The voice on the other end of the line is calm. It’s Monday morning and the caller is riled — the week ahead, life pressures, and a racing heart are all at play. The other voice remains calm — a smile and a kindhearted person who, over time, has eased the caller to become a person who shares their daily worries and a racing heart.

John Jacobson of East Volusia Transcendental Meditation Center in New Smyrna Beach has given presentations at the University of Florida and the University of South Florida. He has been involved in the TM program for over 30 years.

“TM is a form of meditation,” he says. “It’s particularly helpful when you are in a stressful situation or when something really stresses you.”

The session of TM practice lasts 20 minutes and is repeated two more times a day. The TM technique is unique because it involves listening to a repeating sound called a “mantra.” The mantra is a word or group of syllables that the practitioner repeats silently to themselves.

Jacobson has been practicing TM for over 30 years and has seen a variety of people benefit from the practice, including those with cancer, heart disease, and other chronic conditions.

Jacobson says that the practice is particularly effective for people who are under a lot of stress. He notes that the practice helps to reduce stress and anxiety, and can help people feel more relaxed and less anxious.

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‘couldn’t be any more convenient,’ Mr. Fretwell said. He has been a general contractor since 1999 and a real estate broker for 36 years. His firm, Fretwell Homes, specializes in ‘high end quality homes, with great appointments,’ he said. ‘Customization and designing to the (customer’s) lifestyle is what we are all about.’

His company was involved in the development of the Vineyards and Silver Creek subdivisions in Port Orange as well as Hunter’s Ridge in Ormond Beach.

‘It is about quality of the property, we already have two to three very strong candidates for the lots,’ he said. ‘Concerned with the impact of development, Mr. Fretwell said he had discussed all of the adjoining property owners and received ‘very positive’ responses. ‘We are not building five feet instead of seven or eight, because we want to be considerate to the neighborhood existing there,” he said.

When final approval from the city is received, expectations are to complete the project within a year, he said.

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time. For more information, call (386) 508-3522

Port Orange Water Treatment Plant wins another award

The Florida Rural Water Association has selected the Port Orange Water Treatment Plant as one of the Top Ten Water Systems in the United States.

This is the third time this year the plant has been recognized. In April, it received the Most Improved Class A Water Treatment Plant Award in Florida by the American Water Works Association. It also received the 2013 Plant Operations Excellence Award presented by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in January.

Unity at the Beach planned for Aug. 9

The Volusia County Democratic Party announces its major event of the year, the Democratic Unity at the Beach.

The event will be at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort, 109 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach.

The keynote speaker will be U.S. Rep. G.K. Butterfield, D-N.C., and the guest speaker will be former State Sen. Tony Hill.

Democratic candidates running for state and local offices have been invited.

Prior to the main event at 6 p.m., there will be a VIP reception where attendees can meet with the speakers and Democratic Party VIPs. Tickets for the VIP reception and dinner are $100 each. Dinner tickets are $75. For tickets, email volusiacountydems@gmail.com or call (386) 629-6272.

Port Orange library plans book sale

The Friends of the Library will sponsor a book sale at the Port Orange Regional Library from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9.

The Friends of the Library plans book sale

Correction
A living version of Crabby Joe’s in the Aug. 1 Hometown News told readers the pier restaurant is located near the Port Orange Regional Library. The correct location is Daytona Beach Shores.

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We have several "bendies" in the state and a few areurpose islands. Homer Beach comes to mind first, as does Card Sound. The next time you go to the Keys, look for Card Sound Road just south of Florida City.

That drive will get you to the same destination in Key Largo, but it is a much more scenic road. So, a sound is a large, deepwater channel between two-breakers-of-land. That sounds have nothing to do with sound, or noise. A jetty is a man-made barrier that helps keep the boat channel clear of sand on an incoming tide.

An inlet connects an island body of water to the ocean. A shool is a natural, long, shallow obstruction in the water. In Florida, a cape has nothing to do with Batman or a cape. It is another name for a small landmass which is the same or describe an island atop an ancient coral reef. A high (pre-"monument") key is another natural term that shows up around Florida. Using the word "key" is simply a bend or curve in a shoreline.

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1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9.

Hardcover and paperback books, children’s, book audio-books, puzzles, magazines and more will be sold.

The friends group welcomes donations of reading materials to use in the area and may be left at the circulation desk.

Man-to-man support group offered

Halahs Health Medical Center will host an American Cancer Society Men’s program group support from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 14, at 1014 Dauldavine Ave., Port Orange.

For more information, call (386) 762-7703.

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Parents reminded about vaccinations

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Parents reminded about vaccinations
The Florida Department of Health encourages August as National Immunization Awareness Month and reminds parents that their children’s immunizations are up to date. Vaccines help develop immunity to countless infectious diseases by enabling the body to recognize and fight vaccine-preventable diseases. The following vaccines are required for children entering pre-school and grades K-12: diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (infectious cough; mumps, rubella, polio, varicella (chickenpox) and hepatitis B. Students entering college should check with their local health department clinic. 

