World War II vet experiences hospital trauma

By Pat Young
For Hometown News

Ninety-year-old Deanne Pero and her legally blind wife, Virginia, reside in a modest mobile home in a quiet Port Orange community with their green-eyed cat, Molly Brown. It’s a peaceful life, but not a day goes by that Mr. Pero doesn’t remember a not-so-pleasant time during World War II.

He was only 18 years old when he was stationed in Coral Gables while serving in the U.S. Army. As a platoon under the command of Col. Allan Kimberly, there was racial tension in Miami at that time, and Col. Kim- bery sent some MPs to the area. Mr. Pero was one of them. He says men were chosen “at random” to be MPs. They had to learn about everything, he was shot in the right leg and injured in the right eye. (He is now blind in that eye and the highly visible scar on his leg causes him pain.)

Mr. Pero was admitted to the Veterans Administration hospital on Coral Gables, which was previously The Biltmore, a large hotel owned by Spain. The band of the hotel formed an arena with two wings, called “Unit B,” and said at night he could hear screaming coming from “Unit A.” He says he heard “through the grapevine” that troublemakers who were wounded and censored. He was a military nurse, and man- aged to get him out of the hospital with the help of a doctor with whom she had gone to medical school.

He was in poor condition when he received an honorable discharge from the Army Air Force on July 14, 1943. He was still in basic training at the time. Almost 20 years ago, he flew out to Boston to see a friend who was also in Coral Gables, but has never seen him since.

“More of less took care of each other,” he said. He is a member of the American Legion, and served as an honor guard for another World War II vet, A2.
Island hotel on Atlantic Avenue is not the target for the ordinance, according to city officials, but will be impacted by enforcement measures of the ordinance if approved.

The hotel, owned by RAIT Financial Trust since 2012, has fallen into a state of disrepair and has accumulated $800,000 in unpaid fines for code violations. Since acquiring the property from a bankruptcy court, RAIT has made some improvements to the property, including erecting a security fence, removing debris and painting.

Representatives from RAIT say they are looking for an investment partner and the property is more attractive with the building shell intact. They estimate the building alone to be valued at $15 million to $18 million.

City Manager Michael Booker said, “RAIT is showing a willingness to work with the city to make the building presentable, safe and secure.”

The company had an engineer inspect the building recently and will be providing those results to the city. RAIT is also removing some “auxiliary structures” and “may possibly add 24 hour security surveillance of the building,” Mr. Booker said.

Final reading of the new ordinance will go before the City Council on April 4.
I don’t ordinarily use this space to record obituaries, but I must tell you a little about the life and times of a friend who just left us.

The reserved little man was named by the unlikely name of T.P. and passed away quietly after a long illness on March 21 at the age of 86. He was from a very famous family (Ames), who you might look up on Wikipedia. T.P.’s great-great-grandfather, Robert Ames, was a major general in the Union Army in the Civil War, the winner of the medal of honor and later governor of Mississippi. His grandmother, Blandy, was involved in women’s rights and temperance issues, and her husband, artist and author, Robert was a friend and mentor to President James A. Garfield. George Plimpton, was a famous journalist and author. His book Paper Lion was turned into a movie and George

Francis Taylor Pearsons Plimpton Jr.

lived directly into acting, emerging in such films as Good Will Hunting and In Volunteers as Tom Hanks’ dad. George Plimpton wrote for The Paris Review, a literary magazine he founded with B. H. L grierson. Some of his most famous stories came from the desk of T.P. He had become an expert handball player although his driving lines were behind him, he loved to read about handball and my adventures on local courts. I often would observe him playing tournaments, playing at the conditions of the Halifax River and other bodies of water and that would usually prompt a column. T.P. with solutions to my problems. He loved the river and was a co-founder of the Ormond Beach rowing group.

When I first came to Ormond, I noticed the lack of living history in the schools of our area. The Ames family has a beautiful campus with the historic buildings still standing. In fact, the school was founded in Ames Park. T. P. was an innovator! He loved music, played the piano and found it difficult to understand that anyone would be thinking . . . “About Ames Park T.P.” would interpret after what I believed to be the appropriate time. “Yes, the rivet,” he would add. Pretty quickly I learned that if I could wait, I would hear something worth listening to. It was an intelligent man. A graduate of Amherst College and an intelligent man. A

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Driver behavior in high priority coun-

ties across the state, including Volusia County.

We will collect a fine for 3 percent of all traffic crashes, but result in no traffic fatalities. Bicycle crashes account for 2.2 percent of all traffic crashes and result in 4 percent of all injuries.

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dense “Educational Campaigns” April 5 in the area of Deltona Avenue and Long Drive and on April 6 in the area of Nova and Spruce Creek Road. Officers will distribute informational pamphlets as well as bicycle equip-

ments in those in need. Written warn-

ings will be issued for violations by officers, pedestrian and bicyclist observed by officers at these locations during the campaign.

