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*** PSJ Christmas Parade Results! ***

The weather was clear and bright for the 27th annual Port St. John Christmas parade. We had some of the largest entries ever in Port St. John. The Space Coast Vipers Marching Band, always a favorite of the crowd, rocked the whole mile and the cheerleaders from both the Middle School and the High School danced and performed to the music.

Not to be outdone, the Zodiac cheerleaders were flying through the air. Brevard Arts Academy had a performer on a swing - on their float!

37 teams took the time and energy to build floats and they were fantastic. They swept the parade winners and dazzled everyone as they



went down the road. Following the floats was a powerful display of Monster Trucks from T.J.'s 4x4s and at the end, SANTA BROUGHT SNOW!

Space Coast HS ROTC unit put on a great show and as always, looked extraordinarily sharp doing it.

Our Grand Marshall this year was Sheriff Wayne Ivey and BCSO, our local heroes.

As always a VERY BIG THANK YOU goes out to Parrish Medical Center, Florida Health Care Plans and Happenings, who create the parade, and our other great sponsors: Higginbotham Companies, FP&L, Sweeney's Auto Repair, Shirt Shack, Maureen Rupe, Dogs 'R Us, All Air &

Heat, Inc., Port St. John Auto Repair, Domino's, Freedom AC and Shipping Depot. Please remember these businesses and people who give back to make our community a wonderful place to live.

And of course, a BIG THANK YOU to the Christmas Parade Committee, many of whom miss the parade every year working at Challenger 7 Elementary staging the entries to create the parade. YOU ARE AWESOME! (Can you tell I'm envious of the judges?)

Lots more photos inside!

~ Randy Rodriguez

Christmas Parade Winners:

Best Overall Challenger 7 Elementary

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| 1st Place Creativity | Prof. Pigskin Prognostic. |
| 2nd Place Creativity | Walter Butler Com. Ctr. |
| 1st Place Spirit | DJ Gene & Karaoke |
| 2nd Place Spirit | Little Bucket Brigade |
| 1st Place Theme | Domino's |
| 2nd Place Theme | Space Coast Panthers |
| 1st Place Musical: | SCHS Viper Band |
| 2nd Place Musical | Zodiac Cheerleaders |
| 1st Place Marching Non-Musical: | SCHS/MS Vipers Cheerleaders |
| 2nd Place Marching Non-Musical: | Space Coast High School ROTC |



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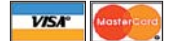
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PSJ Community Center Schedule - January, 2017

The center is open Mondays-Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **Schedule is subject to change. For latest information or to register, call 633-1904.**

Mondays – Fridays

Seniors at Lunch, 10 am - 1 pm

Mondays

2nd - Center Closed - New Year Day Holiday

16th Center Closed - Martin Luther King Jr.

Holiday

Outside Basketball, 4-8 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 4-8 p.m.

Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 p.m.

Tuesdays

Outside Basketball, 4-8 p.m.

Girl Scouts Troop 1902, 4:00-5:30 pm

Youth Dodge Ball 4:30-6 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 6-8 p.m.

Wednesdays

Senior Billiards, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Outside Basketball, 1-8 p.m.

Dream Weavers 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 4-8 p.m.

Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 p.m.

Kenpo Karate, 6-7 p.m.

4th & 18th Cub Pack 704 6-7:30 p.m.

Kenpo Karate 7-8 p.m.

Thursdays

Outside Basketball, 1-8 p.m.

Teen Billiards, 4-8 p.m.

15th & 19th Girl Scouts Troop 835 6-7 p.m.

12th & 26th Girl Scouts Troop 210 6 7:30 p.m.

Fridays

Outside Basketball 4-6 p.m.

Saturdays

Open Recreation, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Dream Weavers – Knitting Club

This group of middle to senior ages that meets on Wednesdays 1-3 p.m. to knit, crochet, and cross-stitch by socializing, and involving the seniors that are attending the center. The club is looking to re-spark interest for those that may have once did this type of skill, and be looking to join the group to donate any completed project to area non-profit agency. For more information contact moderator Karen Maureen Cooper at (321) 987-5750 or dreamweaverspsj@gmail.com or contact the Port St. John Community Center at (321) 633-1904.

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Good Day! by Maureen Rupe

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas.

Lagoon

Now that the amendment passed for saving the Lagoon (it passed in every precinct in Brevard), there are a few things that will affect us. I will write next month on the advanced septic system that is being researched to develop a septic tank with advanced nitrogen removal. They are looking at muck removal first, and any changes on septic tanks may take years as this is a 10-year clean-up plan. I want the county and Advisory Board to look at the issues with sewer systems, as well as failing sewer pipes throughout the county. I wrote some months ago on the lift stations being overwhelmed during large rain events. It is unbelievable how much raw sewage this has put into the lagoon this past year. In August 2016, I reported that in 2015, Brevard County (including all the cities) had spills totaling 24,105,140 gallons of sewage.

Reference: [www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/environment/2014/11/01/over-](http://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/environment/2014/11/01/overwhelmed-brevard-sewers-tax-indian-river-lagoon/18321337/)

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Florida lets FP&L stick it to South Florida and its customers

In a December 15 Palm Beach Post story by Susan Salisbury, a panel of three Governor Scott appointees on the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said it was OK for FP&L's Turkey

It started like this...



We don't want to start thinking about the jolly fat guy's nocturnal visit, but just like childbirth and wrinkles, it's going to happen whether we're ready or not... and ready is so much better!

Through trial and error I have formulated a month by month plan of attack that has proven to be a sanity saver. In a surprising feat of organization for me, I put it all together and called it a book.

The Absolute Best Way To Make The Holidays Stress Free.....Almost is available (really cheap) on Amazon. I will be sharing some excerpts right here until the big day, please let me know if they work for you.

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Point Nuclear Plant to dump 1040 temperature water - since it wasn't keeping water temperature below the 1000 previously mandated - without any proof that the increased water temperature would impact surrounding ground water. Barry White, president of Miami-based Citizens Allied for Safe Energy said they planned to appeal the decision in court.

Unfortunately, per the article "Since 2010 the plant's 2-by-5-mile unlined cooling canal system has been linked to higher phosphorus and ammonia levels in Biscayne Bay and groundwater directly connected to the Biscayne Aquifer," the unlined canals are allowing 600,000 pounds of salt per day on average, to seep into the local groundwater. Earlier this year, the same panel found that the plant fell short of the National Environmental Policy Act's requirements as FP&L failed to address saltwater intrusion and the amount of water withdrawals they were making from the aquifer.

In June, Florida's DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) told FPL to get rid of

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the huge plume that was extending two miles underground away from the plant. They were also ordered to reduce high levels of nutrients in surrounding waters that are connected to Biscayne Bay.

To top that off, FP&L officials said we are helping to pay for FP&L trying to fix this plant's issues as their fixes are likely to cost customers \$206 million over the next 10 years.

