

Community **Notes Upgraded street** reopening

Georgia Avenue is set to reopen to the public following a facelift that included the addition of brick pavers, infrastructure upgrades and reconstructed sidewalks.

The reopening will include a block party from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 28. Vendors will sell hot dogs and ice cream. There will be live music, costumed characters, raffle prize drawings and children's activities.

Mayor Robert F. Apgar will be joined by other city officials to officially cut the ribbon for Georgia Avenue at about 5:20 p.m. Saturday.

Learn how to avoid computer scams

An officer from the DeLand Police Department will offer tips to improve cybersecurity and avoid computer scams at 10 a.m. Friday, April 27, at the DeLand Regional Library, 130 E. Howry Ave.

The free program, part of Money Smart Week, is sponsored by the Friends of the DeLand Library.

For more information, call (386) 822-6430, ext. 20762.

VOTRAN hosts **Triple Crown Roadeo**

Votran will host the annual Florida Triple Crown Bus Roadeo April 27-28 at the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach.

The roadeo is a statewide skills competition for bus operators and maintenance technicians.

Tracey McClary, a 16-year Votran employee, was picked to compete in the fixed route competition. Fred Schrader and Robert Ward will compete in the paratransit competition. Select Votran employees also will compete in the maintenance competition.

Cities disagree on I-4 Automall, but still talking

By Gina McKee gmckee@hometownnewsol.com

The lines of communication between the Cities of DeLand and Lake Helen are still open regarding the controversial Interstate 4 Automall property annexation.

Mayors, city managers and city attorneys met April 17, getting ahead of probable mediation regarding DeLand's formal challenge of Lake Helen's land use amendment request with the Volusia County Growth Management Commission.

The Lake Helen City Commission April 12 unanimously passed the voluntary annexation request made by the I-4 Automall property owners in January, after tabling the issue at the request of the City of DeLand. The delay gave DeLand additional time to gather input from citizens and those affected by

the proposed I-4 Automall on a 57-acre parcel of previously unincorporated property at the interchange of I-4 and Orange Camp Road.

The property owners' request to annex into Lake Helen came as a surprise to the City of DeLand, which would provide utilities to the area.

To continue moving the project forward, Lake Helen must modify its comprehensive plan and that amendment has been sent to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and the VGMC. As part of the VGMC process, other affected jurisdictions, in this case the City of DeLand, are notified and have the opportunity to become part of the process and get their concerns and issues addressed. This is the normal process when land is annexed or a comprehensive plan is amended in

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To get ahead of that mediation, city officials sat down together in a closed meeting April 17, city officials said after publicly announcing the meeting had occurred.

"During the meeting, the two cities agreed upon a

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River cleanup



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Leslie Mercado, left, of Orange City, and Saraie Martinez of DeLand pick up small pieces of trash along the riverbank near the State Road 44 bridge on Saturday, April 21, during the 22nd annual St. Johns River Cleanup.

SunRail may be giving Volusia **County a bad ride**

By Gina McKee gmckee@hometownnewsol.com

Volusia County Commissioners will attend en force the upcoming SunRail Commission meeting.

"This is political, and it's time for some political posturing," said Deb Denys, council vice chair. "I think if we all show up to a SunRail Commission when our representative (Commissioner Bill) Patterson is there fighting the good fight for Volusia County ... it's time to go on record. We could turn on live Facebook audio (to keep the meeting public)."

The 2021 deadline for the county to take over maintenance costs on the 12 miles of track from DeBary to DeLand, which is currently

promises for a station in DeLand and expansion into more of Volusia County, is approaching without any assurances the expansion will happen. Also, estimated costs are increasing to nearly five times more than than what Volusia County agreed to shoulder.

"I keep getting this verbal reassurance there's no way in the world that Volusia County would suffer in any way in 2021, and I keep reminding them I want that in writing, but of course that didn't happen," Mr. Patterson said. "What we're trying to do is just too make sure we aren't going to pay anything more than what we agreed to when we got into this. It's just really frustrat-

The winners will compete in See NOTES, page A2

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Water quality and human safety are his concerns

By Gina McKee gmckee@hometownnewsol.com

Helping others is it's own reward, and that's what Andy Natal says is the best part of his job.

The environmental program specialist recently was named Employee of the Year for the Department of Health in Volusia County. In addition to his daily work of overseeing the county's drinking water quality, Mr. Natal also serves on the emergency strike team deployed within the state when emergencies, such as hurricanes, devastate an area.

Following Hurricane Irma, the Puerto Rico native and DeLand resident volunteered to go to the Florida Keys despite having family in Puerto Rico he could not reach after the island was devastated by back-to-back hurricanes last year.

"It actually helped me to know I was working to help others in a similar situation to

my own family. The area was devastated," Mr. Natal said. "I knew there wasn't anything I could do for my family (in Puerto Rico at the time), so this was something I could do (to assist others dealing with total loss)."

Mr. Natal, who oversees the public drinking water program in Volusia, saved the department thousands of dollars without impacting the protection of public health by using an innovative approach to free up staff to do field inspections, according to his supervisor's nomination. The nomination also cited Mr. Natal's belief in leading by example and not hesitating to jump in and get his hands dirty when there is a problem, according to information provided by DOH-Volusia..

DOH-Volusia is responsible for ensuring all public water systems are providing safe drinking water, including large, city-owned plants and



Photo courtesy of Department of Health

DOH-Volusia County Administrator Patricia Boswell, left, administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Volusia County, congratulates Andy Natal, the department's Employee of the Year.

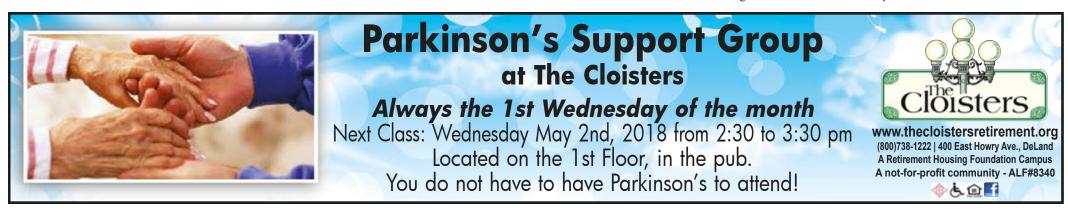
smaller water systems, such as those in private communities, mobile home parks and RV parks. Volusia County has 143 public water systems, DOH-Volusia officials said in a news release announcing the Employee of the Year.

Mr. Natal, who joined DOH-Volusia in March 2006 as an environmental scientist and specialist, was promoted to environmental supervisor in July 2016, and within a year he took the reins of the public drinking water program.

"I'm extremely fortunate to have such a wonderful team and to work with the various municipalities on maintaining the highest quality drinking water to Volusia County residents," he said.

Mr Natal earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the Universidad de Puerto Rico and a master's degree in business administration from Metropolitan University of Puerto Rico.

Employee of the Year nominees were selected by employ-See CONCERNS, page A2



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ing, going on with them. It leads us to wonder what we're going to do next here."

Despite reassurances, the numbers aren't adding up; rather, they keep piling up.

"I think there's numbers that are coming out that are troubling. We need to start probably doing some public record requests to get some numbers, because it's not adding up," Mr. Patterson said. "It is interesting that their attitude towards us is that we are the red-headed stepchild."

Although SunRail Commissioners have stated Volusia's issues are with Washington D.C. and not with the local commission, the Florida Department of Transportation has prohibited the county from lobbying for their own interests regarding the lack of federal funding coming through for Sun-Rail's Phase 2 expansion into Volusia County.

"As much as i would like to see this train coming into DeLand, we're really forbidden (by FDOT) from going up to Washington and lobbying for this," Mr. Patterson said.

"They're not going to look for the money to extend the line to DeLand," County Chair Ed Kelly said. "Expenses (for Volusia) are estimated to be three-to-five times greater than what they were supposed to be."

Also, the county has received no written assurances or official documents saying their cost will be no more than what they originally agreed to, and the county won't pay to maintain the track if the DeLand stop isn't added.

"I keep hearing people outside of council saying we need to file a lawsuit, well, that's easier said than done," Mr. Patterson said, adding there would be mediation and other steps required before such action could be taken. "It's almost like to them we are just a minor member because we have only one station. I'm ready to just start saying 'no."

The SunRail Commission, which Mr. Patterson described as a "commission on training wheels" due to the lack of official power, with FDOT making all decisions on track, stops and spending, has largely ignored Volusia's concerns, Chair Kelly said.

They've shown us no respect," he said. "We did this with a full understanding of what we would be receiving, and we are not receiving that."

The next SunRail Commission meeting is set for early May in Orlando.



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the National Bus Roadeo, sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association.

Mayor recognized as Home Rule Hero

Mayor Robert F. Apgar has been recognized by the Florida League of Cities for the second consecutive year as a Home Rule Hero.

Mr. Apgar was one of 89 city officials recognized for their tireless efforts to advance the league's legislative agenda and help protect the Home Rule powers of Florida's cities during the 2018 Legislature.

Home Rule is the ability for a city to address local problems through and by local decision makers with minimal state interference.

Airport plans annual community appreciation day

Daytona Beach International Airport will host its second annual Community Appreciation Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, to thank the com-



Photo courtesy of the Volusia County Sheriff's Office

The Volusia County Sheriff's Office honored volunteers at its 22nd annual dinner on April 11. During the presentation, the spring 2018 graduating class of the Citizen Observer Program was honored. From left top are Sotirios George Kaminis, Chief Deputy John Creamer, Guy Dragon, Edward Groel and Peter Best, and from left bottom, Linda Mineer, Sharon Beall, Francisca Vargas and Evelyn Roman.

VCSO honors volunteers at 22nd annual dinner

For Hometown News newsdy@hometownnewsol.com

The Volusia County Sheriff's Office took time April 11 to say thank you to dozens of people who spend time volunteering for our agency all year long because they care about law enforcement and our community.

From helping direct traffic or investigate crashes, performing clerical duties, to assisting detectives with cases of fraud against the elderly, our Sheriff's Office volunteers are counted on and valued for all they do. The VCSO hosted its 22nd annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet on Wednesday at the Shores Resort & Spa in Daytona Beach Shores.

Chief Deputy John Creamer presented awards to the recipients as Sheriff Mike Chitwood could not attend. But the honorees were treated to a video message from Sheriff Chit-

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series of meetings and topics, including meetings on utility service and a joint planning agreement for the interchange, a meeting with the Florida Department of Transporta-

wood, who thanked them for the nearly 49,000 volunteer hours they served in 2017. That translates to more than \$1.1 million of taxpayers' money saved, the sheriff said.