This week marks the National Immunization Awareness Week, which is a coordinated effort among all levels of government, the private sector, health professionals and community organizations to increase awareness about the importance of childhood immunizations. The Florida Department of Health immunization offices in each of Florida’s 67 counties can be found online at go.fl.gov/IDC.Business.

Surfers from page A1
Brewer from Daytona Beach Shores, has two autistic sons, January, 14, and AJ, 15. She has participated in all five events at Ponce Inlet.

“Surfers for Autism has opened up a whole new world for my kids, socially interacting, enjoying themselves, and improving for their own ability,” she said. “It equates everyone on the beach is the same.”

Ponce Inlet Mayor Mark Hoss was on hand to proclaim Saturday as “Surfers for Autism Day in Ponce Inlet.”

Two law enforcement agencies, Ponce Inlet Police Department and Volusia County Beach Safety, who earned an award from the Surfers for Autism organization, helped participate in the event and were on hand in force on Saturday. Capt. Mead said, “There is something therapeutic about the ocean.”

The Surfers for Autism website says: “Parents leave with a very positive view of hope and optimism.”

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Society urges preventing unwanted pit bull litters
This August, Halof, Humane Society plants to spot-neuter 300 pit bull terrier-type dogs for a special 25% rate, which includes a free doggie nail trim, during PetSmart Charities annual “Pimpin’ Pet” campaign. American Pit Bull Terriers are one of the most popular dogs in the country. Yet an estimated 70 percent of all dogs housed in urban animal shelters are Pit Bull terrier-type dogs. One of the primary advantages of this special offer must motivate owners to spay or neuter their pets when they schedule an appointment. Pimpin’ Pet is based on availability and space is limited.

For more information, call (386) 301-8455 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Plant society to meet
The Ponce Inlet chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11, at Piggotte Community Center, 504 Big Tree Road, South Daytona.
The speaker will be Ryan Mahler, chairman of the executive committee, Ponce Inlet Native Plant Society who will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11, at Piggotte Community Center.

The topic will be ocean-friendly gardens.

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The public may attend.

Community center to host spaghetti night
The Ponce Inlet Community Center board will host a spaghetti night at 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, at 7925 S Peninsula Drive.
Dinner will include spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and dessert for $5. Bring your own beverage or purchase soda for an additional $1. Dessert tickets will be sold at the door. Also 120 tickets will be sold for $5. For more information, call (386) 760-0615.

Library to host financial empowerment workshop
Coddy Mills and Matt Rinaldi, presenters of the “Living Love Paws” show, will present tips and financial advice during a free workshop from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, at Ponce Inlet Regional Library, 1005 City Court Circle.
Topics will include how to save on utility costs and fees, the best ways to shop for particular items, coupon- ing 101, the advantages and disadvantages of credit cards, life insurance, and incentive cash vs. commission with intent to sell.

Reservations are not required. For more information, call (386) 212-1000 ext. 2013.

Bromeliad Society meets Aug. 10
Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society will meet at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug 10, at Colony in the Wood Clubhouse, 4000 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., Port Orange.
This month’s topic is “Vivian’s Leaf Patterns” and will be presented by Dave Johnston of Pondsburg.
The meeting is free and open to the general public.

For more information, contact Jay Thamm at capjthamm.com or (386) 576-4607.

City, counties update local mitigation strategy
Volusia County government and the city’s 16 municipalities are updating the 2009 Local Mitigation Strategy, which focuses on reducing the risk of death, injury and property damage due to hazards such as flooding, wind and fire.
The public is invited to review the final draft at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at the Ormond Beach Regional Library, 1005 City Center Circle, Port Orange. Comments and questions may be submitted at the meeting or online at poncemitigation.org.

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Crime Stoppers
Victim: John A. Collins
Crime: Homicide
Date: Aug. 21, 2013
Location: 1909 Sunny Palm Drive, Ormond Beach

Shortly before 8 a.m. on Aug. 21, 2013, law enforcement officers were dispatched to 1909 Sunny Palm Drive near Ormond Beach. Once there, officers found the victim, John A. Collins, deceased under suspicious circumstances.
Mr. Collins was a long-time resident of the area and it is believed his death was the result of a homicide.

Anyone with information about Mr. Collins’ death is asked to call Crime Stoppers toll-free at (888) 277-TIPS. You can also text your tip by texting “TIP231 plus your message” to CRIMES.
Anyone who provides information to Crims Stoppers will remain anonymous and can qualify for a reward of up to $3,000.

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Keep dogs off the beach

It seems that dog owners in the Sebastian subdivision in Ormond-by-the-Sea find it hard to understand dogs are not permitted on the beach at South Bridge drive.

In this case, at least, it seems we need to ask the dogs to behave in public, as we are not in public to ask for them to behave.

Keep the dogs we love from being a potential threat to the safety of others, and their owners will love you for it.

Customer stopped the Thief

To the lady whose purse was snatched, but not stolen

I read with interest the article in the newspaper and I am very much interested in the outcome of this matter.

I wonder... whether the thief was caught and brought to justice.