Reference: <http://protectingyourpocket.blog.palmbeachpost.com/2016/12/15/fpl-turkey-point-nuclear-plant-cooling-canal-controversy-find-out-the-what-the-latest-ruling-says/>

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Plastic Bag Ban?

According to a December 15th story in the Treasure Coast Palm, another bill to start a pilot program to regulate plastic bags along Florida's water bodies (those bordering the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and lagoons around the state) was launched to protect the environment and lessen our trash. There's Miami Beach and 24 other communities have now passed resolutions supporting the bill. Among them is Brevard County, Melbourne Beach, Indialantic, Satellite Beach, as well as most of Treasure Coast, Bonita Springs, Sewall's Point and Leon County.

This is far from a done deal. There is heavy resistance. The Florida Legislature passed a law in 2008 banning local governments from banning plastic bags. That same law directed DEP to perform a study. That was done in 2010, but the legislature has never reconsidered. This is also the third time since the ban that Representative David Richardson has submitted this bill. The Florida Retail Federation also opposes the bill, because it prevents, "the ability of each retailer

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to respond to the demands of the customer." They say it would generate additional expenses for businesses, customers and bag manufacturers. They say these bags are bad for the environment, but that's OK because they generate jobs. Wouldn't making reusable bags generate a few jobs, too?

There are positive considerations. Plastic bags account for 8.1 percent of all items found (fourth most frequent item). Sea turtles also mistake it for food, besides creating litter. The bill wouldn't force costs on customers, as it prohibits cities from imposing fees or taxes on bag use. These pilot programs are to generate data for a report for the Department of Environmental Protection (if it's still around). The study performed between 2008 and 2010 said 56 to 315 disposable bags are replaced by reusable bags.

We have reusable bags in both our car and van, but we often forget to bring them in with us. If there weren't any bags in the store, I'm sure I'd take the extra minute or two to walk out and get them.

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Good Day, cont.

Panthers, More Endangered than ever.

by Maureen Rupe

A December 7th, Tampa Bay Times story by Craig Pittman, titled "Florida panther killed on highway sets grisly new record," told that on Tuesday, December 6, the 31st panther was killed on Florida highways. Unfortunately for the Florida Panther, we have been breaking records repeatedly. 2012 gave us a record of 19 panthers killed by cars, then again broken in 2014, where the new record was 25. Again, a new record in 2015 of 30 Panthers killed by cars. In 2015, we also had a record of 42 panthers lost. The others died through other causes such as orphaned before being old enough to survive, or being killed by other panthers.

It's terrible to lose so many panthers when the estimated population is only somewhere between 100 and 180 total, but it was a lot worse in the mid-1990's when there were only about 30 total in the state. Yes, it's fortunate that the panther's total has increased; but unfortunately, there are a lot more of us humans and that leave a lot less habitat for these endangered creatures.

There were so few panthers left in the 1990's, the few that were left suffered defects due to inbreeding. At that time, the state imported eight female Texas cougars, which was said was a close cousin. Five cougars mated and produced genetic clear off-spring. Back then, there were cranial problems with some off-spring, but Florida does have a panther population over 100 now, but it isn't the Florida Panther, but a mixed breed at this point. I remember a discussion at the Brevard County Commission meeting where the speaker before me stated there were only a few chromosomes difference between the Florida Panther and the Texas Cougar. When I spoke, I reminded everyone the fact that there are only a few chromosomes difference between humans

and a chimpanzee.

Since our Florida urban sprawl also rid the panthers of their normal prey of deer and hogs, the cats have attacked dogs, cats, goats and cattle near what the article listed as their southwest Florida habitat. And the story mentioned that this year one female had crossed over the Caloosahatchee River, which is a river in southwest Florida. Surprisingly, people had seen panthers in Port St. John back in the mid- to late eighty's, before Grissom Parkway was built.

On December 8th, Jim Waymer had an article titled, "Boat strikes kill a record 98 Manatees." One definite downside of a record count of 6,250 Florida Manatees. Besides these 98, the article listed various other causes of death, totaling 374. Florida unfortunately had 472 Manatee deaths so far this year.



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State Letting Polluters on Public Land Off without Consequences

In a December 15th Sun Sentinel article by Andy Reid, titled "Sugar-cane growing on state land misses pollution-cleanup goal, records show," the two largest sugar producers in the state, Florida Crystals and U.S. Sugar Corporation, repeatedly failed to meet the state's phosphorus levels, one by 141% and one by 210%. Both were doing these acts while leasing the land that was causing this pollution from the state of Florida. Florida Crystals has been paying Florida \$54,000 for 900 acres, and U.S. Sugar is leasing 594 acres for \$300 per year for an inmate training company that grows sugar. Taxpayers have paid \$3.2 billion since 2000 in state and federal programs to clean up the Everglades at the same time Florida is allowing companies leasing their land to continually cause pollution levels which increase the cost of clean-up. The state says individual violations are OK if the overall pollution meets the state requirements of a 25% reduction of phosphorus levels. Per the article, Charles Lee of Audubon Florida said anyone that uses state land should, "Use that land for part of the

solution, not to generate more of the problem." I agree. The state put in this requirement to make cleanup easier, not to allow individuals to get around the requirement.

On This New Year

I hope for peace for the world, but hope is all I can do. All we can do is try on the matters we can affect.

I want to thank the Community Policing Unit. That greatly affects crime. When we had our first Police Unit in 1990, it was due to a grant from the state. NASA gave us the mobile office to work from, it is still there in Fay Park. Don't know what it is used for now, must be to do with the

Sheriff's office. The Community Policing Unit was very successful working from that mobile. We had over 35 volunteers plus three Sheriff's cars for our patrols. When Sheriff Phil Williams left, Jack Parker stopped the program.

In Port St John, we are thankful for all volunteers that make such a difference in people's lives. For example, I am on Community Health Committees and there are many folks that give their time to help the 2000 homeless children in Brevard. There are individuals, churches, doctors and dentists working pro bono, helping with clothes, food and medical/dental treatment for the homeless. Meals on wheels, Domestic Violence, and so many more; I have only scratched the surface of these unselfish, emphatic people helping in various charity groups. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Happy New Year!
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This exciting event will include a wide selection of fantastic seafood, top flight entertainment, premier Arts & Crafts Show, a Kids Activities Zone and numerous other special events.



Featuring fresh mouth-watering seafood provided by vendors both local and from all over the United States, don't miss this signature event that will attract tens of thousands of attendees from all over Florida.

Seafood Festival daily tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 on the day of the event. A three-day, Weekend Festival only ticket is just \$18, which is good for three days of access to the festival. Festival only tickets do not include concert admission.

Individual Concert ticket prices start at \$26.50 for General Admission for one concert. A special Weekend Concert General Admission ticket is just \$57 and is good for all three days of concerts and 3 days of access to the festival. All concert tickets also include Seafood Festival access.