During the presentation, the spring 2018 graduating class of the Citizen Observer Program was honored. They are: Sharon Beall, Peter Best, Guy Dragon, Edward Groel, Sotirios George Kaminis, Linda Mineer, Evelyn Roman and Francisca Vargas. Also recognized was a group of 13 new volunteers who have joined since the last volunteers banquet.

Chief Creamer presented a special President's Call to Service Award to two volunteers on behalf of the U.S. President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. The VCSO has previously presented 84 such awards. This award recognizes volunteers who have contributed at least 4,000

ate the importance of discussing all of these interrelated issues together to ensure better planning and quality development at the interchange and create an opportunity for collaboration and not adversity," the release states.

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The preliminary discussions

years. For 2017, the award went to Michael Lawrence and David Whitmore. Also honored were four recipients of the Volunteer of the Quarter for 2017. They are: Earl Bennett, Betty Cohn, Daryl Pryce and Patsy Rains. The Sheriff's Office also

The Sheriff's Office also honored three members of the Citizen Volunteer Auxiliary Program for their contribution of five years of service. They are: Kenneth Gilleo, Sheryl Lodge and Linda Wands. In addition, CVAP members were honored for their accumulated hours, which ranged from 250 hours to 7,158 hours of service to the Sheriff's Office.

Members of COP were also honored for their years of service, which ranged from five to 20 years. For accumulated hours, COP awards ranged from 250 hours to 15,834 hours.

to hear the Lake Helen land use change for the I-4 Automall Property. DeLand has challenged that land use amendment, the release states.

"Communication is a hallmark of great relationships, and I believe now we are on the right track," Lake Helen Mayor Daisy Raisler said. "I believe that by maintaining open dialogue followed by using established processes, will provide the structure needed to ensure a positive and forward direction in resolving issues that have concerned both cities." The meeting showed the cities are more willing to work together to hopefully bridge the gap in that spirit of communication. "I am encouraged by the spirit of cooperation between the two cities and am pleased that meaningful conversation has commenced between DeLand and Lake Helen on issues at the I-4 interchange," said DeLand Mayor Robert F. Apgar said in the release. "We have a shared history and any development at that interchange affects both our cities. I am optimistic both cities will work to address all areas of mutual concern as this interchange is a gateway to both our cities."



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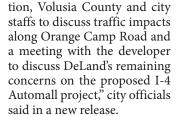


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"During this process, both

identified agreements both cities would be interested in negotiating with each other. As a result of that productive meeting, Lake Helen and DeLand jointly requested a 30-day continuance of the April 25 meeting of the VGMC, which was scheduled

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ees who recognized their co-workers for their commitment to the agency's values of innovation, collaboration, accountability, responsiveness and excellence, according to DOH-Volusia. An employee committee reviewed the nomination applications and selected the employee of the year using an impartial process.

Other nominees this year for Employee of the Year were David Arndt, Kevin Billiot, Regina Harris, Susie Haughton, Dawn Hewitt, Sherri Hobbs, Melinda Koller, Paul Marz, Bill Stahara and Susan Stewart.

A day with drag-racing king Don Garlits

uring that big rain episode we had in the second week of April, folks from the Motor Racing Heritage Association and I drove over to spend some time with Big Daddy Don Garlits at his museum of drag racing and antique autos.

It had been several years since I was there, and I was happy to see all the improvements and additions Don had made to his fine facility. On the way, we stopped for lunch at Alligator Joe's.

That is an old-time Florida fish-camp-type bar and grill that sits on the shore of Lake Weir just a bit from where the feds shot up Ma Barker's gang in 1935. The place was as funky as the name implies, the food was great and our group of around 30 lingered there longer than we had intended.

Once at Big Daddy's, we were met by the man himself and ushered into the dragracing area. Club President Roland Via talked with Don about the time he spent with us on the beach for the 2003 racing centennial. Mr. Garlits was as cordial as ever, and as I gushed over him, he didn't seem to mind.



When I mentioned the 1904 Peerless he rode on Ormond Beach was a Barney Oldfield car, Don told me Oldfield was his hero. (That prompted me to tell him he was mine.) As always, Don seemed to enjoy talking about the tricks that make racing engines go faster. Our group gathered around the master and hung on his every word.

My favorite part of the tour was seeing so many of the dragsters driven by the top performers when I was a young man. Cars that belonged to Connie Kalitta, Cris Karamisenes, Don Prudhomme, TV Tommy Ivo and Cha Cha Muldowney were there along with so many more. Just being close to the dragsters I saw run in my vouth made me want to get behind the wheel again.

Of course, the Drag Racing Museum is filled with the machines that made Don

famous. On display were some of his earliest "Swamp Rat" dragsters and many of the experimental machines he produced. We saw the famous "Mad Dog" winged car of Art Malone and visited a replica of Smokey Yunick's engine shop (complete with a statue of Smokey.)

The entire facility is accented by beautifully restored engines that sit under glass. One wall has seemingly every type of racing flathead carburetor and head setup ever made.

At the Antique Car Museum, we all found our favorites. Big Daddy's collection of restored 1930s Fords has to be one of the world's best. I enjoyed seeing the 1904 Brush, a car that was in the early Chrysler family tree. The museum has everything from a Crosley Hotshot to a gorgeous 1934 Cadillac, and all are perfectly restored. There truly is something there for everyone.

President Via announced Don has been selected as the 2019 recipient of the prestigious Tim Sullivan award given annually by MRHA. He truly seemed honored and

promised to be with us for the presentation at The Back To The Roots Celebration at Main Street Station next February.

Folks, our day with drag racing king Don Garlits was one to remember. He has built a wonderful facility to honor the sport he loves so much. It sits right off of I-75, just south of Ocala, and is well worth the time for any lover of speed or automobiles. Actually, there is so much to see, it is difficult to get to it all in one day. Do yourself a favor and stop in.

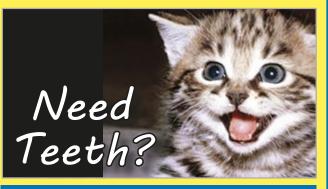
While we were there, we had fun watching the tourists who had pulled off the interstate for a quick look, never expecting to see Mr. Garlits himself. A couple times there was an audible gasp. Great fun!

Dan Smith is on the board of directors for the Ormond Beach Historical Society and The Motor Racing Heritage Association and is the author of two books, "The World's Greatest Beach" and "I Swear the Snook Drowned." Email questions and comments to fishwdan@att.net or call (386) 441-7793.



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Hospital hosts seminar on genetic counseling

Florida Hospital DeLand will host a free community seminar on genetic counseling for cancer risk, featuring Cindy Trawick, board certified advanced registered nurse practitioner and specially trained genetic counselor.

The luncheon seminar will be at noon Tuesday, May 8, at Cresswind at Victoria Gardens Clubhouse, 101 Garden Club Drive, DeLand.

Lunch will be provided and space is limited.

For a reservation, visit FHCancer.org. For more information, call (386) 231-4284.

Health News

Men's Cancer Support Group

Florida Hospital DeLand will host a support group for men diagnosed with any type of cancer at 6 p.m. May 1, at the Cancer Institute, 680 Peachwood Drive.

The group provides support as well as education about cancer-related topics. Cancer patients and survivors are invited to participate.

For a reservation, call (386) 943-7160.

Diabetes Support Group

Florida Hospital DeLand will host a free diabetes support group at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, in Classroom at 701 W. Plymouth Ave.

The group provides open discussion, question and answers, and various guest speakers. The group is open to the public and attendees are welcome to bring someone for support. For more information, call (386) 943-4727.

Parkinson's Group **Exercise Class**

Florida Hospital DeLand will host a free exercise class for those with Parkinson's disease from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on May 1, in Classrooms B and C at 701 W. Plymouth Ave.

The class will focus on balance, strength and mobility, and requires a medical waiver signed by a physician.

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Police Report

Editor's note: This is a list of arrests, not convictions, and all arrestees are presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty in a court of law.

DeLand **Police Department**

•Christina Marie Ayulo, 40, of DeLand, was arrested April 13 and charged with operating a vehicle with a canceled license and a drug offense. Bail was set at \$2,500.

•Raylene R. Brunson, 44, of DeLand, was arrested April 14 and charged with habitually driving with a revoked license. Bail was set at \$2,500.

•Chelsey J. Jackson, 30, of DeLand, was arrested April 16 and charged with a drug offense and permitting an unauthorized person to drive. Bail was set at \$3,000.

•Eladio Suarez, 29, of DeLand, was arrested April 17

and charged with criminal mischief, domestic violence assault, resisting an officer without violence and burglary of an occupied dwelling. Bail was set at \$3,500.

•Victoria Teresa Platt, 38, of DeLand, was arrested April 18 and charged with aggravated battery. Bail was not set.

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•Nathan Pixley, 33, of DeLeon Springs, was arrested April 13 and charged with possession of methamphetamine. Bail was set at \$2,000.

•Shelia Rainey, 46, of DeLand, was arrested April 13 and charged with fraudulent use of a credit card. Bail was set at \$5,000.

•Becky S. Urbeck, 34, of DeLand, was arrested April 14 and charged with possession of paraphernalia, methamphetamine and a Schedule II substance. Bail was set at \$3,500.

•Gary D. Shelton, 47, of DeLand, was arrested April 15 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, possession of a Schedule II substance and false imprisonment. Bail was not set.

•Jonathan D. Ponder, 32, of DeLand, was arrested April 16 and charged with possession of paraphernalia and a Schedule III and IV substance. Bail was set at \$15,000.

•Hector J. Rosado, 33, of DeLand, was arrested April 17 and charged with grand theft, dealing in stolen property and burglary of a structure or conveyance. Bail was not set.

•Kentrell Devon Williams, 34, of DeLand, was arrested April 18 and charged with possession of paraphernalia, cocaine and cannabis with intent to sell. Bail was set at \$5,500.

•Journetta L. Watkins, 46, of DeLand, was arrested April 18 and charged with possession of paraphernalia, cocaine and cannabis. Bail was set at \$4,000.

•Richard C. Wright, 33, of DeLand, was arrested April 18 and charged with child abuse. Bail was not set.

•Matthew W. Lewis, 33, of DeLand, was arrested April 19 and charged with domestic battery by strangulation and false imprisonment. Bail was not set.

•Michael T. Trevisan, 26, of DeLand, was arrested April 19 and charged with possession of paraphernalia and cannabis with intent to sell. Bail was set at \$5,500.