For more information, call Sgt. Thomas Aiken at (386) 850-5440.

Port Orange library plans book sale April 4

Great Dane Books will host the Port Orange Regional Library book sale from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, April 4, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 5.

The Friends of the Library will sell hardcover and paperback books, chil-

dren’s books, music, art.

The Friends group welcomes dona-

tions of new and used books and multimedia items. Donations may be left at the circulation desk.

The library is open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

F.A.I.T.H. Organization sets Action Assembly

More than 2,000 people will gather at the Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony (F.A.I.T.H.) Annual Action Assembly at 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 7 at the Performing Arts Center of Bethune-Cookman University, 698 W. International Speedway, Daytona Beach.

This year’s assembly will focus on

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We are overstocked

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needed to turn the springs’ ecosystems around.

The district is funding a $3.3 million project to repair a 3-mile stretch of its wastewater collection system, said Franklin M. Adams, general manager of the district. The project includes replacing two big Lift Station 4 influent tanks at the DeLand wastewater treatment plant and Deland’s wastewater treatment plant, he said.

“It’s a good project for us and it will continue to improve water quality in our area,” Adams said.

Water Infrastructure

For more information, visit floridaswater.com/springs.

A commorant, a turtle and an alligator enjoyed the sun Sunday at Oceanfront Park in Ormond Beach. Staff photo by Erica Webb

Low-cost pet clinic planned

A low-cost pet-shot clinic to benefit Concerned Cat- tion for Animal Welfare will be from 9 a.m. to noon Sat-

For more information, call (386) 645-1855 or visit

For more project information, visit floridaswater.com/springs.

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The director of DeLeon Springs State Park said he’s excited to see the changes that are being made to the park.

“The primary nitrogen sources to the Volusia Blue Spring system include several domestic wastewater treat- ment facilities, one permit-
ted storm sewer system and two septic tanks,” according to FDEP.

County Councilman Pat Patterson, the chairman of the DeLand-Ormond Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization, said the county has a strong interest in making sure that the springs system is protected.

“We’ve got 90 septic tanks in Volusia County and that is a problem,” Councilman Patterson said.

Deltona Mayor Bob Garcia said these discussions have been ongoing since 2012.

“I’m excited and I see the future,” Garcia said.

“Hey, that’s the turning point.”

For more project information, visit floridaswater.com/springs

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two issues of critical impor-
tance to Volusia County—

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call (386) 278-2010.

Cost effective pet vaccinations

Save the Animals Store, 1932 S. Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange.

Flea and Heartworm med-

All cats receive a carri-

See Notes, A6
The PACE Center appoints new board members

The PACE Center for Girls, Volusia-Flagler has named five local professionals to its board of directors: MJ Caro, Lauren Dye, Noemi Garcia, Katie Kelly and Joyce Shanahan.

The new board members will work in conjunction with the executive director and PACE Inc. to determine the vision and strategic focus of the organization to ensure the success and sustainability of the center.

Ms. Caro works as a registrar for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Ms. Dye is the marketing and sustainability manager at PACE Flagler. Ms. Garcia is the chief financial officer and assistant vice president at Fifth Third Bank on International Speedway Boulevard. Ms. Kelly is an attorney working as a mental health special education administrator for Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida. Ms. Shanahan is Ormond Beach City Manager.

The PACE Center for Girls Volusia-Flagler has served more than 1,200 girls in Daytona Beach and in Ormond Beach and has helped them obtain an education and a vocation.

Wanted persons: Unknown male and female suspects
Hometown/Volusia/Wanted/090257

Credit cards were stolen in the burglaries and fraudulently used in various locations in Volusia, Brevard and St. Lucie counties.

Anyone who recognizes the suspects in the photos or who has information on the crimes is asked to call Crime Stoppers toll-free at (888) 277-2828. You can also Text your tip by sending “TIP231 plus your message” to CRIMES. Anyone who provides information to Crime Stoppers will remain anonymous and can qualify for a reward of up to $1,000.

Forget a Concert
“Like” Hometown News Volusia for the latest in local news, information and interactive features like photo contests and Rants & Raves.
Callers are asked to refrain from making slanderous statements. Statements of fact will be checked for accuracy.

Draining us dry
Selling our water. Niagara Bottling Co. received the OK to take a million gallons a day from the Florida aquifer at its plant in Greenvald from the St. Johns River Water Manage- ment District, allowing a private company from California to make money off of our Floridians, draining us dry. Complainants from citizens are irrelevant because the board that approved it is made up of appointees of the governor and not accountable to us as citizens.

