was fantastic and food exceptional.

Are you a fan of the Hometown News? Well, we are inviting you to take us along on your next adventure. Each week, we will feature a different reader-submitted photo that showcases one (or more) of our Brevard County residents reading the Hometown News in a unique or exotic place. Whether you take a trip to the Grand Canyon or a cruise to the Bahamas, bring your Hometown News with you and have someone snap a picture.

Email your photo (at least 1 MB in size) to yourphotos@hometownnewsol.com and include your first and last name, the city you live in and the location/date of where the photo was taken. Type ‘TOURING WITH THE TOWNIES’ in the subject line.

Let’s see how many places we can go!

Dining & Entertainment

Critters

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Enchanted Forest Sanctuary. “They usually bring indigo snakes for exhibition and do a presentation in the afternoon.”

New to this year’s event will be a presentation on alligators, while activities will rotate between guided hikes and hands-on fun inside the education center.

Hikes will start on the hour, every hour, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will last approximately 30- to 45-minutes.

The Florida Bat Conservancy will attend with a few native bats of their own to present.

“We want to give people an opportunity to meet and greet animals that might be a little misunderstood, like our bats and our native snakes,” Ms. Rendon said, “even our native spiders and bugs and more things that aren’t as cuddly as some of the other animals that live in the forest. Just to get up close and personal, and learn more about why it’s important that we have reptiles that will keep down pest population, help control flea and tick population as well by doing that, so that can help keep us from getting sick, and the roles that they play in the ecosystems that we have here.”

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary is located at 444 Columbia Blvd., Titusville. A suggested donation of $1 is asked for those attending the event.

For more information, call (321) 264-5185 or visit www.efs.eelbrevard.com.

Out

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N. Wickham Road, Melbourne.

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Jerry Seinfeld to tickle King Center

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Palm Bay Couch raises more than a good laugh

By Amy Lyon
For Hometown News

BREVARD COUNTY — A small beige couch, abandoned on the side of Palm Bay Road, drew unexpected attention this month by way of in-person visits and social media shares, and also brought a community together in unconventional ways.

More than 6,000 people from across the country have followed the couch’s journey from being abandoned along Palm Bay Road to its new home with a Palm Bay couple.

Before the couch became a social media sensation, the piece of furniture was rumored to have fallen off the back of a truck and left, cushionless, on the side of Palm Bay Road for several weeks.

Some speculated on Facebook that neither the city of Palm Bay nor West Melbourne wanted to take responsibility for the couch. But Palm Bay resident Tom Rebman said the issues weren’t quite that controversial.

“The reason the couch didn’t get picked up initially is just because it was overlooked,” said Mr. Rebman. “I thought, for homelesness and a volunteer role as the city of Palm Bay’s Social Services Administrator.

At some point, the couch was placed upright on the sidewalk along Palm Bay Road and, on July 15, a Facebook page was created for The Palm Bay Couch.

In no time, the once lonely couch accumulated other living room accessories: a rug, end table, lamp and a lawn chair. As social media attention grew, Mr. Rebman began receiving concerned calls and text messages from Palm Bay City Council members. He rushed to the scene of the couch and saw people gathered in the Chick-fil-A parking lot and spectators coming from the Wal-Mart parking lot to get a view.

“‘There was a car stopped on Palm Bay Road and people got out and were taking pictures,’ said Mr. Rebman. ‘I thought, ‘this just isn’t safe.’”

About the same time, a West Melbourne police officer arrived and said the couch had to be moved, but no one from either city jumped to facilitate removal.

Mr. Rebman gathered volunteers and moved the couch off the sidewalk to a grassy area underneath the Wal-Mart sign.

“I thought we were moving it onto West Melbourne property, but they didn’t pick it up because it was actually Melbourne-Tillman Canal property,” Mr. Rebman said.

The Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District Committee, which reportedly said it didn’t have the resources to move what by now had become an elaborate living room display, directed its attorney to contact Wal-Mart about removal.

“Wal-Mart has an easement and they told them that’s part of your lease, you’ve got to move it,” Mr. Rebman said. “That’s why it stayed out there so long.”

Rumors swirled that the couch would be removed any day, which prompted an influx of visits, as well as the donation of more accessories, including a coffee table, TV, mini fridge, lava lamp, air freshener, books, potted plants, a guitar and even a guest book.