SCHS Cornhole Tournament

Come Support the Space Coast High School Baseball & Softball Programs CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT on Saturday, January 21st at 9:30am at the SCHS Baseball & Softball Fields. The Entry Fee is \$10. There will be a Blind Draw, 1st and 2nd Place donated prizes. The Concession Stand will be open. No Alcohol allowed. Space Coast HS - 6150 Banyan St. in Port St. John.

Central FL Accordion Club

The Brevard Chapter of the Central Florida Accordion Club (CFAC) holds its regular meeting the last Sunday of every month, January 29th, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Elks Lodge #1532, 315 Florida Ave, Cocoa. The event is open to the public. Admission is free. Members and guests are invited to play accordions or other instruments.



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Monthly Tax Update

I want to take a moment and express my gratitude for your interest in reading my articles. I hope the information provided is something of interest to you and look forward to continuing this in the future. Now, recently I attended my annual twelve hour update for the 2016 tax filing season presented by National Society of Tax Professionals. So, I'm going to provide you with hot off the press interesting facts. Here we go.

The mileage rate for 2017 has dropped to 53.5¢ per mile for business, 14¢ for charity, and 17¢ and for medical and moving.

On a business note, failure to issue 1099-Misc to subcontractors will result in an increased penalty of \$250, per statement, for the ones not issued, up to a maximum penalty of \$3,000,000, adjusted for inflation. All W-2's and 1099's have to be issued on or before January 31st to avoid the penalty, no extensions permitted.

Next, the teacher's education deduction was clarified by Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reflecting any supply or material expenditures are only deductible if not reimbursed. This means the teacher is required to submit for reimbursement and the expenditures disallowed are the only expenses permitted for the teacher's deduction as an adjustment to income. Furthermore, this means a blanket \$250 deduction is now being

scrutinized and could be a reason for audit. Another education concern is all Education qualified tuition and related expenses for the American Opportunity, Lifetime or Tuition and fees deduction and credit now requires the tax preparer to actually see the receipts or preparation penalties will be applicable. This will require everyone to coach their students to retain the receipts for the preparation of the tax return.

In reference to the tax returns, some returns now have new filing deadlines. The new filing dates for entities and Foreign Financial Accounts (FINCEN Form 114) have to be released. Specifically, Partnership (Form 1065) is now due on the 15th day of 3rd month, C Corporation (Form 1120) is now the 15th day of 4th month, and FINCEN (Form 114) is now the 15th day of the 4th month. All other form filing dated has not changed.

Okay, talking about filing. Any taxpayer filing a Form 1040 tax return reflecting refunds with the Earned Income Credit, Additional Child Tax Credit and other credits or refunds will have the refund held and not released until February 15th, 2016. It doesn't matter when it was filed prior to February 15, 2016.

On the Trump side of things, talk is the standard deduction may rise as high as \$15,000 for single filers and \$30,000 for married filing joint.

The personal and dependent exemptions may go away. Eliminate the Head of Household filing status. There would only be four tax brackets: 0%, 12%, 25%, and 33%. Itemized Deductions would be limited to \$100,000 for single and \$200,000 for married filing joint. Eliminate the Alternative Minimum Tax. Completely revamp the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit, and fully repeal the Affordable Care Act.

A detailed review of each is in order when preparing your tax return and a tax professional may be useful. If you have someone help you with your taxes, make sure they are competent. Remember, you are ultimately responsible for the return, not your preparer or friend.

There you have it. My final article for 2016. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!!

This is a very brief overview. For details and specific assistance in applying the general information in this article, call us at your earliest convenience or contact your tax advisor.

Provided by Tracey C. Higginbotham, E.A., (321) 632-5726, a member of the National Society of Accountants.

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The holidays have come and gone. I hope everyone fared well through a rocket launch, parade (BIG thank you to all of the volunteers and Randy Rodriguez!), cantatas, holiday performances, family gatherings, parties and such! There may still be missing pets and stolen trailers, vehicles and things. Please be aware and be proactive to help retrieve and return them.

January is the time of new beginnings and resolutions. I hope you'll make this year the year you join Neighborhood Watch. More FB pages have started to ensure our safety, including the True PSJ Neighborhood Watch. You must be a PSJ resident to join.

No meetings have been scheduled due to lack of interest and leadership. No one has 'taken the helm' recently. We have patrols of volunteers that assist. We have the Sheriff on guard, who can provide a window sticker as a deterrent for thieves and a sign for those who need urgent assistance. With thefts on the rise and self-entitlement, we have a serious problem both on and off line. Folks can't seem to hold their "fire" or

contain themselves. It's OK to agree to disagree, but nobody is above the rules of a page or the law.

Perhaps as long as we stay connected through Facebook and private messaging, we can help to keep crime to a minimum. Don't just hide behind a smart phone or computer screen! Get out and make a difference by being a good neighbor. Help others, and forgive those who trespass. We are all "in the same boat" when it comes to "salvation."

Port St. John has a website that's sponsored by some fine area merchants at www.portstjohn-florida.org. If you own a business or belong to a group, you can sponsor the website and advertise now! With presence, there's room for growth and change, so it's important our NHW Program is



in place and running well.

Happy New Year, and thanks for supporting Neighborhood Watch and Port St. John!

~ Neighbor Nell



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PSJ Sailor Serves in Pearl Harbor

As the nation pauses to remember the attack on Pearl Harbor, which occurred 75 years ago on Dec. 7, 1941, the occasion has special meaning for a Cocoa, FL native who is serving in the U.S. Navy in the very location that drew the United States into World War II.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Reese Robinson, a 2014 Space Coast High School graduate, is assigned to the Navy's U.S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters. According to Navy officials, the U.S. Pacific Fleet is the world's largest fleet command, encompassing 100 million square miles, nearly half the Earth's surface, from Antarctica to the Arctic circle and from the west coast of the United States into the Indian Ocean.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet consists of approximately 200 ships/submarines, nearly 1,100 aircraft, and more than 140,000 sailors and civilians.

Robinson is responsible for the operation and maintenance of sonar equipment. "I enjoy fixing and troubleshooting equipment," said Robinson. "It's a challenge and I like being challenged."

Being stationed in Pearl Harbor, often referred to as the gateway to the Pacific in defense circles, means that Robinson is serving in a part of the world - the Pacific - that is taking on new importance in America's national defense strategy. Pearl Harbor itself is home to more than 19,000 U.S. Navy Sailors 11 surface ships, 19 nuclear-powered submarines and 19 aircraft.

The Pacific is home to more than 50 percent of the world's population, many of the world's largest and smallest economies, several of the world's largest militaries, and many U.S. allies. Accordingly, the Navy is basing approximately 60 percent of its ships and aircraft in the region. Officials say the Navy will also provide its most advanced warfighting platforms to the region, including missile defense-capable ships; submarines; reconnaissance aircraft; and its newest surface warfare ships.