•Wyatt D. Peterson, 33, of Pierson, was arrested April 19 and charged with unarmed burglary of an occupied structure and dealing in stolen property. Bail was set at \$26,500.

Summer Camps

Volusia County camps

Volusia County's Parks, Recreation and Culture Division will coordinate summer day camps at 14 locations across the county.

The camps will be offered from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 4 to July 27.

Staff will lead supervised activities, indoor and outdoor games, field trips, arts and crafts, and a talent show for children ages 5 to 15.

Five-year-olds must have completed kindergarten.

West Volusia sites include: •Boy Scout Hut, 716 N. Frankfort Ave., DeLand

•DeBary Hall Historic Site, 198 Sunrise Blvd., DeBary •Chisholm Community Center, 520 S. Clara Ave.,

DeLand

•DeLand High School city gym, 800 N. Hill Ave., DeLand •Gemini Springs Park, 37 Dirksen Drive, DeBary

•Orange City Elementary School, 555 E. University Ave., Orange City

•T. Dewitt Taylor Middle/ High School, 100 E. Washington Ave., Pierson

Registration will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays, May 12 and 19, at each site. The cost is \$65 per week plus a one-time \$15 registration fee. Parents must pay the registration and first-week fees when they register.

For more information visit volusia.org/recreation or call (386) 736-5953.

LEC summer camps

Children can experience the wonders of Volusia County's ecosystems during weekly summer camps at Lyonia Environmental Center, 2150 Eustace Ave., Deltona.

The camps will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 4 to Aug. 3. The fee is \$80 a week.

Children should bring lunch and water in a refillable container. All camps will feature nature hikes, live animal encounters, games, snacks, and arts and crafts. Off-site field trips will be for 10- to 14-year-olds.

For more information or to register, contact Education Coordinator Shari Smith at ssmith@volusia.org or (386) 789-7207, ext. 21026.

DeBary camps

DeBary Parks & Recreation Department has started registration for summer camp at DeBary City Hall.

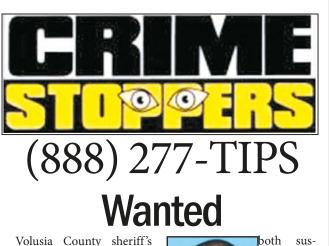
Camps are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, starting June 4 at Florence K. Little Town Hall. Camps are for students entering second grade through sixth grade.

Online registration is available for past participants with an account. Space is limited to 60 campers per week.

Participants do not have to attend the entire summer.

The cost is \$85 per week. All weeks must be prepaid. The cost includes camp T-shirt and field trips. Lunch is not provided. Children may be required to bring money for lunch on field trips (estimated range of \$8-\$15/trip)

For more information, call (386) 668-2040 Option 4 or visit debaryrecreation.org.



Volusia County sheriff's detectives need the public's help to locate two suspects wanted for using a stun gun to rob a victim at 117 Angeles Road, DeBary.

The robbery took place about 2 a.m. March 17. Detectives say the suspects, Stephanie Campaign, 29 (DOB: Aug. 25, 1988), of Deltona, and Jesse Adkins, 36, (DOB: July 21, 1981), of Osteen used a missing key to enter the home.

The pair stood outside the victim's bedroom door, banging on it, and when the victim opened the door, Adkins rushed in, holding an active stun gun to the victim's face. Adkins accused him of beating up someone and threatened to beat him in retaliation. The victim refuted the claims and then Adkins instead demanded to know where his "stash" was. The victim said out of fear he pulled out his wallet and Adkins took cash. His cell phone, a jar containing 3-4 grams of cannabis and a blue pocket knife were also taken.

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Rants & Raves

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or e-mail newsdy@hometownnewsol.com. Please limit your submissions to 250 words, so that we can include more entries. Readers are asked to refrain from making slanderous or libelous statements.

Thanks to hard-working nurses

I was in Halifax Hospital two weeks about on the bottom floor, F section.

I want to give a special special shout-out to the nurses on the floor, Kristi, Christina, Brandy, Mary Anne and Kemper. These nurses work long, hard hours with no complaints, are very professional and answered every question I had, which was quite educational.

I want to give them all the credit they deserve. Thank you.

In response to: 'A little courtesy, please'

I am in total agreement.

I have lived in Texas half my life and Tennessee the other half. I thought after reading this, "I'm fixin' tuh send in a response." I moved here three years ago, and some of the people here can be terrible.

I grew up saying, "Howdy, how y'all doing." I hold doors open for people here, and they never say thank you; some basically just walk past me like I should be honored to be in their presence, and let's not try to understand the way some of these people drive.

The only thing I can say to them is, "Bless your heart."

To trolley shuttle or not to trolley shuttle

In respect to last week's article "City must get commitments for trolley shuttle service," I think that a wise pre-requisite of the many to dare not overlook.

Along with that, research about related issues, such as parking/structure, route, stops and ramifications to homeowners is equally important. Especially in obtaining the input of all affecteđ.

Wholeheartedly in favor of profit making merchants footing a sizable portion of the bill for such a project; I'm leery of them balking about contributing their fair share. After all, proprietors of increasingly lucrative motels, restaurants/bars, and shops on Canal, Flagler and Third are the main benefactors.

Whether or not such a shuttle service eventually develops into a self-sustaining park 'n ride enterprise, I consider it an interesting proposal to end the escalation of traffic tie-ups between mainland and beachside. But, only after widespread involvement, open deliberation, resolved details, guaranteed agreements and shared funding.

In response to: 'A little courtesy, please'

Rummage sale for history



Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

People browse various items for sale on Saturday, April 14, at the Conrad Center in DeLand during a rummage sale to raise money for the West Volusia Historical Society.

tions. Thousands of new jobs would be available for inspectors of cars and for inspector stations.

We used to have inspections. Wouldn't it be nice if we knew the other drivers who share the road with us have automobile insurance. Auto inspection stations would cut down on accidents and prevent deaths. Read this article Gov. Scott.

Thanks for Good Samaritans

Many thanks to the two male Good Samaritans who literally pulled the door off its hinges to get my husband out of the car after his accident due to a medical emergency on Monday, April 16, at 13th and Atlantic avenues.

I want to thank you both personally. With all of the negativity in the press, people like you restore our faith in humanity. My gratitude cannot be adequately expressed.

For ethical reasons re: Facebook's data sharing behavior, I deleted my account. However, I was dismayed to hear from friends of ill-informed posts about the accident, some from people I knew. Such posts added to the pain of an already traumatic situation. I hope people will consider that knee-jerk comments they make on social media may be about their friends and add to the trauma of horrible situations.

Again, in my mind those two young men are as great heroes as are the fireman who pulled the woman out of the window and rendered aid on Southwest Airline. I'm sorry they don't get the same national acclaim.

Still no strawberries

I would like to add my two cents about the Strawberry (less) Festival in DeLand a couple of weeks ago.

We (my family, including a toddler) walked there from the Plant Fair, which was pretty far, and were met by a gentleman who said we had to pay \$27 and could not enter that way anyway, but had to go all the way around to the opposite side.

The indoor portion had not one free thing and was just like an outdoor farmers' market with hot sauce, jams and jellies, and homemade items. There was a children's play area with inflatable toys and little tents.

The food with strawberry-themed items were expensive. The ATM didn't work.

Outside, there were overpriced food-truck items and face painting at \$5 each. The "soft serve" ice cream was pre-made and frozen solid.

Finally, and this is what sent us directly out ... no strawberries! That's right, a strawberry festival with no fresh strawberries at all!

When contacted, the company that ran the festival said there were none because the strawberry season was shortened because the weather had been too warm. Which meant, of course, there were no strawberries at the festival in Barberville the following week, either. But the folks up there had yet to find that out. Billboards on State Road 44 and U.S. 92 advertised these events heavily, so I feel like we were suckered.

Garden Club celebrates end of 90th year

E. Howry Ave. The gardeners sentation on the life history of will discuss butterfly garden- reptiles, problems with invaing in celebration of DeLand's

DeLand Regional Library, 130 short hike followed by a presive species, and the role of

I agree with with you.

You are lucky while you are in Tennessee. Most drivers in Florida do not know what a turn signal is. They prefer to have other motorists guess what they intend to do.

A ticket for an improper turn/lane change costs \$131. If law enforcement would enforce those laws, not only would they generate some much-needed revenue, but we would probably see a lot more twinkling of turn signals.

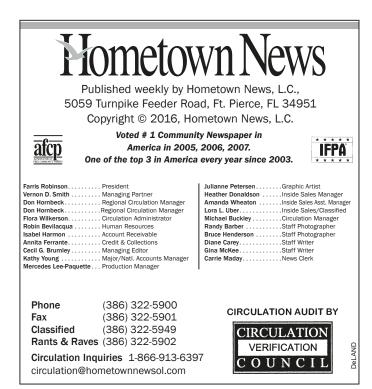
If Gov. Scott was smart

If Gov. Rick Scott decided to make our state safer for all drivers and at the same time create thousand of new jobs for Florida, he would bring back yearly automobile inspections.

Non-insured, broken tail lights, bad brakes, not working headlights, all these problems would be stopped if there were inspec-

DEADLINES

The deadline for submissions to Hometown News in Volusia County is 5 p.m. Thursday for the next week's issue, except for Rants & Raves, which is 5 p.m. Friday. Deadlines are adjusted for holidays. For more information, call (386) 322-5924.



munity for its support and patronage.

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Attendees will learn about the flights out of Daytona Beach on American Airlines, Delta and JetBlue as well as the amenities and services the airport provides. Shelldon, the official mascot of the Daytona Tortugas, will greet guests.

Guests visiting the airport's table on the second level can spin the prize wheel to win a variety of prizes, including a hotel stay, free parking at the airport and tickets to a Daytona Tortugas game.

DeLand to host law enforcement forum

The City of DeLand will host "The Law and Your Community" at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 28 at the Sanborn Events Center, 815 S. Alabama Ave.,

Officers from the DeLand Police Department will meet with members of the community to develop, strengthen and revitalize relationships.

The event is co-sponsored by the newly formed Police Community Advisory Council and is geared toward youth ages 13 to 18, but anyone is welcome.

Sisters for Life Yard Sale

Sisters For Life, a breast cancer awareness non-profit group, will host a yard sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at 511 S. Clara Ave. across from the Chisholm Community Center in DeLand.

All funds raised will be used to help fund various programs and events.

The Garden Club of Deland is ending their 90th year with a Garden Party hosted by the Sparkleberry Circle Friday, May 4, at 865 S. Alabama Ave.