Where some saw an old couch accompanied by mismatched living room accessories, others saw an opportunity to bring the community together.

Palm Bay resident Kenny Johnson and Robert Burns coordinated a food donation drive on July 16, and within three hours collected 412 pounds of food that was donated to the South Brevard Sharing Center.

“Amazing how something so small can bring so many people together,” one person posted on Facebook. “That, my friends, is what America is all about.”

Another success story occurred when Mr. Rebman met a homeless gentleman named Paul at the couch and learned that he needed to get to Mobile, Ala. for treatment. Mr. Rebman was able to connect Paul with community partners who

Palm Bay resident Tom Rebman (seated) hangs out at the couch with James Sparvero from Channel 6.

Photo Courtesy of Tom Rebman
Couch
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arranged for his transportation.
On Tuesday, July 17, the couch was loaded up and taken to the home of the Facebook page creators, Summer Burch and David Light of Palm Bay. The accessories were donated or taken to the dump.
On its Facebook page, “the couch” posted: “Rest assured I’m with a very loving and caring family! I will be making future appearances. Stay tuned!”
The proud new owners of the couch promised to have the couch steam cleaned and to keep the public updated on future couch appearances.

Scopes
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SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22
It’s hard to run away from love and romance this week, Scorpio. Prioritize an existing relationship or devote more time to a budding one.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov. 23/Dec. 21
It is time to decompress between adventures, Sagittarius. Try sticking closer to home this week and take a breather. There will be plenty of exploration down the road.

CAPRICORN – Dec. 22/Jan. 20
Capricorn, accept constructive criticism, which is a part of many successful endeavors. Take away important lessons and apply them now and in the future.

AQUARIUS – Jan. 21/Feb. 18
Sometimes the best way to improve your bank account isn’t by racking up long hours, but by moving into a career you love, Aquarius. Now is a great time to explore your options.

PISCES – Feb. 19/March 20
You often put other people’s needs before your own, Pisces. Others appreciate this and may attempt to express their gratitude in the coming days.

Out
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Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts, 3865 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne.
Tickets start at $27, including fees and go on sale Friday, June 29, at noon.
For more information, call (321) 242-2219 or go to www.kingcenter.com.

Classic Albums Live presents Led Zeppelin: Houses of the Holy at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts, 3865 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne.
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Talented trio at Studio Theatre
Guitarist Blake Aaron, keyboardist Brian Out
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Brevard County — Once a year, the Space Coast Flute Orchestra (SCFO) performs a special concert during which members choose a range of music of their liking for audiences to hear.

On Sunday, July 29, the SCFO will present "Our Favorite Things", which comprises a mixture of Mozart, Scott Joplin and a blues duet.

The free concert is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. at Suntree United Methodist Church, 7400 N. Wickham Road.

"The Space Coast Flute Orchestra is special, not only because of its size but also because of the wide range of flutes used in the ensemble," said Bart Lipofsky, publicity chair for the SCFO. "The stratospheric piccolo and the silver flute seen in orchestras and bands are at the top of the musical scale. The SCFO adds the lower octaves with alto, bass, and contrabass flutes."

The volunteer orchestra was first known as the Space Coast Flute Choir, with five or six instruments featured, but has since grown into an ensemble which includes up to 40 flutists, according to Mr. Lipofsky.

Long-time member Mike Freeman, who plays contrabass flute, added, "We perform with members of the flute family from the high pitched piccolo to the very low pitched contrabass flute. This allows many traditional string orchestral works to be faithfully performed with the full rich range of sounds expected by the audience."

Mr. Freeman will be participating with the orchestra on the July 29 performance with his contrabass flute during a Native American themed piece called "Echoes in the Wind". He explained that the arrangement will include an ensemble with all members of the flute.

Other SCFO members will have the opportunity to be highlighted during solos and small ensembles throughout the concert.