"I definitely feel honored," said Robinson. "It makes me appreciate the people who gave up their lives for our country."

While much has changed in 75 years, American sailors' core attributes of toughness, initia-



tive, accountability and integrity remain today. The last legacy of the heroism and determination exhibited on Dec. 7th, 1941 is the heritage Robinson and other service members remain committed to live up to in the 21st Century.

"It's important for those of us serving in Pearl Harbor today to remember the sacrifice of those who served before us," said Admiral Scott Swift, Commander, U.S. Pacific fleet. "The important work we do everyday honors those who were here 75 years ago and is a testament to the enduring value of our navy's mission."

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Overeaters Anonymous meets in PSJ on **Saturdays** at 9:30 a.m. at the PSJ Library. Visit oaspacecoast.org for other meeting locations.

Nar-Anon: Support group for those affected by someone else's addiction, meets on Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm at 1st United Methodist Church, 825 Forrest Ave., Cocoa www.naranonfl.org.

Parents Network meets **every Wednesday**, 10 - 11:30 am at Sunrise Lutheran Church, 4775 Fay Blvd. Call Carol, 633-6312, for info.

1- 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

1- 1 Last Day of Chanukah

1-3 Compassionate Friends Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. in Cocoa Beach at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 525 Minuteman Cswy. west of A1A, Fellowship Hall. Call 610-7875 for info.

1-4 American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 359, General Membership Meeting on the 1st

Wednesday of each month, 6 pm at the Post Home, 7260 S. US 1, just north of PSJ. Call President Dorothy O'Rourke at 321-268-1632.

1-6 Brevard Women's Connection meets at Rockledge Country Club from 11 am until 1 pm on the second Friday of each month. The program includes a luncheon plus an inspirational speaker. For information, call Mary at 636-4713 or e-mail her at mdean44@cfl.rr.com.

1-8 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, at the Cocoa Library. Contact Kevin Kelly at 636-0235 for info.

1-8 Word Weavers Space Coast, a critique group for Christian writers, meets the 2nd Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. Visitors are always welcome. Email angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com for info.

1-8 Calling all christian authors! Dynamic writers group in Cocoa, Fla. offers training, critiques, and paid writing opportunities (2nd Sundays 2-4:30pm at Cocoa library). Contact D.P. Clarke at 1royaldy@gmail.com for more information. Print "Writers Group" in Subject.

1-11 'Remembering Through Sharing' - a support group for families that have experienced a pregnancy loss, stillbirth or loss of an infant. Meetings are 7 pm - 8:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Cape Canaveral Medical Plaza, Cape Canaveral Hospital. Call April or Jamie at 321-799-7151 for more info.

1-12 Canaveral Groves Homeowners, Inc. meets on the 2nd Thursday each month, 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Room of Discovery Christian Church, 3925 Grissom Pkwy.

1-14 Orthodox New Year

1-15 World Religion Day!

1-16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

1-16 Moonport Modelers RC Club meets at 6:30 pm, 3rd Monday each month at the N. Brevard Library, 2121 S Hopkins Ave., Titusville. For more info, call Wayne Mendez, 505-2361.

1-18 American Legion Post 359 meets at the Post Home at 7260 S. US 1 in Bellwood, (2 miles north of PSJ), 6:00 PM. All Legionnaires and new members are welcome. The Post meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Please contact the Post at 268-1632 for assistance with

your membership or information.

1-20 PSJ Business Connections Luncheon, sponsored by the Titusville Chamber of Commerce, meets on the 3rd Friday of the month at 12:00, PSJ Library on Carole Ave. Call Dennis Watkins at 267-3036.

1-24 Moonlight Quilters Guild meets at the North Brevard Library in Titusville, 2121 Hopkins Ave. on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Meet and greet & refreshments at 6:15, meeting at 6:30 usually followed by a program or guest speaker. Call 321-567-5424 for more info.

I'm not a complete idiot -- some parts are missing.

Congratulations to:

Brandi McGann turns more beautiful on the 1st.

Nathan Weimer turns **9** on the 1st.

Brandon Crissman turns **41** on the 1st.

Angie Crissman turns cuter on the 3rd.

Haley Higginbotham turns **17** on the 4th.

Karissa Davis turns **21** on the 4th.

Brittney Parks turns **24** on the 4th.

Craig Taylor turns **36** on the 4th.

Michelle Parks turns prettier on the 5th.

Lisa Sarivola turns wilder on the 5th.

Tom Hunt turns cooler on the 5th.

Carl Anderson IV turns **16** on the 5th.

Lucha Hunt parties wild on the 6th.

Natalee Prentis turns **23** on the 7th.

RaeLynn Weathers gets spanked on the 12th.

Mark Walters turns **19** on the 16th.

Jack Woerner turns **20** on the 22nd.

Makylie Taylor turns **10** on the 24th.

Joe Casey turns crazier on the 25th.

"Wishing you a Happy Birthday on the 31st, Brittanie Grenet"... Love Mom, Dad, Brooke and Emma!!

Dylan Carmichael turns **11** on the 31st

Rob & Cheryl Wratchford celebrate their 33rd anniversary on the 29th.

The Christmas Parade Committee for a Great Job on Dec. 17th. Well done, team!!

We have lots of room for more good news.

Email inputs to happenings1@att.net

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SAVE THE DATE... The Women's Center North Guild is proud to announce the 5th Annual Super Bowl of Trivia – A Space Odyssey! fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 4th, 5:00 pm at Indian River Preserve in Mims.

The Super Bowl of Trivia is a themed, fun and competitive Trivia Challenge. This year's atmosphere theme is A Space Odyssey! The challenge consists of 8 rounds of 10 trivia questions on a variety of topics.

Dress is casual. Bring your team of eight or request we add you to a team of brainiacs. Teams will compete for the coveted "Trivia Trophy" and of course, bragging rights. Prizes will be awarded to the top three placing teams.

There will be food, a grand prize chance drawing and multiple silent auction items available for bidding. It will be a fun night of fast thinking and rubbin' heads as teams compete to be the grand champions. Tickets are \$50 per person and event sponsorships are available at multiple levels. Reserve your team table today.

This charity event raises funds for the Women's Center, a 501c3 Non-Profit Organization

dedicated to changing lives for the better, forever. Hunger, homelessness, domestic violence and sexual assault occur daily in Brevard County. The Women's Center is committed to addressing these needs by providing a progressive step towards safe, healthy, self-sufficient lives. Thanks to our volunteers and loyal supporters we are able to provide counseling services, financial assistance, career guidance, job training, transitional housing and victim advocacy now available in North Brevard.

For more information, email womenscenter-northguild@gmail.com, visit www.womenscenterinbrevard.org or call the event chairwoman at 321-298-5839. The Women's Center North Guild is located 400 Julia Street, Titusville, 607-6811.