There will be gourmet, savory and sweet tastings, wine, sangria and tea from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. as well as music and a silent auction. All eight circles, Blue Sage, Daisy, Firecracker, Magnolia, Marigold, Pansy, Rose and Sparkleberry, will have a display representing their circle.

Admission is \$15 and it is open to the public.

Citizens Police Academy set to begin

The DeLand Police Department is seeking residents interested in participating in its annual Citizens Police Academy.

The program will offer a hands-on, behind-the-scenes look at what happens at the police department.

The academy is free. Classes will be from May 17 to June 28 and will begin at 7 p.m. at 219 W. Howry Ave. The class is limited to 25 participants.

To join the program, stop by the police department to pick up an application or email Officer Rod Hancock at hancockr@deland.org.

Master gardeners plan plant clinics

Volusia County's master gardeners will share spring gardening tips and answer questions during plant clinics in May. Residents can bring their plants for a free check-

•10 to 11 a.m. Friday, May 4,

recent designation as Florida's first "Monarch City USA."

•10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 12, Deltona Regional Library, 2150 Eustace Ave. Howard Jeffries will discuss and demonstrate pruning techniques from 11 a.m. to noon.

•10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, May 15, DeBary Public Library, 200 N. Charles R. Beall Blvd.

For more information, call the Volusia County Extension Service at (386) 822-5778.

Sensory Garden re-dedication

The Garden Club along with the City of DeLand and the DeLand Butterfly Society will re-dedicate the club's Sensory Garden at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 5.

The garden was initially created by the Garden Club in 1998. It was revamped with DeLand's recent designation as Florida's first Monarch City USA.

County plans Explore Volusia programs

Learn about Volusia County's conservation lands and land management practices during free Explore Volusia programs in May.

Environmental specialists will lead guided hikes, paddling trips, eco-buggy tours and bike-abouts.

Reservations are required; call (386) 736-5927.

Upcoming events include: •Rethink reptiles: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 3, Lyonia Environmental Center, 2150 Eustace Ave., Deltona. The program will include a snakes in their natural surroundings.

•Indian River Lagoon paddle: 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, May 10. Paddlers may encounter manatees and dolphins during this leisurely paddling trip. Bring a kayak, canoe or stand-up paddleboard along with a life preserver and whistle. Meet at Mary McLeod Bethune Beach Park, 6656 S. Atlantic Ave., New Smyrna Beach.

Participants should bring water and insect repellent. They should wear comfortable clothes and hiking or walking shoes.

LEC plans nature hikes, programs

Discover Volusia County's native plants and wildlife during outdoor hikes and indoor programs at Lyonia Environmental Center, 2150 Eustace Ave., Deltona.

The free programs begin in the center's classroom. Reservations are required; call (386) 789-7207, ext. 21028.

Programs include:

•Sea, touch and explore: 2 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 27. LEC staff and volunteers will share fun facts about sea stars, sea urchins and sea cucumbers.

•Bountiful butterflies workshop: 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 28. Construct a butterfly rearing cage, receive instructions for raising monarch butterflies at home, and take home a starter milkweed plant. The fee is \$10 per person for this program, which is hosted by the Friends of Lyonia Environmental Center. Space is limited to 10 persons; preregistration is required.

•Popcorn and a movie: 2 to See NOTES, page A7

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A jobs report too far out of whack

fter years of grumbling about some of the state labor department's employment reports, I'm giving up on its non-agricultural jobs report.

Some of the latest report, for March, makes sense for Volusia and Flagler counties. Construction jobs were up 1,100 from March of last year with the combination of large commercial projects and a hot housing construction market. Hospitality jobs were up 800 jobs from last year, with several new hotels and restaurants opening. Retail jobs were up 600, which is surprising given the number of store closings as brick and mortar stores struggle to compete with Internet sales.

But where the report goes off the rails is in listing business and professional services jobs down 1,500 and government jobs down 900. That's a lot of jobs to disappear over the past 12 months and I thought maybe I missed some big layoffs.

So, I went to the folks who deal with the unemployed the most, Career Source of Volusia/Flagler.

"We have not seen any major layoffs that would account for such a downward spike in jobs," Christine Sikora, a Career Source vice president wrote in an email. "With lower unemployment numbers and less people looking for work, many

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be from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1, through

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businesses have chosen ways to become more efficient without hiring new workers. This would not be uncommon in this type of labor market."

But, she noted, "In the last month, we saw 1,347 job-seekers, which is the lowest number we have had register with us in over 10 years."

Not exactly a ringing endorsement of the non-ag jobs report. The report is supposed to be based on a survey of employers and applications for unemployment compensation, but apparently something in that got way out of whack.

On the other hand, the unemployment report, based on a survey of households and the unemployment apps, is more of what you'd expect. The number of unemployed workers went down (below 10,000 in Volusia for the first time in a while) and the unemployment rate was at 3.9 percent. The same as in February, but down from 4.3 percent in March 2017.

So, I won't be using the non-ag report for my column any more, which is just as well, since it includes Volusia

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Thursday, May 3.

and Flagler, and I don't really keep up with what's going on with our neighbors to the north.

After taking a few days off for my son's wedding, I'm a little behind on the individual deals going on around the county, but I'll include as much as I can.

An Orlando couple bought the Night Swan B&B and adjacent properties in New Smyrna Beach for \$1.7 million. A California businessman bought the long strip center in the 2200 block of South Ridgewood Avenue in South Daytona for \$1.65 million. Some airplane hangar condos at Spruce Creek Fly-In sold for \$1.525 million. Realty Income Corp. of San Diego bought the Krystal property at 2550 W. International Speedway Blvd. in Daytona Beach for about \$1.44 million. D.R. Horton has bought another chunk of lots in the new Coastal Woods subdivision in New Smyrna Beach from Geosam Capital for \$1.4 million.

A couple of land sales that should result in immediate construction projects are Denver-based medical real-estate specialist NexCore Group buying land for \$666,000 on Veterans Memorial Parkway in Orange City, where it is planning a 91-unit

of Commerce and the Orange

City Alliance have several reg-

group Fuel meets at 7:30 a.m.

each Monday at Boston Cof-

fee, 109 E. New York Ave.,

meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1

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Business News

senior living community, and Dollar Tree buying land from O'Reilly Auto Parts in Edgewater for \$430,000 for what we could assume is a new store, although it might be a Family Dollar Store.

The travel and tourism business in Volusia seemed to be doing fine in March. Passenger traffic at Daytona Beach International Airport was up 4.2 percent in March with $\overline{72}$,95 $\overline{7}$, compared to 70,023 passengers in March 2017. Bed tax collections were up 6.24 percent in February from February 2017 in Volusia. All three market areas were up.

A final note: A developer is seeking to build a 108,000-square-foot, five-story self-storage facility, 100-room, five-story hotel, and 5,200-square-foot restaurant on 7.31 acres at the southeast corner of Taylor road and Williamson Boulevard in Port Orange.

Managing Editor Cecil G. Brumley has been tracking business and the economy in *Volusia County for more than* 21 years. Contact him at cbrumley@hometownnewsol. com (no hyphens) or follow him on Twitter @cecilbrumley.

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3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29. Watch "Ocean Odyssey." Free popcorn will be served. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase.

•Scrub strolls: 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday and Friday. Environmental specialists lead these exploratory hikes through the preserve. Participants should wear closedtoe shoes, bring water and be prepared to hike on sugar-sand trails.

Gardener to address pruning

Master Gardener Howard Jeffries will demonstrate pruning techniques and discuss reasons for pruning at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 3, in DeBary Hall Historic Site's stable, 198 Sunrise Blvd., DeBary.

Participants are encouraged to bring their pruning tools for hands-on experience.

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This tax question gave me a workout!

Ye got a stock that has grown from \$10 a share to \$50 a share. I don't need the money. Is it better to sell it, give it to my kids now, or leave it to them when I die?

This excellent question was posed to me by "Jack" between dumbbell curls at the gym. It provides a great example of how taxes and investing can be interrelated. The "correct" answer will depend on each person's individual situation, but here are some options for Jack to consider:

No. 1 – Sell it. There would be a \$40 per share capital gain. I don't know the specifics of the stock transaction, but let's assume Jack purchased 1,000 shares, at \$10 a share, five years ago. That would mean a \$40,000 long-term capital gain to report on the sale.

The amount of tax due would depend on a variety of factors, including: Jack's other income, his marital status, and PLAN STRONGER DAVID D. HOLLAND

whether he has any capital losses to offset the gain. For example, if Jack is married, has no losses to offset the gain, and has at least \$77,201 of taxable income for 2018, he'd owe 15 percent tax (\$6,000) on the \$40,000 of capital gain.

No. 2 – Gift it. Now, if you give an appreciated asset to someone else during your lifetime, the recipient will use your basis (what you paid for it) when it comes time to figure what they owe in income taxes (like in option No. 1). So, if Jack gives the stock to his son, who later sells it for \$100 a share, the son will have a \$90 capital gain per share. He'd still use the initial purchase price of \$10 per share when he figures his gain and how much tax he owes. No. 3 – Leave it. An

interesting "wrinkle" in the U.S. tax code is that, if you die owning an asset (like stock, per this example), the basis gets "stepped-up" to the value of the stock on the date of your death, not what you paid for it. So, if Jack kept the stock, died, left it to his son, and then the son sold it, the son would only pay tax on the gain above what the stock was worth on the day Jack died. In effect, both Jack and his son escape the capital gains tax.

Please note federal income taxes and federal gift and estate taxes are two separate taxes. Some people pay one or the other or both. However, most people are no longer affected by gift and estate taxes since the exemption for 2018 is now \$11.2 million per person. That means you can either give \$11.2 million to someone during your lifetime, or leave him/her that amount at your death, and there'd be no gift or estate taxes (also known as "death" and "inheritance" taxes).

Good to know, right? Got a financial question you'd like answered here? Just drop me a note . . . or, you can always try to catch me at the gym!

David D. Holland, a Certified Financial Planner practitioner, hosts a weekly TV show Mondays on WDSC Channel 15 at 7 p.m. He has also authored two books in his Confessions of a Financial Planner series. Mr. Holland offers investment advice through Holland Advisory Services Inc., a registered investment adviser in Ormond Beach. He can be contacted at (386) 671-7526. Email financial questions to questions@planstronger.com.

Business

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which includes the Florida Hospitals in Volusia County, has been recognized by national health care publication Becker's Hospital Review as one of the top places to work in health care.