The playlist for the concert includes "Tabletop Duet" by Mozart, featuring C-flutists Lisa Fee and Judi Lampert; pan flute solo by Michelle Scheen; "Falconer" by Catherine McMichael; featuring C-flutists Stephanie Balavac, Jodi Boeddeker, Kitty Colman and Linda Hypes; "The Entertainer" by Scott Joplin, featuring Ferne Franz on piccolo, Lisa Fee on C-flute, Jodi Boeddeker on Alto flute and Kitty Colman on Bass flute; as well as many other selections.

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Mr. Freeman originally joined the SCFO when it was known as a choir in the 1980s and 90s. He rejoined the orchestra 10 years ago.

The SCFO was created Nancy Clewell and is now conducted by Florida State University graduate Cindy Bruce. The orchestra continues to provide adult flutists in Brevard educational and performance opportunities.

Donations will be gratefully accepted at the concert.

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

**Flutists highlight ‘Favorite Things’ in free concert**

By Brittany Mulligan
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Judi Lampert, Linda Hypes and Stephanie Balavac of the Space Coast Flute Orchestra will showcase their talent along with other flutists in solos and small ensembles during ‘Our Favorite Things’. The playlist for the concert includes "Tabletop Duet" by Mozart, featuring C-flutists Lisa Fee and Judi Lampert; pan flute solo by Michelle Scheen; "Falconer" by Catherine McMichael; featuring C-flutists Stephanie Balavac, Jodi Boeddeker, Kitty Colman and Linda Hypes; "The Entertainer" by Scott Joplin, featuring Ferne Franz on piccolo, Lisa Fee on C-flute, Jodi Boeddeker on Alto flute and Kitty Colman on Bass flute; as well as many other selections.

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Surfside presents cake with murder mystery

By Brittany Mulligan
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BREVARD COUNTY — Audiences will have an opportunity to participate in a murder mystery all while enjoying wedding cake and punch.

Surfside Playhouse presents “The Groom Has Cold Feet”, a murder mystery that will take place over two weekends beginning Friday, July 27 through Sunday, Aug. 5 at 301 Ramp Road, Cocoa Beach.

Tickets to all shows are $20 per person, and show times include 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

“I think first time patrons will be surprised how easily they get pulled in to the ‘participation’ part, and there’s cake!” said Surfside Playhouse Artistic Director Bryan Bergeron.

The play tells the tale of a wedding in the Old West, where groom Albert Webster is found dead on the morning he is to wed Kayla May Blossom. Sheriff Tickle is up to the task of finding the murderer, along with the help of the audience.

Suspects such as Darleen, the last person to have seen Albert alive (and the girl he dumped for Kayla May Blossom); Virgil, the reluctant best man; Harley, suspected of trying to steal Albert’s bride; and Hazel, the about-to-be-evicted mother of the bride, all make up colorful characters of this murder-ous tale.

“The audience witnesses the progress of the mystery and then offer insights during certain parts of the show,” Mr. Bergeron said. “The audience is also given the chance to question performers/suspects directly. Prizes are given out for the correct answer to certain key questions and then a grand prize awarded at the end of the night.”

Originally written by Martin A. Follose, Mr. Bergeron said he added two hosts to facilitate audience participation. Steve Mogel and Jennifer Walker have been cast as hosts “Dick Horn” Champion of Justice and “Madam Santana” Villainess, champion of killers.

Additional cast includes Alix Efaw as “Kayla May Blossom”; Matt Davis as “Milton”; Katie McCall as “Sarah Tickle”; Joel Shugars as “Albert Webster”; and Chris Tso-canos as “Sheriff Tickle”.

Surfside Playhouse is a 250-seat theater that has been in continuous operation since 1963 in Cocoa Beach. As a not-for-profit organization, the playhouse presents a full season of self-produced shows and community performances throughout the year.

For more information, call (321) 783-3127 or visit www.SurfsidePlayhouse.org.

Photo courtesy of Surfside Playhouse

Private eye Dick Horn, played by Steve Mogel, and the villainess Madam Santana, played by Jennifer Walker, will host ‘The Groom Has Cold Feet’, a murder mystery at Surfside Playhouse.

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Out
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Simpson and saxophonist Paul Taylor perform at 7:30 Saturday, Sept. 22, in the Studio Theatre at the Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts, 3865 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne.

Tickets start at $64. For more information, call (321) 242-2219 or go to www.kingcenter.com.