In response to: “Abusing Handicap Tags”

I have a friend who has a handicapped child, but she is very careful about how she uses the handicap parking.

I found this article to be very disturbing and it is unfortunate that this happens.

In response to: “Florida auto tag”

I found this article to be very interesting and I am very interested in the outcome of this matter.

I wonder... whether the state has any plans to improve the process of obtaining auto tags.

In response to: “Common sense needed”

I found this article to be very disturbing and it is unfortunate that this happens.

I wonder... whether the driver was punished for this act.

In response to: “Handicap police”

I found this article to be very disturbing and it is unfortunate that this happens.

I wonder... whether the police officer was trained in how to handle this type of situation.

In response to: “The Great Futures Campaign”

I found this article to be very interesting and I am very interested in the outcome of this matter.

I wonder... whether the campaign will be successful in achieving its goal.

In response to: “Letters”

I found this article to be very interesting and I am very interested in the outcome of this matter.

I wonder... whether the reader has any suggestions for how to improve the situation.
The growth rate of housing construction slowed down in June in Volusia County, but there still was significant growth in some areas.

DeLand was indicative of the slower growth, although it remained on its campaign with permits issued for 38 houses, up from 34 in June 2013. Through the first six months permits were issued for 214 houses in the county, up from 133 in the same period of 2013.

So far, the residential growth hadn’t translated into a lot of commercial growth, but that could change with the county’s new comprehensive plan. A developer is expected to start construction soon on Country Club Crossings with 120,000 square feet of retail space and 20,000 square feet of office space.

No other area showed has shown much growth this year except for Daytona Beach which had 77 permits issued through the first half of the year compared to 47 last year and Ormond Beach has had 56 permits issued compared to 30 last year.

Port Orange is where residential construction has really slowed down. In June, just five permits were issued for new houses, compared to 26 in June 2013. For the first six-month period, 64 permits have been issued compared to 96 last year. That may have changed in July, just looking at the city’s weekly building permit reports. The unincorporated area of the county also showed down with just five permits in June compared to 39 in June 19. It’s still up for the year, though, with 72 permits compared to 60 in 2012.

As the Federal Reserve contemplates raising interest rates later this year, it will be interesting to see how housing construction is affected. As I mentioned last week, residential construction is a big driving force in Volusia, so if it stays at a high level, or even goes above 2,000 for the year, the county economy could do well for the rest of 2014.

... It was great to see an Indian Motorcycle dealer plans to take over the former Harley-Davidson building on Beach Street in downtown Daytona Beach. North Beach Street, and stretching across the Halifax River to Main Street, has been known as a major biker attraction for years and has helped sustain that area.

... At the long, hot summer of 2013 business news has slowed down so there’s not a lot else to report. The big commercial real estate deal was Kleman Properties of Westport, Conn., buying Altamira Village in Port Orange for $32 million. It took a long time, but construction is nearing completion on the North Carolina-Oklahoma partnership project. LA Fitness is nearly finished and construction has started on Space Coast Credit Union. Build out of the last strip center should have started soon with a Red Roost Asian fusion restaurant. Domino’s, Happy Feet Nail Salon and Sports Clips also are expect- ed to go there. On the pos- tures of the property owned by local developers, complica- tion looks near for the Pollo Tropical and construction should start soon on a Cajun. There’s still room for two or three more business- es along Dunlawton Avenue and their anchor site is still vacant.

... Two other items to note: construction has begun on the expansion of Norton’s in New Smyrna Beach, which includes a catur bar. Nicola’s Pizza is going to open a new location in Ormond Beach showing a glimpse of life at an old vacant shopping center on North Atlantic Avenue.

Managing Editor Ceci G. Braumity has tracked busi- ness and the economy in Volusia County for more than 17 years. Contact her at cecibraumity@hometownnewsol.com or follow her on Twitter @cecibraumity.

Oceans Luxury Realty names new Realtor associate

Oceans Luxury Realty has named Deary-Fleek an associate at the realty firm based in Ormond Beach Shores.

The real estate professional and co-founder of Oceans Luxury Realty and co-founder of Detaly Home, has joined Oceans Luxury Realty in order to focus on new construction for several builders.

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Business News

Managing Editor Ceci G. Braumity has tracked busi- ness and the economy in Volusia County for more than 17 years. Contact her at cecibraumity@hometownnewsol.com or follow her on Twitter @cecibraumity.

Oceans Luxury Realty has named Deary-Fleek an associate at the realty firm based in Ormond Beach Shores.

The real estate professional and co-founder of Oceans Luxury Realty and co-founder of Detaly Home, has joined Oceans Luxury Realty in order to focus on new construction for several builders.
Judicial Candidates

The following bios are for candidates for circuit court and county court judge who will be on the ballot because the post is being contested. All the judicial selections are non-partisan. Judges who will be re-elected this year because they are unopposed are listed at the end.

Circuit Court Group 23

Judge The Honorable T. Portuollo of Flagler Beach was appointed to the circuit court in 2012 by Gov. Rick Scott. He had served as a judge of compensation claims for 16 years, and worked in private practice for 10 years. A graduate of Florida State University, he earned his bachelor’s degree from the community of Florida and his law degree from Stetson University College of Law.