Don’t study homelessness, do something
Thanks to those who are helping the homeless, all the city leaders and Daytona Beach City Manager James Chisholm are back for taking steps to solve this problem. Also, $35,000 for a sofa.

Come on. What do they have to study. Our city leaders are completely incapable of doing this. $35,000 could buy a lot of beds and blankets. Actually, we built the Halpat Sport Fish- ing Complex for the homeless. We didn’t need a study. I’ll volun- teer my help.

Puzzled by trash pickers
I am puzzled by trash pickers in Port Orange. As a relatively new resident in Port Orange, I was appalled after speaking to a trash picker and an officer of the law. I was told by an officer that nothing can be done, once my trash is on a public street I no longer own it and it belongs to the public. I don’t live on a public street. I live on a private street in a private street. But during a Port Orange water meter emergency at my home, it was declared, “oh that’s private street” and I was not asked for a pass or even per- mission for the usage. Can this be legal? Why do I have to have a password to access my trash? Why can’t I be individual can open the can and bought with us and taken down the trash I bought with? I am not afraid to set these policies on public duel light, potential criminals in broad daylight.

If you visit the Volusia County landfill, which I have, and show interest in something you see, county employees yell at you and tell you to drop your load and get out. I recently asked a regular picker why he doesn’t use this instead of getting a regular job. His response, “I don’t want to go to work or sell the cold 12-oz. bottles and unemployment I am not wealthy. What a response. It’s a federal offense to open someone’s mail and I agree that it’s all yours and it’s illegal.

We need to do something. What’s the point of these policies in the trash. Cubid theft. Change the laws against pickers.

In response to: “A president for all people”

Thank you for recognizing our president and is an president for all of the people and for listing some of the wonderful things that have come about while he has been in office.

Don’t trash recycling
A few weeks ago there was a rant about the sanitation people taking items that were intended for recycling. Well, now the waste company people have taken my bag of recyclable paper from my recycling bin. This is ridiculous. Please stop it.

In response to: ‘Trash truck driver please slow down’

I happen to agree with the person about the speed the trash trucks drive. I know they do get to leave as soon as their route is done. I am guessing it’s too fast for them to do their job too well.

What are you doing? That will take it to get them to slow down! A child being run over! A car accident! The city should make sure the drivers are not speeding.

Teach your children well
Moore and Graham, text, teach your children under 18 to respect those older than 18 who are responsible and few are. Teenagers are being killed because of lack of respect.

Learning begins at home. Do it before it is too late.

Thanks for the help
I would like to thank the people who helped me on Williamson Boulevard last week when my vehicle got stuck in the sand and dogs.

Young man working for the fire ranges helped us get our pick up car out of the road and with the gas that was gone I was able to go to the gas station.

Thank you taking time out of your busy day on a busy road. God bless.

Need canal visibility
I purchased a copy in Yorkies Estates Community in September 2012 and for two years I’ve had to hope that some- one would come up to it. They have the canal running parallel with several of the buildings. I have seen.

Several years back the board had a group of people come and tell them what they were going to do and they never came back. The water control district said ‘no canals’ and buyers had complaints regarding the issue. I have been trying to get something done by unlimited department, municipal control, city commissioner, but they keep passing the buck. I don’t think this would happen if it could be viewed from city streets.

Don’t cross red light Cameras
It always amuses me when people complain about the cost of not obeying the law. The laws says you can’t run a red light and the camera is just there to tell you that law when a police officer is not available to enforce it.

Shine on crazy diamond
On March 21st, a contributor wrote: “Stop the Whining”

My response is as follows: “Stop the Whining” — marlin/refun.

Whining is slightly understood. When whining begins to act — it is a good thing. When whining begins to whine — it is a bad thing.

Ponce parking perks
Snowbirds, some great news regarding Ponce Inlet.

While you are back up North, you can park your cars and trucks on the streets of this beautiful, quiet town as long as you want. The vehicles must be logically parked and have current plates and registration. Even having plates from other states is not a problem, as long as they are cur- rent (must have one). The police will not issue you a ticket or tow your car away. I plan to be in Ponce Inlet for some time on one of their nice quiet streets.

Thank you Ponce Inlet.

Fight for your rights
Last week’s viewpoint, perpetuated this thought, “My county is too, whining politicians taking away our liber- ties.”

Why are we complaining about what we are permitting? Why wait for an election to get some positive results achieved.

Pray for something, get involved. Now is the time to respond and restore this great country.

Police commendation
I would like to thank the Port Orange Police Department who work so hard on the streets and concerns and keep the community safe.

A well-deserving call to the police department in a great experience. I had certain concerns as a resident of Port Orange about certain intersections and the crosswalk and timing and the man I have experienced a as a bicyclist and walking pedestrian. I was referred to Sgt. Tom Atkin. He was extremely com- paturate, understanding and knowledgeable about the situation.