The 2018 "150 Top Places to Work in Healthcare" list highlights hospitals, health systems and health care companies that promote diversity within the workforce, employee engagement and professional growth.

Travel week celebration

The Lodging & Hospitality Association of Volusia County will present Celebrate 2018 National Travel & Tourism Week at 8 a.m. Wednesday, May 9, at the Hard Rock Hotel, 918 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach. Tourism leaders will talk about what's new in Volusia. Reservations are required by May 4. For a reservation, email Eileen Gaines at eqaines@daytonahotelmotel.com or call (386) 257-6828.

WILLOW luncheon planned

The West Volusia Regional Chamber of Commerce will host a WILLOW Ladies Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 27, at DeBary Golf & Country Club, 300 Plantation Club Drive, DeBary,.

Guest speaker is Michelle Patterson with Heart Peace Counseling discussing "The Power of NO."

The cost is \$19 per person. Chamber membership is not required.

For a reservation or more information, visit westvolusiaregionalchamber.org or call

(386) 490-4606.

Hospital certified in shoulder joint surgery

Florida Hospital DeLand is one of only five hospitals in the state to earn the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for shoulder replacements, designating the hospital as a Center of Excellence for total shoulder replacement surgery.

Shoulder joint replacement, also called shoulder arthroplasty, is surgery to replace the bones of the shoulder with an artificial joint. The procedure is usually performed to relieve pain and restore mobility when other treatments are ineffective.

AM Connection set

The West Volusia Regional Chamber of Commerce will present an AM Connection at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, at Gateway Center for the Arts, 880 N. C.R. Beall Blvd., DeBary.

Julie Baker of Model Furniture Warehouse & Gallery will be the guest speaker.

Free for members, the cost is \$10 for non-members.

For a reservation or more information, visit westvolusiaregionalchamber.org or call (386) 490-4606.

Registration open for Chamber Mega Mixer

Registration is now open for the annual Volusia County Chamber Alliance's Mega Mixer June 7.

The table top expo will be in the Jim Henderson Welcome Center at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Sponsor and exhibitor information available at volusiachamberalliance.com.

Star student



Courtesy of DeLand High School

The Hometown News March Student of the Month is Matthew Jolliffe. A senior at DeLand High School, Matthew is 18 years old and is ranked fifth in this year's graduating class with a 4.68 GPA. Matthew has earned more than 200 volunteer hours with Volusia County's Seventh Judicial Circuit Teen Court. Matthew also is a member of the varsity tennis team and volunteers as a math tutor on his own time after school. He plans to study aerospace engineering after graduating high school.

School News

DSC hosts Campus Safety Awareness Day

Nineteen Daytona State College employees, students and associates were honored April 13 for their contributions to maintaining a safe campus environment as part of the college's 11th annual Campus Safety Awareness Day.

The Wall of Fame honorees included: Faith Baker, student; Bruce Barton, groundskeeper; Tycee Bates, student; Ashley Bossardet, student; Christina de la Osa, advisor; Russ Gibbons, campus safety manager; Daytona Beach Police officers Matt Hamilton, Tearany Hardaway, Justin Huckaby and Rico Santana; Ines Harris, horticulturalist; Campus Safety officers Charles Hinton, Nancy Hodge and David Howell; Jimmy Lane, trades supervisor; Paige Londre, student; Suzy McDowell, Adult Education; Edgar Santiago, irrigation specialist; and Mary Elisabeth Thompson, tutor.



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Out & about

Friday, April 27

• Concert: Stetson University Symphony Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m. at Lee Chapel in Elizabeth Hall, 421 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand.

Tickets are \$10 for adult, \$5 for youth and student, no charge for 12 and younger. Tickets available at the door or at stetson.edu/music-tickets. There will be a pre-concert talk with Daniil Zavlunov, musicologist from 6:30-7 p.m. at Tinsley Room in Presser Hall.

 Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center: Florida Dance Theatre of Polk County will present "Chapters, An Evening of Contemporary Dance" at 7:30 p.m. at 399 N. U.S. 1, Ormond Beach.

Tickets are \$25 for preferred reserved or \$20 general reserved.For information or tickets, visit ormondbeach.org/ pac or call (386) 676-3375.

 Shoestring Theatre: "Dearly Departed," the brainchild of authors David Bottrell and Jessie Jones will be presented by Shoestring Theatre. Show dates are 7:30 p.m. April 27-28 and 2:30 p.m. April 29, at 380 S. Goodwin St., Lake Helen.

Tickets are \$18 for adult, \$15 for senior, and \$10 for students and children. Thursdays are BOGO, buy one adult ticket and get one free. For reservations, call (386) 228-3777.

• Cinematique: Now playing is "The Leisure Seeker" at 242 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach. Tickets are \$7 general or \$5 members. For more information, call (386) 252-3118.

Saturday, April 28

• Water Festival: The Water Festival, an annual event, will be in historic downtown DeLand between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The free, family-oriented event is presented by Volusia Water Alliance, a non-profit group composed of the City of DeLand, Stetson University's Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience, Blue Spring Allia



Photo courtesy of Daytona Beach Symphony Society

The Daytona Beach Symphony Society announces its 2018-19 season. Opening night concert will feature GRAMMY award winning ensemble, Chanticleer.

Symphony Society lists performances

For Hometown News

newsdy@hometownnewsol.com Subscriptions for the next season of the Daytona Beach Symphony Society will go on sale May 1.

The Daytona Beach Symphony Society recently announced its schedule of performances for its 2018-19 Season at The Peabody Auditorium, 600 Auditorium Blvd., Daytona Beach.

Featuring seven international perfor-

mances, the season will run from Nov. 28 to March 31.

"Our stellar, upcoming season includes orchestras from London, Shanghai, Buffalo and Jacksonville; a world class vocal ensemble; an unforgettable opera of frightening power; the most famous of ballets; and incredible cirque acrobats," said Tracy Marino, the society's director of marketing and development.

At a savings of 20 percent off single

ticket prices, subscriptions range from \$220 to \$386 per seat and are available at the society office by calling (386) 253-2901.

The opening night concert, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, will be the Grammy-award-winning ensemble Chanticleer. Founded in San Francisco, America's orchestra of voices was named Ensemble of the Year by Musical Ameri-See SYMPHONY, page B2

Horoscopes



ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, swirling emotions may be affecting your peace of mind. This may cause you to obsess and lose control if you let it. Try to stay calm and regain your perspective.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Don't be envious of other people's relationships and possessions, Taurus. You never know what is going on behind others' closed doors. Appreciate what you have.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Interactions with others may be causing you to remain guarded, Gemini. Open yourself up a bit if you want to foster new friendships and relationships.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, if you are fearing rejection, give yourself a much-needed pep talk and then hang out with good friends. Friends can help you regain your confidence.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Try not to react without thinking things through, Leo. Knee-jerk reactions are a surefire way to land yourself in trouble. Take a moment to think before offering a response.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, openly expressing your thoughts and feelings can help you form close bonds with others. Share what is on your mind. True friends will commend vou for it.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, dedicate yourself to ork for a few days so that vo can feel reliable and needed. Otherwise, you may flounder around for a little while seeking purpose.



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Nearly 1,200 hungry bellies will congregate in festivities from 5-9 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, for the 27th Annual Wild Game Feast in the Tommy Lawrence Arena at the Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 E. New York Ave., DeLand. Parking for the event will

be free at the fairgrounds.

The event is a fundraiser

St. Johns Riverkeeper and others.

Festival activities will include a sidewalk chalk-art competition, live DJ and dancing, educational displays, interactive dance performances, live mermaids, a Blessing of the Waters inspired by a Native-American tradition. children's games and activities and vendor booths. West Indiana Avenue will be blocked from traffic

• Cracker Day Rodeo: Cracker Day will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3150 E. New York Ave., DeLand.

Cracker Day is a deep south tradition for more than 60 years and is celebrated with good ol' fashioned bull riding, barrel racing, calf roping and greased

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for local charities and is conducted by the DeLand Breakfast Rotary with support of the Rotary Club of DeLand and Rotary Club of Downtown DeLand. Daytona Beverages is the event's title sponsor. Last year, the DeLand Breakfast Rotary distributed \$110,000 to local nonprofit organizations from the proceeds, bringing the grand total of charitable donations to \$1.75 million since the first event in 1992.

Wild Game Feast tickets (ages 18 and up) include refreshments (including adult beverages), food and entertainment. Tickets, \$60 each, are available through



Sheila Robinson of Daytona Beach is served some yellow rice by DeLand resident Bernadette Dimitriadis during last year's Wild Game Feast presented by the DeLand Breakfast Rotary Club.

DeLand Breakfast Rotary members and online at wildgamefeast.org.

The Wild Game Feast has become one of the largest annual fundraisers in West Volusia County, typically hosting more than 1,000 for an evening of entertainment and wild-game delicacies,

of venison, cooter, turkey, rattlesnake and tables full of country fixin's.

The 2018 West Volusia Citizen of the Year will be announced at the event. Past winners include Philanthropist Ed Lacey (2017), Freedom Playground: Next Gen-

including pound after pound eration Committee (2016), White (2015), Jennifer Mamie Oatis (2014), Jerry Frierson (2013), Linda Ryan (2012), Cecil "Paul" Jones (2011) and Pastor Owen Strickland (2010).

> For more information, visit wildgamefeast.org.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, consider volunteering your time to causes that are important to you, either in your local community or on a grander scale. This will provide a deep sense of satisfaction.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

You may feel like taking a few risks or stepping outside of your comfort zone, Sagittarius. Following your instincts can lead you to try things with confidence.

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The Club Scene

 Bank & Blues Club: Celebration of Life & Benefit for Floyd Miles will be at 8 p.m. Friday, April 27. Tickets start at \$20 plus tax and fees. Hayfire will perform at 9 p.m. Saturday, April 28. No cover. The club is at 701 Main St., Daytona Beach. For more information. call (386) 252-9877.

 Bahama Breeze Island Grille: Live entertainment is from 6-10 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday at 1786 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach, For more information. visit bahamabreeze.com.

 Black Sheep Pub and Eating House: Happy Hour is 3-7 p.m. and 9 p.m.-close daily. Weekly specials include \$4 "CuervoRitas" Mondays; Locals Night with happy hour all night and Pub Trivia at 7 p.m., gift card prizes, Wednesdays; Ladies Night with live music, drink specials and \$4 three-olive martinis, Thursdays. Live music is every weekend at 890 S. Atlantic Ave. in Ormond Beach. For more information, call (386) 673-5933 or visit theblacksheep.com.