K. Kilcrease of DeLand has been a sole practitioner of law for nine years. She earned her bachelor’s degree and a paralegal certificate from Nova Southeastern University, working full time while earning her degrees. She served in the U.S. Navy, including five years in the reserves. She later worked in a variety of jobs including telemarketing. She has practiced law in Volusia County since 2004. She started her legal career as an assistant city attorney for the City of Riveria Beach.

Circuit Court Group 6

Karen Foxman of Port Orange has worked in the Seventh Circuit State Attorney’s office as an attorney and executive for Volusia County since 2011, supervising a staff that includes four assistant state attorneys. She earned her law degree from the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University in North Carolina. She has been a member of the Florida Bar for five years. She is a member of the Volusia County Bar, the Florida Attorney Trial Lawyers Association, and the Florida Bar Association. She has also been president of both professional organizations.

K. Foxman

S. Sands of DeLand has been in private practice in DeLand since 1992 when it was a solo practitioner. A graduate of Tulane University, where he earned his bachelor’s degree in 1984, he earned his law degree at the University of Florida in 1987. He founded a private law firm in Orlando, where he practiced commercial litigation for two years before transferring to the state attorney’s office in Jacksonville in 1990.

He is a past president of the Volusia County Bar, a past member of the Florida Court Rules Committee, and past president of the Florida Justice Administration Association.

Circuit Court Group 20

Steven DeLarache of Port Orange has been in private practice since 2007. He had been a county court judge in Volusia.

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Benefit

nearing interest from individ-
uals dealing with a wide range of issues, as well as those who simply want to be more equipped to cope with daily life. Mr. Jacobson was work-
ing as a social worker in 1971 when TM was all the rage, or more accurately the path to anti-age. “I had been trying everything, reading everything. I was surrounded by charisma about advancing yourself in different ways,” he said.

He was working with young people no one—not the parents and not the courts — could handle, he explained. His life was a stress sandwich. He needed energizing, resilience and clearer thinking.

“When I heard about TM, I was skeptical and not at all excited, but I thought I’d try it.” Mr. Jacobson said. “Overnight all that need for working was gone. I had found what I was looking for.”

He became more effec-
tive, patient and under-
standing. “It just got eas-
er,” he said.

After six months, Mr.
Jacobson traveled to Mon-
aca, Spain, and Fugly, Italy, to complete a course with the TM technique.

Forty-three years later, the people being taught are anti-depressants, anti-anxi-
ety medication and becoming addicted to controlled sub-
stances and alcohol, with returning thinking out of post-traumatic stress.

“Surprisingly, this is enjoying a renaissance,” Dr. Jacobson said, talking about now as more “Millennial’s did in the 60’s. Ms. Zabel said,”

“There are three kinds of meditation,” he explained. “Concentration, mind-
fulness and TM which we term automatic. There is no effort whatsoever. If there is, it’s not, it’s TM. The TM technique is similar to waking, sleeping, dreaming, and very power-
ful in that nature does the whole thing and you don’t have to do anything. The technique cannot be taught. Robin Zabel is a certified TM teacher who focuses on women—working as medi-
atrains, social workers and in other high-intensity fields—throughout Voshon and Tlaga Carpet. She speaks to groups and provides one-on-one instruction.

Her personality—a delightfully mix of friendly, humorous, compassionate and trustworthy—is very engaging.

Mr. Zabel said she works with several meditators in Deland, Orange City and Lake Helen. She explained why the technique is not outlined in a book, video or on a we-
bsite. “We want to teach it the way it was taught thou-
sands of years ago,” Ms. Zabel said, “and keep it pure.”

While it’s easy, natural, effortless and innocent, Mr. Jacobson said it must be taught by an instructor because it is very individual specific. Each person is different and the core source of his or her key to whole-
ness varies.

People think of it as a phi-
losophy, a belief or ideology,” Mr. Jacobson said. “It’s none of those things. It’s a practice. From people living in need of clearer thinking, those in troubled relation-
ships or are dealing with any number of issues keep-
ing them from feeling har-
morous at home or at work, TM is life-altering, he added.

Four hours and a half long sessions typically complete the process. Mr. Jacobson said, “In TM one achieves a state of ‘restful alertness’ in which one experiences lower respiratory and metabolic while the mind goes to deeper levels of silence and coherence, he explained. The results can start immediately and meditators feel more hap-
iness, health and experi-
cience clearer, more produc-
tive thinking.

Over 30 peer reviewed studies point to success with TM in dealing with most common health risk factors. It reduces rates of death, heart attack and stroke.

So far the American Heart Association found TM to be the only medita-
tion practice it could rec-
ommend as an adjunct to lower heart blood pressure and related conditions. A Stanford University Journal found TM to be twice as effective as other tech-
niques for stress and anxi-
ety.

NYU Medical School students Dr. Larry Kaplan explained how TM provides a form of meditation:

“Through TM is a mental technique, due to the restful state of mind it produces, the brain’s executive function, the patient can control the mind and then one can control the body.