His response to my concerns amazed me. I thank him and the police department. I have lived in many communities and it’s not a good one.

I commend the Port Orange Police Department.

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and ear dogs must be on a leash.

Guardian program offering baseball night

The Guardian ad Litem Program in the 7th Judicial Circuit is offering “Guardian’s Night at the Child Night” on April 3 at the Daytona Cubs game at Jackie Robinson Ballpark in Daytona Beach. Special activities include games for the kids and food tokens for sponsored children to age 18. Advance tickets through the GAL program are $5. Sponsorship at $125 with sponsors receiving 25 tickets to keep or donate back for distribution to chil- dren throughout the 7th Circuit (Volu- sia, Flagler, St. Johns and Putnam). A child will perform the national anthem and throw the first pitch.

For more information, contact community development offices at (386) 254- 4614. Calling all camp leaders

The hometown News will be running information on summer camps and speaker. Ad with the that April 18 edition. You are an organization offering camps to Volusia County children, 97. For more information to news@hometown- newsonline.com please p.m. 5:30 p.m. April 10.

Police administration now open seven days a week

The Ponce Inlet Police Department is now open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are $22. For more information, call (386) 236- 2103.

Council meeting canceled

The Ponce Inlet Town Council regu- lar-morning for April has been moved to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 10.

Citizen of the Year will be announced

The Citizens for Ponce Inlet will host the 2014 Citizen of the Year Awards Dinner and Ceremony at 5 p.m., Thursday, April 10, at the Ponce Inlet Resort.

The speaker will be Fire Chief Dan Samuels, Daytona Beach, with non-emergency transport program. Ponce Inlet has a BBQ. Happy hour begins at 5 p.m. The presenta- tion and speakers will start at 6 p.m.

Laguna dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are $7. Checks should be made payable to the Citizens of Sun

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With the back to back employment reports the state puts out every year for January and February you don’t see a lot of change. For example, the unemployment rate in Volusia County remained the same at 6.4 percent. The report continued to show a rapid employment growth with 6,875 more Volusia residents saying they were employed in February compared to last year, which includes the increased self-employed and people working in other capacities, and not Volusia employees creating that many jobs. You might have read in another publication.

The estimate of jobs Volusia employers added 5,700 in February from January, which is where we will focus today. Trying to see where those jobs are being created and where we might see more in the future.

One of the employment sectors showing a big gain was business and professional services, up 1,600 jobs from last year. That has professional services, up 1,600 jobs from last year. That has

Frontier Communications been driven largely by jobs from last year. That has

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One of the big reasons Volusia is ripe for these types of jobs is because it has a low wage level and workers aren’t apt to get to snowed in for days at a time.

Another area that is improving and should continue is manufacturing, which is now up to 5,400 jobs in Volusia. The recent announcement that Boston Scientific will be adding jobs should continue that trend.

Construction, which is at 3,800 jobs, is no brainer, which I’ve written about before. The situation continues to grow with the number of permits issued for new houses at 313 in February compared to 285 in February 2013. If more of the big commercial projects get started and

housings continues to grow, construction employment could go up 10,000 jobs by the end of 2014.

An area of employment growth that might actually level off in retail trade, which grew rapidly in 2013. However, retail sales were up just 1.8 percent in January from 2013 with Wal-Mart at general merchandise stores (i.e. Walmart, Target, dollar store). So if that looks well retail spending may finally slow down after ridiculously high growth last year.

Finally one area that I would like to see grow is the wholesale trade and that could happen if the Trader Joe’s distribution center deal goes through. Wholesale trade jobs are down 900 jobs in Volusia, which is down one jobs from last year. It would be great to see that sector grow by 2,000 jobs. It doesn’t have very high pay, but it is an area that can provide stable employment.

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A mother’s inspiration creates a successful business

Owning a consignment business is a challenge for anyone, but for Randy Barber, it is a labor of love. ‘You don’t do what you like, you like what you do,” he said. ‘And after years of doing what I thought, I think I could do this (have a consignment store) as a business, just a little higher goal.”

The idea to open a furniture consignment shop came about because he and his wife and in-laws are all bargain shoppers, yard sale and thrift store visitors. ‘We love it. You never know what you’re going to find,” he said.

Mr. Barber freely gives credit to his mother-in-law and wife for helping out a great deal with the display of furniture and furnishings. You feel almost at home when you walk in and are immediately impressed with the mixture of fine furniture, home decor pieces as well as many framed pictures, prints and original paintings.

They even go so far as to playing some art in the restrooms to utilize all the wall space available. It’s also obvious the pricing does not always match the item — many items seemed to be quite a bargain, a result of working with his clients and his knowledge of the market.