BMG is collecting non-perishable food items to deliver to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank in Satellite Beach. Bring donations to the concert or call Roland at 321-783-9004 for pick-up.

World-jazz vocalist Basia will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at the Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts, 3865 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne.

Basia has scored a number of adult contemporary hits, including a Top 30 pop hit}

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Obituaries

Kenneth Carlson
Kenneth Carlson, 73, of Melbourne, died Tuesday, July 10, 2018. Arrangements were made by Brownlie - Maxwell Funeral Home and Crematory.

Sandra Mitschke Latulippe
Sandra Mitschke Latulippe, 67, of Melbourne, died Sunday, July 15, 2018. Arrangements were made by Brownlie - Maxwell Funeral Home and Crematory.

Grace McDowell
Grace McDowell, 84, of Melbourne, died Tuesday, July 17, 2018. Arrangements were made by Island Cremations Service.

Lorraine J. Milne
Lorraine J. Milne, 84, of Melbourne, died Tuesday, July 17, 2018. Arrangements were made by Island Cremations Service.

Norma J. Diener
Norma J. Diener, 90, of Melbourne, died Thursday, July 12, 2018. Arrangements were made by Davis Seawinds Funeral Home.

Patricia Jean Calvert
Patricia Jean Calvert, 80, of Melbourne, died Friday, July 13, 2018. Arrangements were made by Davis Seawinds Funeral Home.

Ralph J. Aleksick
Ralph J. Aleksick, 74, of Melbourne, died Tuesday, July 17, 2018. Arrangements were made by Davis Seawinds Funeral Home.

Jackie M. Dempsey
Jackie M. Dempsey, 87, of Melbourne, died Saturday, July 14, 2018. Arrangements were made by Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care.

James M. Grossman
James M. Grossman, 94, of Melbourne, died Thursday, July 12, 2018. Arrangements were made by Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care.

Donna M. Kirshon
Donna M. Kirshon, 64, of West Melbourne, died Friday, July 13, 2018. Arrangements were made by Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care.

Remirio Rivera Sr.
Remirio Rivera Sr., 78, of Melbourne, died Friday, July 13, 2018. Arrangements were made by Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care.

Elizabeth E. Van Patten
Elizabeth E. Van Patten, 79, of Melbourne, died Sunday, July 15, 2018. Arrangements were made by Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care.

Paul Wilmes
Paul Wilmes, 78, formerly of Melbourne Village, died Tuesday, July 10, 2018. Arrangements were made by Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care.

Cecilia Pena
Cecilia Pena, 74, of Melbourne, died Wednesday, July 18, 2018. Arrangements were made by Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care.

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with “Time and Tide.”

Tickets start at $55. For more information, call (321) 242-2219 or go to www.kingcenter.com.

Space Coast community honors its best

The 2018 Space Coast Public Service Awards & Hall of Fame Ceremony will be held 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Maxwel C. King Center for the Performing Arts, 3865 N. Wickham Road. An awards reception begins at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the ceremony is to celebrate the value and virtue of the highest standards of public service to our community; to highlight the contributions and devotion of public service; to recognize the commitment and sacrifice of public servants; and to encourage young people to pursue careers in the public sector.

Tickets for the event hosted by Sheriff Wayne Ivey start at $29.

For more information, call (321) 242-2219 or go to www.kingcenter.com.

Jonny Lang’s ‘Signs’ up for Melbourne gig

Blues, gospel, songwriter, guitarist and Grammy Award winner Jonny Lang will perform at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts, 3865 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne.

Tickets are $51.50.

On his latest release, Signs, which will be released Sept. 8, Lang returns to his guitar-based roots and channels the spirit of early blues heroes such as Robert Johnson and Howlin’ Wolf.

For more information, call (321) 242-2219 or go to www.kingcenter.com.

‘The Wiz’ at the Henegar


Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays.

For ticket information, call (321) 729-8698 or go to henegar.org.

Classic Albums Live flies with Eagles

Classic Albums Live presents The Eagles: Greatest Hits at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts, 3865 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne.

Tickets start at $29.75. For more information, call (321) 242-2219 or go to www.kingcenter.com.

David Allan Cole coming to King Center

Nashville outlaw David Allan Cole will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, in the Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts, 3865 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne.

Tickets are $51.

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