In the 1970’s and 1980’s in Europe, the TM technique was taught in Daytona Beach, where more than a thou-
sand people began practice-
ing. Mr. Jacobson said, “We are happy to invite those who have started the TM Technique through a certi-
fied teacher previously, to make an appointment at our New Smyrna Beach Office (386-314-0280) to have their meditation checked or renewed, and join us for an advanced lecture: ‘How we hold every month.”

The recent lecture on “TM Brain Mapping” at the NSU Library, drew 55 peo-
ples including a “good group of people from Ormond Beach.” There also were people from Stetson Uni-
versity and Deltona. Mr.
Jacobson said.

A lecture at 2 p.m. Aug. 9 at the New Smyrna Beach Regional Library will pro-
vide an introduction to bene-
tis of the TM Tech-
nique, as well as a report on the David Lynch Foun-
dation’s Operation Warrior Wellness and its effective-
vit for those suffering from post-traumatic stress.

John Jacobson

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Mr. Warren has worked as an assistant state attorney in the Seventh Judicial District from 2004-2012 and as a judge's clerk. He was a prosecutor for the Seventh Judicial District State Attorney's office for 12 years. He has served as a pro- bono guardian ad litem pro- hac vice in 2005 by Gov. Bush. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame School of Law and was admitted to the Florida bar in 1993. He was a prosecutor for the State Attorney's office for 12 years. He has served as an acting circuit court judge hearing felony and juvenile court cases. Judge McGlashan worked as a data entry clerk and paralegal in Brooklyn, N.Y., before enrolling in law school. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of the West Indies. McGlashan attended paralegal school in Chicago and Smith, Hood, Perkins in Daytona Beach.
**Dining & Entertainment**

**SECTION B • FRIDAY, AUG. 8, 2014**

**Out & about**

_Friday, Aug. 8_

*Book Club: Hub Book Club discusses the novel “Canada” by Richard Ford from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center, 132 Canal Street, New Smyrna Beach. Debbie Bell of Remington Books represents the club. 

*For more information visit hubbookclub.org or call (386) 437-3524*

_Night at the Hub:_ This event will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Centrak Middl School, 6001 Airport Road, Port Orange. Tickets are $35. For more information, call (386) 252-3118 or visit danbeck.info.

**The Lion King** Oleentic Expressions Dance Academy will present “The Lion King” at 6 p.m. at Central Middle School, 6001 Airport Road, Port Orange. Tickets are $35. For more information, call (386) 252-3118 or visit danbeck.info.

**Ride the Wave** The film “Gone Child” and the Spanish film “Chicos” will be shown this week. “Gone Child” will be shown at 5 p.m. in the outdoor screening area. Tickets are $5 to $10. All tickets are $5 on Tuesday. The theater is closed on Mondays. Gingera Theater is at 242 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach. For information, call (386) 252-3118.

**Concert Series** Amy Alysia and The Soul Evolution and Jenniyo Simmons and Friends will perform at 7 p.m. of the Boardwalk, Daytona Beach. Parking is available at the Ocean to garden surface lots. Enter the Boardwalk through Ocean Walk Shoppers or from the Boardwalk. Rental chairs are available. Concert attendees are advised to stroll the Boardwalk and enjoy food, drink, games and more.”

_Music at the Hub:_ Bike Music for All presents music, in the evenings, and all the time. Expect to hear all the hits from the ‘70s.

*For more information visit bandshell.info*

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_With J.M. Copeland_ 

For Hometown News 

Get ready to jump back to the ’70s.

Nathu Fancy, a Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute band, will perform at 7:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at Daytona Beach’s historic Bandshell, as part of the Friends of the Bandshell Star Spangled Summer Concert Series.

Nathu Fancy is a band dedicated to recreating the classic Lynyrd Skynyrd lineup and show. The band is led by Tommy Boon, an incredible Ronnie Van Zant clone, and the Rockin’ Nuthen Fancy Band. They can’t help but feel like it’s 1974 all over again. Nathu Fancy delivers a show with beautiful ladies as backup singers, sweet piano playing, and all the timeless hits from the ’70s and classics. This tribute act has played Daytona Beach and Wickenburg and has played to thousands of fans from Florida to Texas to South Carolina. Expect to hear all the Lynyrd Skynyrd hits like “Free Bird,” “Sweet Home Alabama,” “That Smell,” “Gimme Three Steps” and “What’ s That Smell.”

Admission to the Star Spangled Summer Concert Series is free. Bandshell parking is available at the nearby Beachside Publix lot and Ocean Walk shopping area. The Bandshell area through the Ocean Walk Shoppers or from the Boardwalk. Rental chairs are available. The evening will conclude with a fireworks display over the ocean at 9:45 p.m.

For more information, visit bandsheltonline.org or call (386) 947-0077.

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The Club Scene

- "Butfllngs & Bar & Grill." James Blake will perform Aug. 8. Brian Bebop will perform Aug. 9. Both shows will be from 7-10 p.m. Every Wednesday there is an open mic night for local and national musicians hosted by Phinney Brown at 100 W. guitar on guitar will be from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesday at 100 S. New Road, Port Orange. For more information call (386) 788-2946.