Mr. Axley is a great listener. He respects the people that bring him items that mean a lot to them — whether they are parting with it due to economic conditions or just feel it’s time for someone else to enjoy having the piece. He takes time to understand their feelings, and then can share with potential buyers the history of the item, which makes it more than a piece on the showroom floor with a price tag. As a consignment shop, he takes the items in a ‘partnership’ with the owners, giving them freedom to choose the best marketplace for each item, even altering price and Consignment. “I’d say about 90 percent of the shop is consigned,” Mr. Axley said.

A particular experience he was not expecting was the aspect of pick-up and delivery of items. It is a service that not all shops provide and, with his experience with pianos, he knows just how to place them and with his knowledge of the market, he knows just how to care for them as they can be damaged quite easily.

Needing the second anniversary, Furniture & More now has a solid business base with lists of repeat customers. In December, Furniture & More nearly doubled the size of its store to 3,500 square feet.

“I don’t expect to get rich doing this and so far I can’t complain at all,” he said. “I would like to just be comfortable, I really just get an enjoyment out of helping people.”

Furniture & More Consignment Store is at 5571 S. Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 386-310-8727 or visit www.furnitureandmore.com.
The Smyrna Yacht Club striving to regain the Lipton Cup

By Estella Fulmer Brown
For Home News

The Smyrna Yacht Club is attempting to regu-

try to out-sail Halide River Yacht Club. The club

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Smyrna Yacht Club striving to regain the Lipton Cup

members strained themselves to the limit to win.

The Smyrna Yacht Club has experienced a win-ning streak for the last five years in a row. The club

The regatta is along the shore from the inlet down past Flagler Avenue in New Smyrna Beach.

Smyrna Beach. The regatta will commence on April 19.

The regatta is open to all sailors of suitable sea-worthiness to participate in near-shore racing in the Atlantic Ocean and will be entered into one of three divisions. Division I is boats with spinnakers, Division II is boats without spinnakers and Division III is cruising boats (special rules apply). There is also a Team Challenge where any organization, such as the Sea Sea Yacht Club, a yacht club or sailing school can enter. The sailing school must have at least three boats entered to qualify.

April 19, the regatta is on.
DSC board approves $10,000 bachelor's degree

Earning a bachelor's degree in education at Daytona State College will soon be more affordable than ever.

Beginning July 1, first-time students interested in pursuing one of DSC's seven baccalaureate degree tracks in education will be able to do so at a cost of $10,000, a savings of about $3,000 and less than half what it would cost at a state university.

The move is part of a challenge by the governor and legislature for Florida's 20 state colleges to offer bachelor's degrees at a reduced cost.

DSC's District Board of Trustees March 27 unanimously approved a plan to offer the 2+2-style program leading to the education baccalaureate.

Also, Volusia County anticipates hiring 300 to 400 teachers during the coming school year and will host a job fair at DSC's Daytona Beach Campus from 1 to 4 p.m. April 11.

Sen. Hukill's biometrics ban passes the Senate

Senate Bill 188, authored by state Sen. Dorothy L. Hukill, R-Port Orange, bans the collection of biometric student information, including fingerprints, palm scans, iris scans, or other personally identifiable data. They also will not be able to collect the voting history or the political and religious affiliation of the students or parents.

Parents and students will receive notification of what their rights are in relation to their educations records.

The public forum, open to the public, free of charge, will begin at 3 p.m. to discuss this new Dual Enrollment Learning Center, 230 South Daytona Ave.

For more information, even telephone (386) 405-2212.

Sen. Hukill's personal financial literacy for high school students passes first committee

Senate Bill 212, authored by state Sen. Dorothy L. Hukill, R-Port Orange, the Personal Financial Education Act, has passed its first committee, Education, with strong support.

The Financial Literacy Act will require that:

- Districts develop content and curriculum for a personal finance program that focuses on five personal finance areas, including budgeting, saving, and investing;

- The curriculum will include money management, spending, and credit information, laws and enforcement;

- The bill null moves to the state Appropriations Sub-committee on Education.

Open house offers new applicants a chance to win a $500 Daytona State scholarship provided and each Open House will feature presentations on services, programs, and scholarships.

For more information or to reserve a space, call (386) 586-4877 or email Admissions@DaytonaState.edu.