• Café Da Vinci: Jazz in the Courtyard (inside if raining) with The DaVinci Jazz Experiment, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 1. An open mike night starts at 7 p.m. each Wednesday at 112 W. Georgia Ave., DeLand. For more information, call (386) 736-0008 or visit cafedavincideland.com.

 CorkScrew Bar & Grille: Upcoming performers are Steel Drum & Jazz guitar with Lawrence App, noon-3 p.m., Sunday, April 29; pop and standards with Joe Calabrese, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, May 1; and singer and guitarist Gino Conti, 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 2 at 235 Canal St., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 957-3955.

• Daytona Beach Brewing Co.: Taproom hours are 4-8 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and noon to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday in Unit N at 482 Fentress Blvd., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (844) 352-2337 or visit daytonabeachbrewingcompany.com.

• Down the Hatch: Upcoming performers are Jim Cheivler. 6-10 p.m. Friday, April 27; Linda Long, 1-5 p.m. Saturday, April

28: Mark 7., 6-10 p.m. Saturday; and Jimmy Z., 1-5 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at 4894 Front St., Ponce Inlet. For more information, call (386) 761-4831 or visit downthehatchseafood.com

• Frappes Italian Grille: "Happiest Hour" is in the bar nightly from 5-6:30 p.m. First Tuesday of the month is wine tasting, two whites, two reds and an appetizer for \$25. For reservations, call (386) 615-4888.

• Grille at Riverview: Upcoming performers are Mark Venneri, 6-10 p.m. Friday, April 27; LA Robinson & Streetlife, 6:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28; 5 Island Steele, noon- 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at 101 Flagler Ave., New Smyrna Beach. Dinner reservations required. For more information, call (386) 428-1865.

• Lagerheads Bar & Grill: Upcoming performers are Justin Time, Friday, April 20; Robert Keele, Saturday, April 21; Don Hill, Sunday, April 22, and Tuesday, April 24; Ed Wolford, Monday, April 23; Alex Richmond, Wednesday, April 25; and Gary "Not Quite" Wright, Thursday, April 26. Weather permitting, live music is at 2986 Ocean Shore Blvd., Ormond-by-the-Sea. For more information, call (386) 265-1977.

• Mr. Dunderbak's: Sponsors a monthly beer tasting. Cost is \$12 per person. Seating is limited to the first 70 prepaid reservations. If interested, call (386) 258-1600 to reserve a spot at 1700 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach.

• Mulligan's Family Sports Grille: Karaoke with Just George will be at 9 p.m. Friday. Rock Star Karaoke by Bob is at 9 p.m. Saturday. Live Team Trivia is 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday. Free to play and win prizes. Eddie Uzzle will perform rock oldies from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday. Karaoke with Just George is 9 p.m. Thursday at 3830 S. Nova, Port Orange. For more information, call (386) 788-3268.

 Norwood's Restaurant and Wine Shop: Free wine tastings are from 5-7 p.m. each Friday on the deck and Saturday in the shop with complimentary

cheeses at 400 Second Ave., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 428-4621

• The NSB Sea Shack: Gino Conti will perform 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, April 27, and 5-8:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at 491 E. Third Ave., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 428-8850.

• Ocean Deck: Morning Buzz plays at 9:30 p.m. Mondays. Orange Avenue plays at 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Caribbean Posse performs from 9:30 p.m.-2 a.m. Thursday through Sunday. Robert Keele plays acoustic guitar from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Tom Redmond performs classic rock from 5-8 p.m. Fridays. Karaoke with Stormin' Norman is from 4-8 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday, at 127 S. Ocean Ave., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 253-5224 or visit oceandeck. com.

• Ohana Luau Dinner Show: This dinner show spectacular and family-style feast will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, The show has a 6:30 p.m. seating, dinner at 7:15 p.m. and show at 7:30 p.m., at the Hawaiian Inn, 2301 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores. For more information, call (386) 255-5411, Ext. 186, or visit myohanaluau.com.

 Past Times Restaurant and Bar: Mark Venneri will perform from 6-9 p.m. Monday, April 23, at 709 S. Nova Road, Ormond Beach. For more information. call (386) 944-9293.

• Sinatra's Laldila Ristorante: Pianists play from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday. Karaoke is 9 p.m. to close Saturday at 355 Cassadaga Road, Lake Helen. For information, call (386) 218-3806.

• Sunny's Wine & Liquor: A free wine and liquor tasting is hosted from 4-7 p.m. each Friday and Saturday at 350 S. Spring Garden Ave., DeLand. For more information, call (386) 738-7533 or visit delandliquorstore.com.

• Tiano's Italian Restaurant: Mark Venneri will perform from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at 1000 Wayne Ave., New Smyrna Beach, For more information. call (386) 423-0330.

Old-time jammin'



Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

Musicians from around Florida and beyond gather for a jam session on Saturday, April 7, at the Pioneer Settlement's Spring Frolic in Barberville.

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ca in 2008.

Puccini's Tosca, a story about an epic and tragic love triangle will be performed at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12. The opera includes live music by a 40-piece American orchestra, several soloists who made their much-celebrated debut last season and English supertitles.

The Shanghai Opera Symphony Orchestra will mark their first appearance in Daytona Beach at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27. Celebrated for its interpretations of classical symphony music, the concert will feature works by Verdi and Dvořák, along with Xinghai's Yellow River Piano Concerto, performed by renown concerto soloist Siheng Song.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

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Cirque Musica Crescendo will take the audience on an visually edge-oftheir-seat, stunning musical journey at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3. IT features international cirque artists performing a theatrical production in artistic union with the Jacksonville Sympho-

Founded in London in 1958, the Academy of St Martin in the Fields will take the stage at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22. Known for its fresh, brilliant classical music interpretations, this inspiring concert will feature one of America's foremost pianists, Jeremy Denk, who will also serve as the evening's conductor.

The most beloved and mesmerizing of classical ballets, it has been eight years since Swan Lake has graced the Peabody stage. Coming at 7 p.m. Friday, March 1, Russian

National Ballet dancers will bring their formidable talent and breathtakingly beautiful choreography to Daytona Beach for this one-of-a-kind ballet.

Finishing the season at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 31, will be the Buffalo Philharmonic. The orchestra made history in 1998 by appointing the incomparable JoAnn Falletta as its new maestra, making her the first female music director of a major U.S. symphony orchestra. Maestra Falletta will conduct this concert, which will include Brahm's Piano Concerto No. 2, featuring the fabulous Fabio Bidini, in his third appearance in Daytona Beach.

Single tickets (\$39-\$69) will go on sale Wednesday, Aug. 1, at The Peabody Box Office, online at dbss.org or by calling (800) 745-3000.

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> Aquarius, it may seem like lately you're feeling extreme

settle down to a more even keel. Enjoy some escapism for now.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

A laundry list of responsibilities may be coming your way, Pisces. Stay motivated and you can muscle through anything.

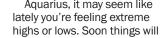
AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

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their company may prove

rejuvenating. Choose any type of

occasion, whether intimate or



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Too many cooks spoil the broth

The Cambridge Dictionary defines this statement as, "too many people involved in trying to do the same thing, the final result will not be good."

Sorry Cambridge, not being a chef, you got it all wrong. In the professional kitchen, chefs work together as a team to produce great meals. Let me enlighten you on the real problem and where it originated.

It is in my home kitchen and I am sure my home is not the only one where this problem exits. It has nothing to do with cooking soups or anything. It has to do with the kitchen organizational set up. That's right, who decides how the kitchen is set up is the problem.

In my home, too many cooks is fine except they reorganize the kitchen every day. Two weeks ago my wife decided to reorganize the kitchen to help me. She went out and bought open shelving so you could see everything stored just by looking around. She organized all the cooking pots and pans under the open



work tables. It was a spectacular job. People visiting come into the kitchen and comment how great the setup is.

I agree. I really love what she did. The only problem is she organized it and knows where everything is, I don't. A location chart would have been nice. Each day I find new surprises where things are stored.

All kidding aside, I am so fortunate she redid the kitchen and her main purpose was to make it easier for me to cook in, not to change wall paper or hang knick-knacks on the wall. It was designed to be functional and a place to create great meals.

Wait a minute! Sometimes I forget just how smart my wife really is. That's OK, I love cooking for her and once I find everything it should be easier.

Feta Cheese Mousse

12 servings

Ingredients 4 ounces heavy cream 6 ounces feta cheese 2 ounces olive oil

2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice 2 teaspoons sun dried tomatoes in olive oil Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

9:30 a.m. each Thursday at the Boston Coffee

West Volusia Artists of DeLand

to meet

DeLand will meet at 9 a.m. Friday, May 4, at the

Local artist Gary Thomas will give a demon-

For more information, call (386) 738-5515.

Members of the West Volusia Artists of

Shop, 109 E. New York Ave., DeLand.

Sanborn Center, 815 S. Alabama Ave.

stration on layout/composition at 10 a.m. First time guests are welcome to attend.

The public may attend.

Place all ingredients in the blender. Mix well. Garnish with freshly ground black pepper and serve. Can be served as dip or spread on toasted rounds of French bread. It can also be used on slice beef or lamb as an entrée sauce.

Costa Magoulas is dean of the Mori Hosseini College of Hospitality and Culinary Management at Daytona State College. Contact him at (386) 506-3578 or magoulc@ daytonastate.edu.

Art Notes

Guild hosts fundraiser for museum

The Museum of Art DeLand Guild will host May Day Extravaganza Fashion Show and Luncheon to benefit the museum from noon to 2 p.m Tuesday, May 1, at Victoria Gardens Magnolia Ballroom, 1001 Garden Club Drive, DeLand.

Sponsored by Nejma's Boutique and the Museum Guild.

The cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Reservations are required. For more information, call (386) 734-4371.

Tapestry group meets

The Tapestry Reading Group meets from 8 to

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pig races for children. Admission includes a barbecue dinner. Admission is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 6-12 and free for children 5 and younger.

For more information visit VolusiaCountyCattlemensAssociation.com.

• Turtle Day: Marine Science

Florida Jazz Association Scholarship Winners now performing in New York return for this concert at 2:30 p.m. at the Museum of Arts & Sciences, 352 S. Nova Road, Daytona Beach. Mercedes Beckman, saxophonist, and Alex Nguyen, trumpeter, headline the Jazz Appreciation Month Concert. Tickets are \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. For more information or tickets, visit

7:30 p.m. at the performing arts center at 221 N. Beach St., Daytona Beach. Free for DSC and Volusia and Flagler kindergarten-12th grade students; all others \$8 per person or \$15 for two, general seating. For more information, call (386) 226-1927 or visit DaytonaState.edu/TheArts.