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and it was soon obvious making a decision as to what to eat wasn’t going to be easy.

I decided on the local shrimp dish with sweet potato tater tots and tamar-

on dipping sauce (the entire meal could have been made out of that), and fresh vegetables. My husband chose the crab stuffed

flounder with mixed greens salad and HT’s loaded baked potato.

Dining & Entertainment

Hidden Treasure on Rose Bay, 5993 S. Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange, offers a variety of culinary desires.

We decided to begin with appetizers, fried green tomatoes and smoked fish
dip with chips made at the restaurant. They aren’t good I asked if they were

made out of this), and the entire meal could have

perhaps even been made out of it, and fresh vegetables. My husband chose the crab stuffed

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Many of the boats do stay afloat but the crowd comes to see the boats sink. The

next one is going to be the Halloween. It is once a year so we order more.

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Eat well all week at Malcolm's at LPGA!

$3 Premium Well Drinks, $4 House Wine.

Derby Revival will be at the Volusia County Fairgrounds, 406 S. Orange Ave., DeLand.

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Saturday 3pm-9pm

Live Music 6-9pm

Public Always Welcome

Enjoy the traditional sounds of a bigger at the site of the classic Kentucky Derby.

Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for age 2-11, younger are free.

For more information, call (386) 252-3118.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

-improver Comedy Show: A live improv comedy show presented by Random Acts of Improv Troop will be at 8 p.m. at Cinematique Theater, 242 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach. Interactive, join the fun, spin the prize wheel and win. Tickets are $5. For more information, call (386) 252-3116.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

- Happy Wanderers: A tour & Silent Auction Fundraiser to benefit Happy Wanderers, Inc. for Orange County's homeless families with children, will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at Ormond Beach Elementary School, 630 W. Minnesota Ave., Port Orange.

For more information, call (386) 761-9129.

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• Home & Garden Show: The Volusia County All Home & Garden Show is coming to the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach Aug. 23-24. Local home & garden experts and related businesses exhibit everything from front entrance décor to backyard landscapes. The 2014 show will feature an “all-star” line-up of Wanda King and Brett Raymer of the Animal Planet hit show “Tanked;” Tom MacCubbin, best known to Floridians as host of the syndicated radio show “The Garden Guru,” and Nathan Grafhoff all “Home & Garden Show” featured on FOX Channel-35’s “Good Day Sunday program. Tickets are $7 for adults, seniors 65 and older are $5, $3 for children 13-16 and free for 12 and younger. Tickets may be purchased for $8. Active military personnel are free with ID. Tickets are available at Home Depot, statuesoftechnology.com and volunteersformargardenshow.com.

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Religion News

Soothing music offered at church

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Groups distributing school supplies and backpacks

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Testing, testing 1, 2, 3; public schools await new plan

With FCAT in the rearview mirror, the coming school year will bring new student and teacher assessment tools. The multiple-choice question seems to be: What are they?

“Testing is a state issue and we don’t have a whole lot of direction from them yet on what to expect,” VCS spokesman Nancy Wait wrote in an emailed response to questions.

“In 2014-15 Florida will begin a new assessment program through AIR, the American Institute for Research,” Ms. Wait explained. “These assessments will be aligned to the Common Core standards and will include assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics for students in grades 3-11.”

A test shown to design teachers in June was part of the prototype for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, a Common-Core-aligned program through AIR developed at Florida’s Department of Education.

The test was field-tested in 2013-14, a one-year demonstration of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, a Common-Core-aligned test developed by a multi-state consortium, according to the organization’s website statement.

“The multiple-choice test format will continue, but many experts believe that the test format will need to change to more open-ended and performance-based questions,” Ms. Wait wrote.

AIR also developed Florida’s assessment and will begin field testing in Fall 2014. Florida continues to conduct a multiple-choice test in grades 3-11. It will include assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics in grades 3-11.

“Field test in UT ensures reliability and validity of test in FL! No doubt, the likeliness of demographics will be different,” Volusia Teachers Organization President Andrew Sparr concurs.

“I am that a fair correlation exists?” Mr. Sparr said in a phone interview. “The students in Utah look like students in Florida? Not at all.”

Sparr added, “Most states field test their standardized tests, Utah is one.”

Mr. Sparr went on to say that he is concerned about how in Utah only 16 percent of American students represent Black/African American and 1.3 percent of the student population, according to the UtahPublicEd.org.