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This month's restaurant review is the Dogs 'R Us Grill, located at 7025 N. US 1, less than a mile north of Fay Blvd. While my wife was out Christmas shopping, I decided to get online to see what Port St. John restaurant we'll review this month.

I typed in Dogs R Us (www.dogsrusgrill.com) to see what they offered and saw their claim that they have the best wings in town. Now, I consider myself a hot wing Connoisseur, who occasionally has to have a hot wing fix. I called my wife to see if she wanted to meet at Dogs 'R Us grill. She had too much shopping, so I decided to go by

myself. By now I was craving some hot wings.

I arrived shortly after the typical lunch time and found out they still had a lunch special of 10 wings and fries for \$10.49. I ordered my wings in a medium heat and wet. I also ordered a small Philly cheesesteak sub for \$7.79. The sub came with a bag of chips, pickles and a cup of au jus for dipping. The Philly Cheesesteak was very good, especially with the au jus.

As for the wings, they were cooked perfectly. What I mean by that is; they were fried to the point the skin was nice and crispy, with the meat still moist inside. They were smothered in a tangy medium wing sauce which was a little too mild

for me. I prefer my wings a little more on the hot side, so next time I will order them Hot.

The only complaints I have is they don't have Coors Lite on draft, but they do carry it in the bottles. The other thing is their French Fries. They serve the battered type fries, which I do not care for. I'd think they would at least have a choice of battered or traditional fries, not everyone likes the battered variety.

All in all, Dogs is clean, everyone is friendly and the food is cooked to order. If you want carry out, check out their online menu, call 321-638-0619 and they'll have your order ready when you arrive.

- Ken Carson

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Most of my friends and neighbors have small stirrings of melancholy vying for attention among the relief that we made it through another season of Ho Ho Ho's and 'I wants.' We have to admit to ourselves (if not to anyone else) the couple of hours spent playing a board game with your brother was kind of magical – until the moment the board went flying, play money and the shoe landing in the dog's water bowl, resurrecting vivid memories of childhood memories.

We are all also looking forward to the blank slate and myriad of opportunities for the new year, resolutions and promises flying all around me. I have come to the conclusion it is time I come clean about a few things that I may have been just a tad spurious about. To my children one and all...O.K. You got me...

There may have been one (or two or three) birthday parties where I may have snuck a tiny bit of cake frosting into whichever grandbaby was being protected from the evils of sugar at the moment...including the infamous blue frosting debacle...I still say if said child would have had the pleasure of a sugary treat sometime previously, he would not have drooled it out. The fact that his other grandmother was wearing a white Vera Wang while holding a four month old baby speaks for itself...I take no blame for that.

But in the spirit of New Year – New Beginnings... I hereby resolve never to sneak sugar to a grandbaby again... Satisfied now?

Someone once said something about a serpent's tooth not being as painful as a child's tongue. A truism I learned when my children accused (caught) me disposing of my grandchildren's vegetables and most disliked foods during holiday dinners. You would think that my third born with aspirations of being a lawyer would know just sitting at the children's table with an empty zip lock plastic bag does not necessarily prove intent.

Once again, in the spirit of New Year-New Beginnings ...I hereby resolve never again to assist a grandchild in vegetable disappearance. I'm sure it's going to be painful, but I'll bear it to further my relationship with my children.

I admit the part I played in four (including the baby) youngsters left in my care staying up

until ten minutes before Mom and Dad were due home (including the baby) and being found fully dressed with (according to Mom and Dad) myriads of telltale graham cracker crumbs, marshmallow goop and dried rivers of chocolate among the clothing and sheets (not the baby-he had on fresh pajamas).

This spirit of New Year-New Beginnings thing is getting tedious... I hereby resolve to take my babysitting duties more seriously and never to allow (help) my grandchildren to run around the back yard howling at the moon, make microwave S'mores and dance in the kitchen until 11:50 when parents had written a 9 pm bedtime on their list of babysitting to-do's.

Perhaps I should have totally agreed with my red-faced daughter or quietly backed out of the room when I realized I had just stepped into the room and found myself in the midst of a 200 decibel, very dramatic (on the 16 year-old's part) argument about the decision to spike and dye purple the last remaining vestiges of what just this morning was a beautiful headful of waist length blond curls.

New year-New beginnings, Yadda, Yadda, Yadda... I hereby resolve never to whisper in a 16 year-old granddaughter's ear anything about her mother being so old she forgot what it's like to feel stifled so you want to do anything to show your individuality, and hair will grow back. (I have to say here that no one even thanked me for helping her to change her mind and save the dye for a light green tint!)

As a final statement before one of my kids runs this column to the nearest lawyer...I hereby attest that the fact of all but three of my grandchildren are now over the age of 18, (and the remaining three keep their parents so busy they don't usually have time to read my column) has not swayed my resolutions in any way.

I've heard that great grandchildren are even more fun than grandchildren...I'm sure glad I got this resolution thing out of the way!

~ Rose Padrick

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| Jan. 7, 11-1:45pm | North Brevard Actor's Workshop |
| Jan. 9, 5:30pm | Port St. John Public Library Advisory Board meeting |
| Jan. 11, 6:00pm | PSJ Special District Advisory Board Meeting |
| Jan. 14, 10am-Noon | Port St. John Pokémon Club |
| Jan. 18, 1-3:00pm | Bookworms Adult Book Discussion Group. |
| Jan. 19, 10-Noon | North Brevard Home-school Co-op |
| Jan. 21, 11-1:45pm | North Brevard Actor's Workshop |
| Jan. 25, 5:30pm | Friends of the Port St. John Public Library membership meeting |
| Jan. 20, 6-7:45pm | Sunrise Village |
| Jan. 23, 10-1:45pm | Port St. John Pokémon Club |
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Sunday Morning Worship 10 am (nursery provided)

Sunday Evening Worship 6:30 pm (nursery provided)

Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study 7 PM.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

5135 N. Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa, FL, 321-632-6333

www.blessedsacramentcocoa.org

Saturday Mass, 4:30 pm.

Sunday Masses at 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Reconciliation at 3:30 PM on

Saturdays

Brevard Zen Center

1261 Range Road, Cocoa, FL

Buddist Sunday Service 9:00am

Meditation in the Zendo 7:00pm

Calvary Baptist Church, 321-636-8056

1 1/2 miles south of 528 overpass, east side of US 1

Pastor Jay Frazier www.calvarybaptistincocoa.org

Sunday Morning Svc. - 10 a.m. (nursery provided)

Sunday Eve. Service - 6 pm, Wed. Evening - 7 pm

Christ Central Church, 321-636-7671

2010 N. Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa, FL

Email: ChristCentral51@gmail.com

www.cocoachurch.org

Bible Class: 9:00 – 9:45 AM

Worship Service: 10:15 – 11:30 AM

Christian Church at PSJ, 4645 Fay Blvd.,

Pastor Larry Sparrow, ccatpsj.org

ccatpsj@rocketmail.com

Sunday - Bible Study 8:30 a.m. Worship at 9:30.