Upcoming events

Art among the Trees



Photos by Bruce D. Henderson/staff photographer

Anita Patten of DeLeon Springs looks at one of artist Kealoha Pa's wood batik pieces on Saturday, April 14, during the DeLeon Springs Community Association's Art among the Trees art, craft and music festival.



DeLand artist Don Nedobeck creates a drawing as part of signing the back of one of his prints for a customer on Saturday, April 14, at his booth at the DeLeon Springs Community Association's Art among the Trees art, craft and music festival.



Center hosts this event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 100 Lighthouse Drive, Ponce Inlet.

Animal rehabilitation staff will explain how they care for injured birds and sea turtles, while vendors will sell food, beverages and frozen custard. Other activities will include face painting, crafts and live music.

Admission is free. For more information, call (386) 304-5545 or visit marinesciencecenter.com.

Sunday, April 29

• Walk: AVA Happy Wanderers will host a 5K, 10K walk at 8 a.m at the DeLand Regional Library, 130 E. Howry Ave. Cost is \$3. For more information, call (386) 256-2160, (386) 214-3890 or visit happywanderesfl.org.

• Concert: Former Northeast

neija.org.

Tuesday, May 1

• Daytona State College: Music Production Technology Rocks! Concert will be at 7:30 p.m. at the performing arts center at 221 N. Beach St., Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 226-1927 or visit DaytonaState.edu/TheArts.

• Live Comedy: Live Interactive Improv Comedy presented by Random Acts of Insanity is at 8 p.m. at the Cinematique Theater, 242 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach. Tickets are \$5. All ages welcome. For more information, call (386) 252-3118.

Thursday, May 3

• Daytona State College: "On Broadway" will be performed at

• Movie in the Park: "Wonder" will be played Friday, May 4, at Veterans Memorial Park,426 S. Volusia Ave, Orange City. This is a free event for the community. Bring blankets and chairs. Movie begins at dusk. For more information, call (386) 775-5410.

• Bonkerz Comedy Club: The Center at Deltona invites the public to comedy night, starring comedian Myke Herlihy, who has been seen on CBS. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. Friday, May 4, and tickets are \$5 plus fees at bonkerzcomedyproductions.com until the day of the show. Tickets are available at the door for \$12. There is a two item purchase minimum, and food and a full bar is available. The age limit is 18. The center is at

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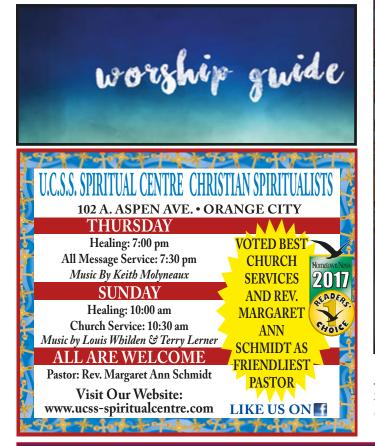
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Kids' creativity on display





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Jessica Osterhout, a McInnis Elementary School art teacher, sits with her husband, John Osterhout, on Saturday, April 14, at a display of art by kindergarten through fifth-grade students at the DeLeon Springs Community Association's Art among the Trees art, craft and music festival.

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Religion Briefs

DeLand Prayerblessing, guidance, wisdomBreakfastand compassion for the cityand its leadership.

Florida Hospital DeLand

will host its 17th annual City

of DeLand Prayer Breakfast at

7 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, at the

Wayne G. Sanborn Activity

The event will draw upon

DeLand's vast diversity of faith

as a source of strength and

hope for the community's

future, as local leaders join

together in prayer for divine

1640 Dr. Martin Luther King

This inaugural event on the

• Riverfest at Riverwalk Park:

Halifax River will be May 5-6 at

Orange. A Land and Sea Dinner

will kick off the activities Friday

evening, May 4. Catered by Aunt

Cream Social and entertainment

by Steel Daddy. The cost is \$25.

5K at 7:30 a.m., followed by a

Stand-Up Paddle Board race at

11 a.m. Local businesses will

compete in a Corporate

Saturday events begin with a

Catfish's, there will be an Ice

3431 Ridgewood Ave. in Port

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Blvd.

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Center, 815 S. Alabama Ave.

and its leadership. The public may attend. Seating is limited. For a reservation, visit bit.ly/2HhGexJ or

call (386) 943-7169.

Church hosts Lifetree Cafe

First Christian Church will sponsor Lifetree Cafe with the topic, "Emergency: Make Room for God" at 7 p.m. Mon-

fashion show and awards presentation is at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6.

• Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center: European School of Performing Arts presents "Sound of Music" at 4 p.m. at Sunday, May 6, at 399 N. U.S. 1. Tickets are \$15.

For more information or tickets, call (386) 676-3375 or visit ormondbeach.org/pac.

Ongoing Events

• American Legion Post 127: Every first and third Saturday bingo is played at 1 p.m. with free hot dogs and coffee. Public hall rental is available at 109 assadaga Road, Lake For information, call (386) 228-2770. Artisan Alley Farmer's Market: The market is from 6-9 p.m. each Friday in Downtown DeLand and offers local, organic produce, plants, orchids and homemade breads. For more information, call (386) 589-3118. • Celebrate Recovery at TLC: A 12-step program that meets at 7 p.m. every Friday in The Lighthouse Church Cafe, 1525 S. State Road 15-A, DeLand. Childcare is provided. • DeBary Hall Historic Site: Tours of the 1871 hunting lodge are available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$2 for children ages 3 to 12, and free for children 2 and younger. For more informaday, April 30, in the Church Library, 1401 W. New York Ave., DeLand.

Additional meetings will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, in the Activity Room, Grand Villa, 350 E. International Speedway Blvd., DeLand, and at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at the Artisan Inn, 215 S. Woodland Blvd., DeLand. A food and beverage menu will be available. Jerry Drooker is the host.

For more information, call (386) 734-0677.

tion, visit debaryhall.com.

• **DeLand Farmer's Market:** 7 a.m. to noon each Wednesday at the Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3050 E. New York Ave., DeLand.

• DeLand Flea Market: 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, at 535 Fair St. For more information, call (386) 631-6500.

• Deltona Woman's Club: Bunco is played at 7 p.m. the first Friday of each month. Arts & Crafts is at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Boat meetings are 11 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month. Membership meetings are at 11 a.m. the second Thursday of each month. The hall at 1049 E. Normandy Blvd. is available for rentals and social gatherings.

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Additional events on Sunday will be a motorcycle show from noon to 5 p.m. and a Cornhole Contest at 2 p.m.

For more information, call (386) 761-1601 or visit RiverfestontheHalifax.com.

• Art in the Park: The 46th annual Art in the Park will be in Rockefeller Gardens from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 5, and 10 a.m. -4 p.m. Sunday, May 6. Returning for the third year will be the Girl Scouts Art Exhibit presented by Sunrise Community inside The Casements. A For more information, call (386) 574-2311.

• Gateway Farmers Market: Every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gateway Center for the Arts, 880 N. U.S. 17/92, DeBary. For more information, call Rob Rinaldo at (407) 443-6965.

• Lake Helen Market in the Park: 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday at

Blake Park, 437 N. Lakeview Drive.

• Meditation: Offered at 9 a.m., each Wednesday at the Bamboo Arts Center, 4490 Cave Lake Road, DeLeon Springs. Previous experience is not a hindrance and probably a benefit. Admission is free. For more information, call (386) 277-2069 or visit mentalillnessmyths.com.

• Orange City Farmers Market: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday at Dickinson Park, corner of U.S.

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Star athlete

Sports Briefs

Rotary Club of DeLand Charity Golf Classic

The Rotary Club of DeLand will host its 24th annual Charity Golf Classic at Victoria Hill Golf Course, at 8 a.m. Saturday April 28, at 300 Spalding Way, DeLand.

four-person team The scramble sign-in is at 7 a.m. Proceeds benefit "End Polio Now," as well as local organiza-

tions and programs. The \$125 entry fee includes golf fees, carts, continental

breakfast, gourmet lunch, captain's party and goodie bag. For sponsorship opportunities, to register a team, donate

items for the goodie bags or buy raffle tickets, visit delandrotary.org or call Ed Denston at (386) 801-7226.

Refuge to host fishing derby for children

Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge will host its seventh annual Children's Fishing Derby from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at the refuge impoundment at the end of Mud Lake Road in DeLeon Springs.

Children ages 3 to 12 will compete within three age brackets, vying for first, second or third place for the smallest, largest and the most fish caught.

Bait is provided; just bring fishing gear, sunscreen and folding chairs. Fishing poles are provided to children who do not have their own.

For more information or to register, call (386) 985-4673.

YMCA triathlon

The DeLand Family YMCA triathlon will be 7 a.m. Sunday, May 6, at 761 E. International Speedway Blvd.

The event includes a 300yard swim in the outdoor pool, 13-mile bike ride on a road course and a 5K.

Packet pick up will be at YMCA from 11: 30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5. The cost is \$62 for individuals until May 4 and \$72 after and relays are \$82 through May 4 and \$100 packet pick-up and race day.

For more information, email mlill@vfymca.org or call (386) 425-5210.

Xcel Regional Gymnastics

USA Gymnastics will host its Xcel Regional Gymnastics meet for Region 8 at the Ocean Center April 26-29.

Region 8 includes competitors from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

This competition is open to spectators. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. For more information, visit region8gymnastics.org.

Football team signing contract

The Southeast Pirates Football team contract signing will be at 2 p.m. April 29, at the Bank & Blues Club, 701 Main St., Daytona Beach.

Players will be auctioned to the highest bidder for two hours of handyman services. There will be a raffle and door prizes. The event is open to the public.

Maddens Ace Hardware is the sponsor.

Introduction to pickleball

In celebration of April being National Pickleball Month, Daytona/Port Orange Pickleball will host Introduction to Pickleball for Beginners, at 9 a.m. Friday, April 27, and Saturday, April 28, at the Port Orange Adult Center 4790 S. Ridgewood Ave.

There will be a free picnic of hot dogs, chips, beans, dessert and drinks at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 28.

There is no cost for introduction class. No registration required and attending all sessions is unnecessary.

For more information, call (612) 819-9180 or email pickleballdb@aol.com.

Tortugas face Miracle, Hammerheads

The Daytona Tortugas will be on the road Thursday, April 26, to face Fort Myers Miracle and Jupiter Hammerheads before returning home May 4, at Jackie Robinson Ballpark, 105 E. Orange Ave., Daytona Beach.