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common Core — math, lan- guage arts and literacy stan- dards — adopted by Florida in 2010 has a new name but what else? “The Florida Department of Education added calcula- tors, cursive writing and made a handful of other changes to the standards in 2014, according to NPR’s State Impact. “They retained the same standards, but the stan- dards do not substantially differ from Common Core.” Developed by the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers in 2009, Common Core was born of gubernatorial con- cerns that too many high schoolers are just backed out, and most other states are restless and looking at their options. euthanasia is a good one.” Euthanasia is a good one.” Christine Harvey of DeLand couldn’t agree more. “I've written to Gov. Rick Scott probably 12 times,” she said. “No one in his office has ever addressed any of my letters. Instead they sent email asking if I want to contribute to his campaign.” Be he to do the math on that one. “Simple math, problems no longer exist,” she said. “Kids must mosey through words and be able to read off at a timed rate and if they cannot, they can be held back or what hap- pened to my daughter was administratively assigned to the next grade.” Nothing against the gov- ernor, she said. She would just like him to sit with her daughter in class one day to witness her distress. Home schooling is not an option, Mrs. Harvey said, anticipating Florida Stan- dards will be levied there as well. “I am a firm believer things differently. I refuse to have my children turn into guinea pigs.” She would like to see par- ents who agonize, as she does while her bright chil- dren struggle with their schoolwork, speak out. “I've written to Gov. Rick Scott probably 12 times,” she said. “No one in his office has ever addressed any of my letters. Instead they sent email asking if I want to contribute to his campaign.” Be he to do the math on that one.
Today's middle and high school students may need a UB stick. Fortunately there are a slew of programs set up to provide free school supplies and backpacks to help disadvantaged children off to a better start in the school year.

One of the oldest is run by the Jewish Federation of Volusia/Taylor Counties spearheaded by Glenn Max, federation director. Ms Max said their first backpack giveaway was 15 years ago and they had no idea what an impact it would have.

"I couldn't believe the response. There was this one boy, a very big kid, who had brought enough to feed himself and wanted me so much. I asked why he was so happy about that — we give them hinges present every year, but this just seemed to really hit home," he said. "Oh, Mrs. Max, you only know!" she recalled.

"It's continued to grow ever since," she said. The program started with a mere 10 backpacks stocked with standard school supplies. Now, she said, they distribute more than 7,000 backpacks filled with the items listed on the school kids list as required supplies. Not only have they supplied the entire backpack, but they also supplied a matching grant to the schools, handed out by the students. They know who needs them a lot better than I do," she said. 

They are a quite a few other programs that have been launched in the years since. The first started delivering the backpacks to area schools. Among the largest of these is the Daytona Beach Mayor's backpack giveaway program, which hands out backpacks to any child who is a resident of the city at the first day of school — at the city’s recreation centers and parks. This is in the eighth year the mayor has sponsored the program, along with helping each child in Daytona Beach get a backpack at the start of the school year.

Families can make sure their children have the items they need to succeed through the event and can produce an identification prove that they are a resident of the city can receive one though the child needs to be there to get it. Ms. Max said their first backpack giveaway was 15 years ago. 

Not every backpack they hand out goes to the public schools, they also provide for some Catholic and charter schools as well as for the PACE School for Girls and the Children’s Academy, according to Ms. Max.

"We're cautious optimists" said area businesses also will also be able to provide additional items. Everyone can add to the basic supplies already in the backpacks. To turn the giveaway events into a fun family outing, there will be food and games, including free food and games available at all locations and dates.

The other Mayor's Back-to-School Giveaways are scheduled for 2 to 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5, at Lions Park, 325 S. Grandview Ave., and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 16, at Daisy Stocking Park, 325 Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd., all in Daytona Beach.

There are a number of other programs throughout the area that provide backpacks and/or school supplies for area children, sponsored by area Hillel associations, civic groups, churches or other charitable organizations. Check community news in this section or with individual civic, religious or charitable groups.

For more information on the various events throughout the city, visit baydaytona.org or call (386) 252-0391. For more information on the Daytona Beach Mayor’s Backpack Giveaway, call (386) 57-9121.
Dodge ball registration started
Port Orange PAL will be registering for dodge ball. Participation for each age group will be age 9-11, 11-13, 13-15 boys and girls. Participants can register at the PAL office at the Port Orange City Gym, 405 City Center Circle, 9 to 11 a.m. Wed., Aug. 22.
Cost is $20 plus a $5 yearly membership fee. For more information, call Bob Frazer at (386) 506-5877.

Fish with the club
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I don’t know if you caught it on the tube, but a six-foot alligator recently took a swim in the surf near my home in Ormond-by-the-Sea. That made the news because it is an extremely rare happening these days. Back when I first arrived on these shores, that was a common occurrence. Years ago, gators, bears and bobcats came to the beach to eat the turtle eggs. I suppose this gator took a stroll from the river to the beach up near High Bridge. Not many city alligators these days. In the 1960s almost every water hazard on any golf course featured a resident gator.

I got a kick out of the effort to catch the small bull shark in a Brevard County retention pond. Four or five wildlife officers and a professional trapper spent days there. Gosh, you would think the thing was “Jaws.” I imagine they were quite embarrassed when the shark turned out to be three feet long. A fish like that would not harm you unless you put your fingers in its mouth. It’s just a fact of nature that every now and then wild animals become displaced and appear out of their element. Several years ago my wife, Lana, and I spotted an actual killer whale along the beach near our house. It was high tide and lots of people were swimming on an August day. Although we shouted for them to get out of the water, they ignored us. Luckily no one was harmed, but that could have turned deadly.