Wednesdays - Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

3000 South Street, Titusville

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1404 Dixon Blvd., Cocoa, cocoapc@att.net

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Saturday Sabbath School classes all ages, 9:45 am.

Worship at 11:30 am; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 pm.

Community Alliance Church

321-639-1717. 4855 Fay Blvd., PSJ

Sunday School (all ages), 9:30 am

Sunday Worship 10:45 am and 6:00 pm.

Wednesday Youth, 7 pm.

Covenant Life Fellowship (321) 639-7734

Non-Denominational - Pastor Jamie McIlwain

3770 Curtis Blvd., PSJ.

Sunday Service, 10:30 am

Wednesday Worship, 6:30 pm

Day Spring Church, (407) 516-5767

4725 Fay Blvd.,

Kid's Service: Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Service: Sunday, 10:30 am

Prayer Time: Sunday, 6:30 pm

Discovery Christian Church (321) 636-0316

3925 Grissom Parkway, Canaveral Groves

Bill Thompson - Preaching Minister

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Classes for all ages.

Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

First Assembly of God (321) 632-5228

3757 N. US Hwy. 1 Pastor Les Ray

Sunday School, 9:30 am, Worship 10:30 and 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 7 pm, Bible Study: Rainbows (3-4),

Royal Rangers (boys 5-12), Missionettes (girls 5-12).

Wednesday, 7 pm, Youth Group Fellowship.

First Baptist Church of Port St. John

(321)636-5455

3900 Fay Blvd., www.firstbaptistpsj.com

Sun. school 9:15; Worship & Kid's Church 10:30 am.

Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m. Wednesday

Wednesday: TeamKids & Youth, 6:30-8 pm.

Thrift Store Hours: M,T,Th,F, 10 - 4. W&Sat, 10 - 2

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First Baptist Church of Cocoa (321)636-2868

750 Brevard Ave. in Historic Cocoa Village

Worship 11 am & 6 pm, Sunday School 9:30 am

Wednesday Service/Youth Prayer & Share, 6:30 pm

<http://baptist1.com/church/fl/cocoaabc>

First Free Will Baptist Church

Pastor Darrell "D" Miller, 795-4780.

5311 Barna Ave. Titusville 269-4033, 268-1705

Sunday School 9:00 am, Morning Worship 10:00 am

Sunday Evening Service 6:00 pm

First United Methodist Church, (321) 631-0183

Rev. David Charlton at 1165 Fay Blvd.

Contemporary service - 9:00 am

Sunday School - 10 am; Traditional Service, 11 am

Wonderful Wednesday Worship, at 7 pm

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Kingdom Kids, K - 5, meet at 3 pm. Sunday

Frontenac Baptist Church (321)636-1369

5500 N. US Hwy 1 Pastor Michael Franzone

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:27 a.m.

Pastor Bible Study, 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening Services, 6:30 pm weekly.

Glory of God Anglican Church (321)632-6812

3735 N. Indian River Dr., Reverend Paul W. Young

Sunday, Eucharist (Rite 1) at 8 am, (Rite 2) at 10:15

Children's Church, 10 am

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

2073 Garden St., Titusville, 321-267-4323

Pastor Bruce Alberts; titusvillelutherans.org

Traditional Worship, 8:30 am; Contemporary, 11:00

HOPE United Church of Christ, 636-0250

2555 Fiske Blvd., Pastor Clarice Mitchell

Sunday School, 9 a.m. Children's Service - 10 a.m.

Sunday Morning Service - 10 a.m. (w/nursery)

<http://www.hopeucc.com>

Ma'gen David Messianic Synagogue

Rabbi Jem Golden (321) 213-2259

3815 N. US1, Suite 123 in Cocoa Commercial Ctr.

Erev Shabbat Service - Friday, 6:30 pm

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church ELCA

Pastor Tom Unrath, (321) 636-0777

400 Lucerne Dr. Cocoa

Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Bible Study - Wed. 6:00 PM

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Youth Church - Wed., 7 pm

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Northwest Baptist Church, 1720 Cox Rd., Cocoa

321-638-0890; www.nwbcofcocoa.org

Sunday School for all ages, 9:00 am

Classic/Modern Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday evening, 6 p.m.; Wed. Nights, 7 p.m.

Pentecostals of Cocoa, 636-6560

1901 Michigan Ave., Cocoa

Sunday Worship at 10am; Sunday School at 10:30 am

Sunday evening Evangelistic Service, 6 pm

Redeemer Presbyterian Church 264-0035

Meeting at 5005 Barna Ave., Titusville

Worship Celebration - Sundays at 10 am

Christian Education - Sundays, 11:15 am
www.myredeemer.cc

St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 321-267-2545
414 Pine St., Titusville www.stgabs.org

The Rev. Rob Goodridge, Rector

Sat's: 5:30pm Rite II (Contemplative)

Sun's: 7:30am Rite I (Historical), 9:30am Rite II
(Traditional), 11:30am Rite III (Contemporary)

Wed's: 6pm Taize Meditational Service

Thur's: 11am Healing Service

St. Patrick's Anglican Catholic Church, 632-7634

4797 Curtis Blvd. Bishop John Vaughan, Rector

Mass Sunday at 8, 10 & 5:30 and Friday noon Mass

Wednesday Mass, 6:30 pm, then Pot Luck Supper

Alcoholics Anonymous, Sunday, 5 pm; and Tues-
days, 7:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous, Mondays, 8 - 10 pm.

Sun Valley Christian Church, 264-1337

4825 S. Barna Ave., Titusville, Minister Reggie Reed

Sunday School at 9 am, Worship at 10 am & 6 pm

Ladies Group each Tuesday and Thursday

Surfside Community Fellowship, 607-2111

thesurfsidefellowship.com

Pastor Dr. Erick Brookins

Meeting at the Port St. John Community Center,

Sunday Services at 9:00 & 10:30 am.

Saturday night at 6:00 pm at 1st Baptist of PSJ

Titusville Church of Seventh-day Adventist

Pastor Amado Luzbet. ALL are welcomed.

5005 Barna Ave. 267-8893.

Saturday Worship, 11 am. Sabbath School, 9:15 am.

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer, 7:30 pm.

Trinity Community Church

Tim Merwin, Sr. Pastor

6750 South U.S. 1 (3 miles north of Fay Blvd.)

Sunday Celebration at 10 am

www.sgcfla.org sgcoffice@sgcfla.org 268-8004

Trinity Lutheran Church & School - LCMS

1330 S. Fiske Blvd., Rockledge, 636-5431

Michael Hageman, Pastor

Worship: 10:30 am

Trinity Lutheran Church-LCMC

Pastor David Trexler | Dial-A-Story, 607-6742

3671 S. Hopkins Ave., Titusville, FL 32780

Sunday Worship Service 9:30am

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Cocoa

1261 Range Road, Cocoa. www.uucocoa.org

Sunday Service 11:00am

Unity of Merritt Island, 321-452-2625

4725 N. Courtenay Pkwy, Merritt Island

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www.unitymerrittisland.org. We are on Facebook.