For more information, call (386) 257-3172 or visit milb. com.

Lady Angler tourney May 12

The Halifax Sport Fishing Club's 30th annual Lady Angler Tournament will be May 12 for wahoo, dolphin, and king.

The Captain's Meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. May 10 at the club, 3431 S. Ridgewood Ave., Port Orange. There will be food and raffles.

The weigh in will be at the Marina View docks at 125 Basin St., Daytona Beach from 4 to 6 p.m. The awards ceremony will be at the club May 15.

For early registration or more information, contact Tournament Director Jesse Jones at (386) 453-6489 or tournaments@hsfc.com.

Special Needs Fishing Tourney May 5

The Halifax Sport Fishing Club will be host its annual free Special Needs Fishing Tournament from 9 to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at Buschman Park on Spruce Creek Road Port Orange.

Participants sign up that morning from 8:30 to 9 a.m. The tournament is geared to

help children and young adults with physical and mental handicaps have a fun day catching fish.

For more information, contact Helen Klenk at (386) 547-1813, publicity@hsfc.com or hsfc.com.

Women's golf group now under LPGA banner

The Executive Women's Golf Association has changed its name to the LPGA Women Who Play.

It is now affiliated with Daytona Beach-based Ladies Professional Golf Association. The Daytona Beach area chapter will continue, but will now be under the LPGA banner.

Lipton Cup Results

The 90th annual Lipton Cup, sponsored by Smyrna Yacht Club, was April 13-15.

However, Sunday's race had to be scratched due to unfavorable weather. This year 20 boats competed.

Division I winners were: first place, PHRFection, SAYC, Madalin Keeble, captain; Second, Obsession, HRYC, Norm Church, captain; Third, Morning Dew, HAS, Chris Herbster, captain; Fourth, Scallywag Rudder Club, Robert Smith, captain; Fifth, Amigo, SYC, Mike/Austin Anderson, captain; Sixth, Strange Bird, HRYC, Dan Mielke captain.

Division II winners: First, Incommunicado, SYC, Peter Saterlee, Captain; Second, Paloma, SYC, Dave Brangaccio, captain; Third, Ariel SAYC, Dan Floryan, captain;



Courtesy of DeLand High School

The Hometown News March Athlete of the Month is Kamryn Smillov. Kamryn is 17 years old and a senior at DeLand High School. She has earned a varsity letter in track and two varsity letters in cross country, and has run two half-marathons. In addition to her athletic abilities. Kamrvn is a senior leader with a 3.79 GPA and more than 150 hours of community service. After graduating, Kamryn plans to attend Daytona State College and become a dental hygienist.

Fourth, Jenny Lind, individual, John Beattie, captain; Fifth, Sassy, SYC, Jeff Steblein, captain.

Division III winners: First place, Sailaway, SYC, Phil Cornett, captain: Second, Veria, SAYC, Brianne Petit-Muller,

captain; Third, Copperhead, HRYC, Todd Stebleton; Fourth, Meluzina, HAS, Robert Illan, captain; Fifth, Voyager, Town Marina, Robert Schultz, captain; and Sixth, M'Aingeal, individual, Jane O'Conner, captain.





Caution: Dangerous mullet projectiles

ne of the great things about fishing is that each trip is different.



ACROSS

1 Lettuce variety

On a recent morning I went north to launch my kayak west of High Bridge, just as I have told you about so many times before. The morning began a bit cool, but as soon as the sun came up over Coquina Island, the temperature began to rise.

Once I had the Green Peanut about a mile back into the mud flats, I began to cast my famous chartreuse jig mounted on a 1.8 oz, lead head painted white. My rod was a seven-foot medium action Shakespeare and the reel a number 25 Quantum. That reel is produced by the Zebco Co., noted for their smooth drag system.

The tide was going out, but at the end of the cycle and barely moving. The kayak began to drift eastward, but ever so slowly. Working my favorite trout hole produced nothing and, after a half hour, I sat pondering my next move. I had to decide whether to move along or stay until the incoming tide began to get up to speed.

Just then I spotted something in my peripheral vision off to the right. It was a mullet hurtling toward my head. Not a finger mullet, but a fat roe mullet of nearly two pounds. I ducked and twisted hard left as the fish hit my shoulder head first, slapping my ear with its tail.

Dodging a mullet in my little kayak was not the thing to do. I found that out quickly as I fell out of the boat, turning it over. The water was about eight feet deep and chilly. Luckily the stream was narrow and with a couple strokes I was able to reach shore, my rod and reel still in hand.

With no current in the water, my kayak stayed put and I was able to right it and pull it ashore. My landing net and cushion floated and my tackle pouch was around my waist, so nothing was lost

except my dignity.

I had been clocked by a big mullet and was cold and wet. Nothing left to do but go home. As I paddled back to my truck, I thought about how many times I had a mullet jump into the side of my boats or even inside, but never had I taken a hit from one. Why do mullet insist on jumping all the time?

I thought about the video we have all seen of the leaping carp in the fresh water hitting people and jumping into boats. If you are fishing a place like that, you might expect it, but here I did not.

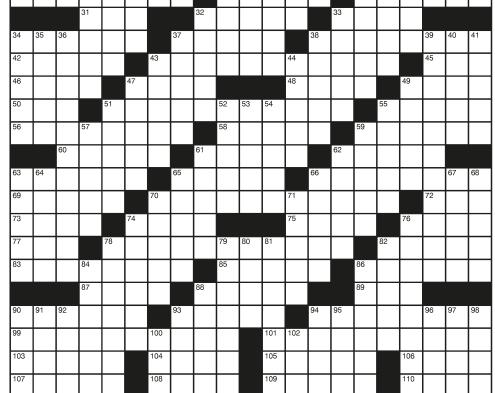
As I have often mentioned, my kayak is unstable and in order to fish it, I must concentrate on keeping myself centered. The reason I picked such a small craft is I often must carry the kayak a long way to reach the water as I fish some of the more out of the way places. The Peanut is perfect for that, weighing only 35 pounds.

One thing is for sure when I retell this story to some of my fishing buddies, I will not let on that I was hit by a mullet. No, that fish will have to turn into a big fierce game fish bent on destruction. Perhaps a 100-pound tarpon or maybe a big snook. (My fishing buddies can all read, but most prefer not to.) Anyway, I will never again admit to being ejected from my boat by a lowly mullet.

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



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Touring with the Townies



Photo courtesy of the llene Vegazo

Ilene and Clark Vegazo of DeLand recently took a cruise to St. Maarten (Dutch West Indies). Shown is Ms. Vegazo. If you'd like to join the Townies, take a copy of Hometown News with you when you take a trip, take a picture holding the paper and send it to us at newsdy@hometownnewsol.com. Be sure to include your name, your hometown and where you were.

Out

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17/92 and East Graves Avenue, Orange City.

• Ormond Beach Farmers Market: The farmers market is open each Thursday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 22 S. Beach St., Ormond Beach. For more information, visit ormondbeachmainstreet. com.

• Planetarium: The Museum of Arts and Sciences Planetarium is open Tuesday through Sunday with hourly shows. The shows are "Galileo: The Power of the Telescope," "The Little Star That Could," "Back to the Moon for Good," "The Sky Tonight," "Flight Through the Universe and Laser Mania." Museum admission is \$12.95 adults; \$6.95 children 6-17; \$10.95 seniors and students: members and children 5 and under are free. Admission includes one show. Additional shows are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 17 and under. Parking is free. MOAS is at 352 S. Nova Road, Daytona Beach. For show times, call (386) 255-0285 or visit moas.org.

• Port Orange Elks Lodge No.
 2723: Monday Table Shuffleboard Games are at 6 p.m. Blind

Draw. Wednesday Bar Bingo is at 6:15 p.m. Bingo Fridays is at 11 a.m. Free hot dogs to all players. Three Jackpots/packages starting at \$10. All proceeds benefit Elks charities. Wing Night Thursdays are 5-8 p.m. Raffles will benefit Elks Charities. Banquet hall is available for rental. For information call (386) 767-8572.

• Sandcastle Storytellers: The group meets from 6-8 p.m. Saturdays at the Boston Gourmet Coffee Shop, 109 E. New York Ave., DeLand. The public may attend.

• Sons of Italy Deltona: Bingo is at 6 p.m. each Tuesday. Every Wednesday is dinner from 4:30-8 p.m. with dancing, Donation is \$5 for pasta. Non-members are welcome. Take out is available at 1270 Doyle Road. For more information, call (386) 574 1122.

• Toastmasters: This group meets at 6 p.m. Mondays at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Business Building, Room 268, in Daytona Beach. For more information, call (386) 236-8969.

• Toastmasters: This group meets at noon Fridays at the Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce, 115 Canal St., New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 428-2449.

• Veterans and Business Men's Club: Luncheon meeting at noon each Tuesday, at the Palmetto Club, 1000 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach. It features camaraderie and speakers on topics of interest to veterans and business people. All veterans are welcome. For more information, call (386) 761-1197.

• VFW Post 4250: "The Little V" offers Friday dinners with all the fixin's from 5:30 to 7 p.m. with live music at 7 p.m. Also, Wednesday night darts and Saturday night karaoke from 7-11 p.m. A corn hole tournament at 4 p.m. each Saturday. Food is available. The post is at 2350 Sunset Drive, New Smyrna Beach. For more information, call (386) 423-1789 or visit vfwpost4250.com.

• VFW Post 8093: Bingo is at 5 p.m. Sundays. Pinochle is at 6:30 p.m. and corn hole at 7 p.m. Mondays. Tuesday there is free pool all day until 7 p.m.; then the pool league plays. Bunco is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Karaoke is at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Dinner is served from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday. The dice game Left Center Right is played at 7 p.m. each Thursday. There is an all-you-can-eat fish fry Friday from 5-7 p.m. Friday and Saturday entertainment is at 7:30 p.m. Drinks and pizza are served at the Canteen. The post is at 351 S. Charles Richard Beall Blvd., DeBary. *For more information, visit* vfwpost8093. com *or call* (386) 668-8640.

 West Volusia Historical Society Complex: The complex consists of The Henry A. DeLand House Museum and gift shop, the Robert M. Conrad Education and Research Center and the Lue Gim Gong Memorial Garden. Guided tours and gift shop are available. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday. The last tour is at 3 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 11 and free for children under six. For more information, call (386) 740-6813, email delandhouse@msn.com or visit delandhouse.com.

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