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Votran hosts Triple Crown 'Roadeo'

The Volusia League of Cities has announced that the 2014 Distinquished Service Award winners are:

- Mayor Baine O'Neal Award winner — Deltona Vice Mayor Michael Pleus, DeLand City Manager

- Elected Officials of the Year — Deltona Vice Mayor Heidi Hendzich, Ponce Inlet

- City Commissioner Tami Lewis, Manager of the Year — Michael Haskins, Deltona City Manager

- Economic Enrichment — Khalid McKitrick, deputy city manager, New Smyrna Beach

- Economic Development — Tony Tussing, DeLand

- Public Works and Utilities — John Noble, city engineer, Department of Works, Ormond Beach

- Public Safety — Charles Grinnell, Daytona Beach Police Department; Chris McCauley, Daytona Beach Fire Department

- Human Relations — Stacia Doss, President, Volusia Association of Black School Employees

- Community for the Year — Port Orange 

- Corporate/Community Events — Brian Daly, Ormond Beach

- Community Planning & Development — Mayor McKitrick, DeLand

- Communications — Penny Hession, Ormond Beach

- Special Awards — Penny Hession, Ormond Beach
Allen Hadzic, 9, of the Port Orange Soccer Club U9 Stingrays traveling team makes a quick block during a game against the Maitland Kraze soccer team at the Southwest Fields on Saturday, March 15.

Randy Barber/staff photographer

Florida is the first state to simultaneously implement a new WIC participant data system and bring Electronic Benefits Transfer services online. “Connecting Florida’s families with nutritious and affordable food options allows parents to make healthier food choices for their children,” said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. “The implementation of the new WIC data system and EBT services demonstrate innovative steps toward better health for Florida.” WIC EBT will provide participants with greater flexibility in redeeming benefits and increase benefit security. The WIC Program anticipates greater accuracy and social transaction information. WIC is a federally funded program that provides healthy food, as well as breastfeeding education and nutrition counseling to needy Florida’s families. Florida’s WIC Program operates 220 sites throughout the state where families improve their diet and food choices with the assistance of licensed nutritionists and nutrition educators. For more information about the Florida Department of Health, visit www.floridahealth.gov.

WIC program implements electronic system

For Hometown News readers throughout Volusia County.

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Swim Lesson at the Ormond, Deland and Port Orange locations.

Both Splash Week and World-Long Swim Lesson programs will be free and open to the public. For more information, call a YMCA branch or visit VFYMCA.org.

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countries to more than 60
and performed in 42

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Athens

MAGAZINE

Nancy Chatley of South Daytona shows off her dress on the catwalk during the Palmetto Club’s annual cancer benefit, “The Power of Love” luncheon and fashion show, in Day-
town (left) on Friday, March 21. Clothing was provided by Choo’s and White House/Black Market.

Jewish

From page B1

Party. She will remind those present that with hope and

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people. She can find a way through.

Rabbi Merrill Shapiro, president of the St. Augus-
time Jewish Historical Soci-
ety, will speak at 3 p.m.
about the Jewish history of

St. Augustine, which began
on the city’s first day in Sep-
tember 1565. Children’s entertain-
ment will be available throughout the day, including a rock

energy as well as inflatables, face paint-
ing, and a clown. The event will

be attended by thousands of

attendees can obtain valu-

ble information on health

providers.

For more information,

www.JewishHeritage-

Festival.com.

Krafty Kettleman Group, Tampa Mike Eisenstadt Band, Rabbi Zev Sonnen-
stein and headliner Cantor
Bruce Benson.

New to this year’s festival will be a Health Fair, where

attendees can obtain valu-

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**Dining & Entertainment**

- **Chaps Steakhouse:** Opens at 5 p.m. each restaurant and bar, game Saturday. There are line-country nightclub features Inc.: way you lean. Be firm when weary of not knowing which that you are a thoughtful per -

- **Scopes DeLand.** is at 7 p.m. each Wednesday at entertainment is offered each information, call (386) 846-2700. New Smyrna Beach.

- **Atlantic Ave., New Smyrna** - 15 percent of food sales that Down the Hatch will donate for its scholar- and Free Bingo for Beers is at 7 p.m. Wednesday. A comedy auction will -

- **Dundie's Bar & Grill:** Live music is weather permit- at 7:30 p.m. at 193 North Dunderbaks is at 1700 W. -

- **Kona Tiki Bar:** Live entertainment from 6-10 p.m. each Thursday-Saturday. For more information, call (386) 522-1177 or visit -

- **JC's River Deck:** Live music from noon –9 p.m. Tuesday of each month. Broadway and -

- **Lagerheads Bar & Grill:** SAX takes the stage 7-11 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. Classic rock from 5-8 p.m. with Mike Lamy at -

- **The Hatch:** Live music and karaoke from 9 p.m. -

- **The Dish:** Steve Mears will perform live Thursday of each week. For more information, visit -

- **The Beaches Tiki Bar & Grill:** Live music from noon –9 p.m. Thursday and Friday. For more information, call -

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The Daytona Beach Symphony Society announced its 2014-2015 season, the Symphony Society’s 63rd, at Peabody Auditorium in Daytona Beach. The season includes seven performances and includes four orchestras, a male vocal ensemble, a ballet and an opera. The concerts are special orchestral performances by acclaimed musicians, such as violinist Ray Chen.