When I helped the late Al Houser catch a giant barracuda near the Port Orange bridge, I was amazed to find such a creature in the Halifax River. I have dived the reefs of the Florida Keys for years and had never encountered a ‘cuda so large. Once my young son caught a big black grouper in Strickland Creek within the city limits of Ormond Beach. Not the usual catch there. In the 1960s, a scientific study was done in that same creek and the results showed many more sharks than most would have believed to be living in that very fresh water.

Years ago, big offshore sharks would often come into the inshore, but, of course, the water quality was much better back then. I remember a big hammerhead being caught near City Island. We have a good population of bonnethead sharks in our rivers now. Those are the first cousin of the dangerous hammerhead, but are small and not usually a hazard to people.

Last year, my daughter Shayla and her friends saw a whale shark swimming in the boat channel at Ponce Inlet. Was it leaving the inshore? A week later, one was caught by the TV cameras in Titusville — probably the same one. Whale sharks are the largest fish on the planet.
Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from Mainland and Spruce Creek high schools recently attended a six-day Cadet Leadership Course at The Citadel in Charleston, S.C. From left are Spruce Creek High School cadets Thomas Smola, Brett Kraft, Corey Spitz, Dalton Hopkins, Arielle Sizemore, Gina Beaulieu, Brandon Bastian, Sean Deree, Caleb O’Connor and Jake Fullam.

On the final morning, after their parade, cadets were awarded for their exploits. Max Taylor was the top cadet in his flight and top 10 in academics out of more 240 Basics. Cadets Johnson, Taylor, Cartwright and Spitz were key members of the number one flight.

Cadets Smola and Sizemore were part of the top sports flight, while cadets Spitz, Taylor, Negrete, Harris, Vescovi, Johnson and Cartwright all earned academic recognition for scoring in the top 10 percent on their final exams.

Both Volusia County schools were awarded the Parris Island Competition, while cadets Bastian and Harris were key members of the number one flight.

Both first year cadets, labeled Basics, included, from Mainland: Jimmie Williams, Max Taylor, Joseph McNamara, Caitlin Cartwright, Liam Negrete, Christian Brown, Alex Harris, Cassidy Vescovi, and Cameron Johnson. Spruce Creek, the only Army ROTC program in attendance, sent 10 Basics: Ariel Smola, Thomas Smola, Sean Deree, Dalton Hopkins, Gina Beaulieu, Caleb O’Connor, Brett Kraft, Jake Fullam, Cory Spitz, and Brandon Bastian.

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Amscot Financial targets $1 million in school campaign

Amscot Financial is hosting its ninth annual “Just a Dollar” campaign, designed to raise funds for school foundations in the 19 Florida counties where Amscot has branches. Continuing throughout August, Amscot associates will ask each customer if they would like to voluntarily contribute a dollar. Amscot will track each donation by county so contributions will directly impact classrooms, students and teachers in the communities where they are made. Amscot will match the first $10,000 in overall contributions.

FUTURES Foundation for Volusia County Schools benefits from the campaign as it has for the past several years. In 2013, Amscot and its customers donated more than $5,200 to FUTURES.

ERAU offers free Aviation 101 online class

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is now offering Aviation 101, a free online class. Meant primarily for high school and middle school students but open to all ages, Aviation 101 is available for signup at aviation101.org. The course is composed of 12 high-definition video lessons that will give students an introduction to the industry. Course topics include aircraft systems, aerodynamics, flight instruments, airports, airspace, air traffic control, aeromedical factors, aviation weather, performance, navigation and more.

Students who complete Aviation 101 could be eligible for one hour of course credit.

For more information, contact Flight Media Coordinator Bob Thomas at bob.thomas@erau.edu.

Keiser University to host open house

Keiser University’s Back to School Open House will be 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at 1800 Business Park Blvd., Daytona Beach. The academic-centered event will focus on specific employment opportunities students are trained for with the diversity of more than 90 degree programs offered at Keiser. Participants can experience hands-on interaction through live classroom and lab demonstrations with students, faculty and alumni.

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

DSC offering business program

In response to increasing demand, Daytona State College will begin offering the associate of science in business administration at its regional campuses in Deltona and New Smyrna Beach Edgewater beginning with the fall semester. The degree, which can be completed in two years or less, features three “embedded” certificate programs in sales and entrepreneurship, business management and business operations. Full classes have been scheduled for DSC’s fall 15-week term, which begins Aug. 25. Classes also can be completed online.

Registration for fall semester is underway. For more information, call (386) 506-3059.

Dan Smith has fished the waters of Volusia County for more than 40 years. Email questions and comments to fishesdan@att.net. His book, “I Swear the Snook Drowned,” is available for $10.95 at (386) 441-7793.

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but harmless to humans. A while back a sea lion showed up on the rocks at the inlet to make for some pretty good photo ops. Certainly out of its element.

This summer while the water is warm always be aware of your surroundings. You never know what you may see. When releasing fish, be careful not to keep your hands in the water too long. The small fish you turn back may attract large predators.

It’s always great fun to see a critter out of its element, unless your fingers are involved.

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