The pre-concert lecture series will continue this season as well. Pre-performance lectures are given by the local or guest music experts before the performances and are offered to help contextualize and bring new meaning to the performances. Pre-performance lectures are in the Rose Room and are included in the ticket price. Season tickets will be available for purchase May 1. Tickets may be purchased by calling (386) 251-2801 or online at dbss.org.

Daytona Beach Symphony Society announces its 63rd season

For more information, call (386) 252-7199.

Photo courtesy of the Daytona Beach Symphony Society
Out

The Daytona Beach Historical Society, the two-hour tour includes the Ormond Springs, Fairchild Oak, Three Chimneys Sugar Mill Ruins, Indian River Beach and historic homes along the route. Tickets are $20 for adults, $17 for seniors 55 and older, and $10 for 18 and younger. For more information, visit daytonasolisti.com. Rickman will perform on Concerto No. 2. Michael Pitard Acree, will perform at Mozart Symphony No. 41 Overture to Cosi fan Tutti, piano concerto series, Mozart this will feature a Beethoven 50/50 Raffle and silent auction. For more information, visit facebook.com/BEETHOVENS50.

Cafe Cinematique: The Daytona Solidarity Orchestra with music director Susan Pianoto, will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, at the Daytona Beach Playhouse, 1200 S. Williamson Blvd., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 239-3647.

Download: Michael Okeeffe will perform on “Elaine Stritch: Shoot Me.” For more information, visit vivotours.com.

Wednesday, April 23

Ormond Indian Burial Mound and historic homes along the route. A four-hour guided tour will attempt to discern the stories of the oldest dwellers, the adults, $7 for ages 7-12, and can be purchased at the OBHS Welcome Center 301 E. Granada Blvd. or by phone using Visa or Master Card. Reservations are required as space is limited. Call (386) 627-0098 for more information. Bus tours leave from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in The Canaveral grove, 29 Riverside Drive, at 9:45 a.m.

Saturday, April 5

• Choral: “Honey (Miele)” will be shown at the Ormond Beach Historical Society, the two-hour tour includes the Ormond Springs, Fairchild Oak, Three Chimneys Sugar Mill Ruins, Indian River Beach and historic homes along the route. Tickets are $20 for adults, $17 for seniors 55 and older, and $10 for 18 and younger. For more information, visit daytonasolisti.com.

• Choral: “The Song of the Sea” will be shown at 1:30 p.m. at the Ormond Beach Historical Society, the two-hour tour includes the Ormond Springs, Fairchild Oak, Three Chimneys Sugar Mill Ruins, Indian River Beach and historic homes along the route. A four-hour guided tour will attempt to discern the stories of the oldest dwellers, the adults, $7 for ages 7-12, and can be purchased at the OBHS Welcome Center 301 E. Granada Blvd. or by phone using Visa or Master Card. Reservations are required as space is limited. Call (386) 627-0098 for more information. Bus tours leave from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in The Canaveral grove, 29 Riverside Drive, at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, April 6

Festival: All Breed Spring Festival, which benefits Ormond Beach Historical Society, Daytona Beach, will be from noon from 7 p.m. on Sunday, at the Daytona Beach Kennel Club, 900 S. Williamson Blvd., Daytona Beach.

This event is open to the public and all breeds of dogs. There will be photos with the Easter Bunny. There will be cash, pet and gift vendors, dog contests, food vendors, 50/50 raffles and silent auction. For more information, call (386) 239-3647.

•Dough Bus Show: This event will be on Friday, May 2, at the Ormond Beach Playhouse, 1200 S. Williamson Blvd., Daytona Beach. There will be a 2 14 food truck area, about 500 vendors, used part vendors and swap meet. For more information, visit facebook.com/doughbus.

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•Non-Dough Bus Show: This event will be on Saturday, May 3, at the Ormond Beach Playhouse, 1200 S. Williamson Blvd., Daytona Beach. There will be a 1 4 food truck area, about 500 vendors, used part vendors and swap meet. For more information, visit facebook.com/doughbus.

•Choral: “Elaine Stritch: Shoot Me” will be shown at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, at the Ormond Beach Playhouse, 1200 S. Williamson Blvd., Daytona Beach. For more information, visit vivotours.com.

•No Dough Bus Show: This event will be on Thursday, May 1, at the Ormond Beach Playhouse, 1200 S. Williamson Blvd., Daytona Beach. There will be a 1 4 food truck area, about 500 vendors, used part vendors and swap meet. For more information, visit facebook.com/doughbus.

•Cafe Cinematique International Dimensions Series: “Blame Strike: Shoot Me!” will be shown at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, at the Ormond Beach Playhouse, 1200 S. Williamson Blvd., Daytona Beach. For more information, visit vivotours.com.

Pretty in pink

Randy Barber/staff photographer

Mary Bonnville of Ponce Inlet models an outfit from Stein Mart during the Ponce Inlet Women’s Club’s “Puttin’ on the Hal” benefit lunchcheon and fashion show at the Halifax River Yacht Club in Daytona Beach on Thursday, March 20.

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**Easter Events**

**Church will host several events for Easter.**

"This year's Easter season sermon series will start April 6 with a special friend day at the church from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Services.

A family Easter egg hunt will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 12. There will be games, crafts, bounce house, face paint and more.

Several other events will be offered on April 12. This is a Sunrise Service at Eau Gallie Park (end of the river) at 7 a.m.

**Easter Beach Run slated**

The City of Daytona Beach will host the 47th Annual Easter Beach Run on Saturday, April 12.

The family fun race has been a part of Daytona Beach since 1970 and at 8:30 a.m. it will hit the beach again.

The race will start and return to the Daytona Pier. Register: at easter-beachrun.com.

For more information, email herry@easter-beachrun.com.

**Religious Events**

**The concert also will feature**

the Florida premiere of Dorothy Poems by Craig Johnson, a performance by David Maslany of Thorns for keyboard works, including a rag by George Hamilton Green, a marimba quartet adaptation of a piano solo by Louis Moreau Gottschalk, an up-tempo and exciting quartet by Moreau Gottschalk, a symphony "no" to by Russell Puck and Percussionists. Tickets are $40 for adults, $25 for students of keyboard per class. The performance will also include general admission, $8 seniors, $5 area students, with complimentary admission for Stetson faculty, students and staff.

**Monday, April 7**

- **Aquarium Date Night:** The Aquarium Date Night features a special date night at 7 p.m. at the Aquarium.

- **Daytona State College: Comprehensive A.A. Arts degree is a thorough, hands-on foundation that combines fine art, art history and studio art. This degree is designed to ensure students earn a job that they enjoy instead of a job they make ends meet. This degree will lead to careers in art education, art therapy, art administration, art conservation, and art therapy.**

**Tuesday, April 8**

- **Improv Comedy Show:** LA Improv comedy show presented by Bankroll Acts of Trinity Improv Troupe will be at 8 p.m. at The Playhouse, 242 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach. Information: 386-252-8080. Information: 386-258-6669.

**Thursday, April 10**

- **Impeachment Night, Daytona State College:** Impeachment Night is a special night of presentation and discussion, as well as entertainment, on the history of impeachment. For more information, call (386) 506-4475 or visit www.DaytonaState.edu/hip."
Florida residents with a hearing loss are eligible to receive a hearing aid and/or a telephone from the Florida Telecommunications Relay: Inc. Cordless and corded phones for persons with little to no residual hearing, a speech therapist or an audiologist, one time only. Customer contact center states, limited one per customer. Contact for more information, 1-800-955-7807.

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Contact your area center for details.

Emergency Services/Coop and Hard of Hearing Services
1219 Dunn Avenue Daytona Beach, FL 32114

For more information, call (386) 310-7996.

Other Events
For more information, call (825) 266-3416.
Soccer registration begins

The City of South Daytona is accepting registration for Youth Spring Soccer League for children ages 3-11 years.

The cost is $60 for fall (3-5 years) and $65 for winter (6-8 years) and $70 (9-11 years). There is a non-resident fee of $10 and a $15 recreation insurance fee.

The season will be from May to July. Anyone interested can register online at southdaytona.org or at the Fitzgerald Community Center, 104 Big Tree Road until May 12.

For more information, call (386) 252-3070.

Kickball season to begin

The City of South Daytona is accepting registration for Adult Kickball League for ages 21 and older.

A mandatory coaches meeting will be at 7 p.m. May 12 at the James Park Youth Activity Building.

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Here’s the wind-up

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Going to the beds with shell crackers in West Volusia

A fine good winter speckled perch, however, our fresh water versions are more intense in flavor than those of the brem family.

One of the largest is the Florida shell cracker. Brems and blue gill are both found all over the U.S., but are seldom as intimidating as our shell crackers. As we all know, things in Central Florida tend to grow larger than they might in places south, and the shell cracker is no exception. Big and strong, they hit with the power of a bass. How big?

Here’s the wind-up

Photo courtesy of Patricia Navarro

The Rotary Club of Port Orange’s 12U Panthers won the Championship Division of the 2014 War on Interstate 4 tournament the weekend of March 9 in Ormond Beach. They presented the trophy to the City of Port Orange on March 25.