Victory Baptist Church, Pastor Raymond Hall

632-6148 at 242 Capron Road, PSJ.

www.victorythroughjesus.org

Sunday Bible Study at 9:30 am.

Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am and 6 pm.

Children's clubs and teen groups

Prayer Service, Wednesday, 6:45 pm.

Victory Baptist Church of Titusville

Pastor Tracy Covell, 321.264.0665

Services at Indian River Civic Ctr., 4220 S. Hopkins

Sunday School 9 am, Sunday Morning 10 am

Sunday Evening 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

www.victorybaptistchurchintitusville.org

Victory Worship Center, 431-7964

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New Years Resolutions??

Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the boat, immediately there meet Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. and the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me." For He said unto him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!?" Then He asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many." Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them." And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea. So those who fed the swine fled and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. Then they came to Jesus and saw the one who had been demon possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. And those who saw it told them how it happened to him who had been demon possessed, and about the swine. Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region. And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "**Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.**" And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.

If Jesus can cast out a legion of demons, He can certainly remove the burden of your addiction or habit no matter how hopeless it seems.



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Space Coast Vipers Baseball/Softball Clinic

All Little Leaguers! Time to get ready for the upcoming season! Come out before Little League tryouts and get a good warm up with the Viper Baseball and Softball teams. The Viper coaches and student athletes are looking forward to working with your kids to get them ready for their upcoming season. The players will be put through the various drills the Vipers use to increase their abilities in the skill areas of hitting, fielding, pitching and base running. Bring your glove and if you have a bat and helmet, bring those, too.

Ages: 7 years old and up

Date: Saturday, January 14, 2017

Time: Check in: 8:30 am - 9:00 am,
Camp: 9:00 am - 1:00pm

Location:

- Baseball - Space Coast Community Sports Complex Little League Fields
- Softball - Fay Park Softball fields

Cost: \$40 for the camp, T-shirt (while supplies last) & lunch will be provided (hotdog, chips, and a drink).

Please RSVP prior to 1/9/17 in order to ensure a t-shirt. Email ccperrine@msn.com for baseball and farleybj29@gmail.com for softball. Please email the participant's name, age and shirt size when you RSVP. Cash and checks are acceptable.



New Year's Day WORSHIP SERVICE

Come one, Come All...to the First United Methodist Church of Port St. John at 1165 Fay Blvd, time 10 am, to celebrate the start of 2017!

Checks can be made payable to SCVBSBC.

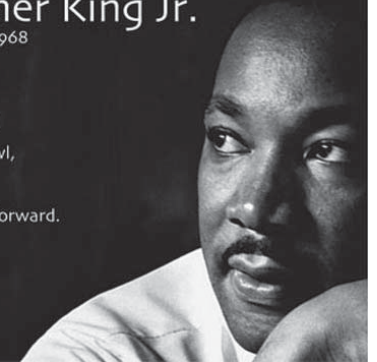
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Martin Luther King Jr.

January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968

If you can't fly, then run,
if you can't run, then walk,
if you can't walk, then crawl,
but whatever you do,
you have to keep moving forward.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.



Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Where: First United Methodist Church

Location: 1165 Fay Blvd, Port St. John

When: Sunday, January 8, 2017

9am Church Service AND

11am Church Service

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Bone Builders Volunteer Instructors Needed

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), a service of Aging Matters in Brevard, is looking for volunteer instructors to facilitate "Bone Builders" classes in Titusville. Bone Builders is a free exercise and health education class to prevent or delay the progression of osteoporosis in older men and women. Training is free and no previous experience is necessary. These popular classes are held at the Titusville YMCA on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM.

Some of the benefits of teaching a Bone Builder class are:

- Watching seniors transform into stronger, healthier, active people.
- Developing a support system for seniors that creates a positive beneficial environment.
- Enjoying the success and benefits of living healthy improving endurance and flexibility.
- Ongoing training events.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer instructor, please call (321) 631-2749 and ask for Sarah or email RSVP@AgingMattersBrevard.org.

Established in 1965, Aging Matters in Brevard is a non-profit organization offering a wide variety of services to enable seniors to live safely and independently in their own homes. Recognized by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the Area Agency on Aging as the Lead Agency for senior services in Brevard County, Aging Matters in Brevard services are funded in part by federal, state, and local grants. Private pay services are also available.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons needing special accommodations to participate in this presentation should contact Sarah Williams at (321) 631-2749 at least 7 days prior to the meeting.



We Are Here To Help You Realize Your Dream

January 16 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day — a national holiday and a day of remembrance. Martin Luther King, Jr. dedicated his life to creating and fostering equal rights for African Americans, and he died during his efforts to make his dream a reality. Many people commemorate this holiday by serving their community and giving to others who may be less fortunate. In many ways, this is what Social Security does every day, all year long.

A great way to be of service to others is to help someone you know who may need assistance applying for Social Security, Medicare or Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug costs. This is easy to do at www.socialsecurity.gov. Some people who need these benefits may not be comfortable with computers or may not even know applying online is an option. But now, it's easier than ever to apply for such benefits from the convenience of a home computer at www.socialsecurity.gov.

For example, it's easy to apply for retirement benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline. It can take as little as 15 minutes from start to finish. Once the application is electronically submitted, in most cases, there is nothing more to do.

It's even easier to apply for Medicare for people who do not plan to begin their Social Security retirement payments yet but who do want Medicare coverage. The application takes about 10 minutes and you can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly.

People who already have Medicare coverage, but who need help meeting prescription drug costs, can apply for Extra Help online at www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp.

This holiday, you can make your Martin Luther King Day a day of service to someone who can use your help. Lead them to www.socialsecurity.gov. It may be easy for you, but it may help someone you love realize their own dreams.

By Robin Haynes

Social Security Manager, Cocoa, FL

Boy Scout Troop 355 Fundraiser Car Show

First Baptist Church
of Port St John

Saturday
March 25th
9 am - 2 pm

Entry Fee
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Contact:
Teresa Bollinger
795-5103

DJ Fast
Eddie



BBQ Dinner
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Parks & Recreation Meeting

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Brevard Room at 518 South Palm Avenue in Titusville. The public is invited to attend.

The Brevard Room is located in a building on the north side of the parking lot behind the Brevard County Government Center–North.

For questions call Jeff Davis at (321) 264-5105.



Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center, 1025 S. Florida Ave., Rockledge, will host a Singles/Couples Ballroom Dance on Saturday, January 14th. Doors open at 7 p.m. and dancing begins at 7:30 p.m., ends at 10:30 p.m. Free snacks, BYOB. Music will be provided by Janice and Rene. The cost is \$6; \$5 for members.

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host a Singles/Couples Ballroom Dance on Saturday, January 28. Doors open at 7 p.m. and dancing begins at 7:30 p.m., ends at 10:30 p.m. Free snacks, BYOB. Music will be provided by Janice and Rene.

The cost is \$6; \$5 for members. Call Martin Andersen Senior Center at 321-631-7556 for more information. Adults of all ages are welcome.



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Walter Butler Community Center - January, 2017

Bernice G. Jackson Park, 4201 North US Hwy. 1, Sharpes

The center is open Monday–Thursday from 10 - 8 pm, Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Schedule is subject to change. Call 433-4448 for latest information.

Mondays

2nd - Center Closed for New Year Holiday
16th Center Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Pickleball, 11 a.m- 2 p.m.
Basketball Fundamentals 3-4 p.m.
Open Gym, 5-8 pm
Open Computer Lab, 6-8 pm
9th & 23rd - Girl Scouts Troop 505 5-7 p.m.

Tuesdays

Pickleball, 11 a.m- 2 p.m.
4-H Gardener Program 3:30-4:30 p.m.
10 & 24 - Boy Scouts 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Open Gym, 5-8 pm
Open Computer Lab, 6-8 pm
Zumba 6-7 p.m.

Wednesdays

Pickleball, 11 am-2 pm
Open Computer Lab, 12-2 & 6-8 pm
Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 pm
Zumba, 6-7 pm

Thursdays

Pickleball, 11 am-2 pm
Open Computer Lab 12 - 2 & 6-8 p.m.
4-H Gardener Program 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 pm
Zumba, 6-7 pm

Fridays

Open Computer Lab, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Pickleball, 11 am-2 pm
Art Club, 3-4 pm

Saturdays

PickleBall, 11 am-2 pm
Program Activities, 10 am - 2 pm

Zumba Classes - Zumba is an adult dance-based fitness class that uses a fusion of Latin and International rhythms with easy-to-follow moves. It includes both cardio and resistance training components designed to tone and sculpt the entire body. Zumba is designed for adults of all ages and fitness levels. Class participants exercise in a healthy, fun, party-like environment. Classes will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 6-7 p.m., \$5 per class (discount punch cards available). Contact Debbie Kowaleuski at (321) 403-6918 for more information.

Persons With Disabilities Dances are held every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 7-9 p.m. all ages welcome. For more information contact Andrea Chestnut 264-5058 or 264-5105.

Basketball Fundamentals - A program designed for boys and girls ages 5 to 8. Each week the participants will learn/review basic basketball skills and apply them to a variety of drills. Games are played but the primary focus will be to build on and improve the skill sets of each participant. Practice will be held Monday and Tuesday, 3-4 p.m. For more information, contact Donovan Gilbert at (321) 433-4448.

Volleyball Fundamentals is a class which teaches proper playing techniques and teamwork. This class focuses on teaching beginners how to properly bump, set, spike and more. Classes will be held on Wednesdays & Thursdays 5-8 p.m. For more information contact Donovan Gilbert at Walter Butler Community Center, 433-4448.

Brevard County 4-H Junior Master Gardener Program - The Junior Master Gardener Program engages participants in novel, hands-on group and individual learning experiences that promote a love of gardening, develop an appreciation for the environment, and cultivate the mind. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30-4:30 p.m. For more information contact Jan Jordan at (321) 433-4448.

Ham and eggs; A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.

New M.D. at Parrish

Parrish Medical Group, with offices in Titusville, Port St. John and Melbourne, welcomes Kenneth R. McElynn, M.D., as its newest board-certified physician in family medicine. Dr. McElynn has enjoyed practicing medicine for the past 17 years, with positions on both the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts of Florida. He also served in a Veterans Disability Clinic in Jacksonville, North Carolina, where he cared for U.S. Marines returning from Afghanistan and Iraq.

Dr. McElynn served as a U.S. Department of Justice interpreter at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in 1992 and also worked as medical staff in Haiti after the earthquake of 2010. He is fluent in Spanish and enjoys reaching out to the Hispanic community to provide medical services.

Dr. McElynn was awarded his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1999 and completed his family practice residency at Latrobe Area Hospital in Latrobe, Pennsylvania in 2002.

He holds a master's degree in education from Harvard University Graduate School of Education in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and has enjoyed teaching medical students throughout his career. From 1986-89, he served as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer stationed in Mauritania, West Africa.

Dr. McElynn is located in the Parrish Medical Group office in Melbourne, at 7925 N. Wickham Road, Suite B and is currently accepting Medicare, Medicaid, and most insurances. Please call 321-633-8630 for an appointment.

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Won't you come join us? We meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Discovery Church at 3925 Grissom Pkwy. at 7:00 pm. www.canaveralgroveshoa.org

Fruit From the Groves, Cont.

minal is moving forward. I will have more news as it becomes available.

I want to thank all of our Board members of CGHI for doing a great job in 2016. Ed Silva, VP, Kathy Rooney, Secretary, Sue Bradin, Treasurer and Board members Paul Kroning, Richard Tomson and our unofficial director of fundraising, Mr. Conley Jordan. Kudos to all. It is a new year and there will be an election soon. I would like to encourage our residents of Canaveral Groves to join and participate in our volunteer organization.

I was contacted the other day by a resident who asked me just what exactly do I get for my \$15.00 dues. Well sir, that \$15.00 goes toward operating expenses such as room rental for our meetings. It supplements the Citizenship Scholarships we give each year to two Fairglens students in the spring and whatever else that comes up. We usually have informational speakers at our monthly meetings, but their is never a cost for that. We have sponsored political forums, usually with candidates for District 1 County Commissioner, and we serve as a resource for obtaining answers for our members that may relate to county services. That is a pretty good bargain for \$15.00 and we don't try to stick our nose in someone else's business unless there is a safety to life hazard. Come check us out every second Thursday of the month at Discovery Christian Church on Grissom at 7:00 P.M.

2017 is going to be an exciting year. A new President, a new administration and I am sure a lot of fireworks. We will survive but I think we are in for some interesting changes.

.....A Parting Shot From The Cannon.....

This offering is for my Brother by another mother, Jerry Wall out in West, by gosh, Canaveral Groves!

Can Cold Water Clean Dishes?

John went to visit his 90-year-old grandfather in a very secluded rural area of West, by gosh, Canaveral Groves. After spending a great evening chatting the night away, the next morning John's grandfather prepared a breakfast of bacon, eggs and toast.

However, John noticed a film-like substance on his plate. He questioned his grandfather, "Are these plates clean?"

His grandfather replied, "They're as clean as cold water can get 'em. Just you go ahead and finish your meal, Sonny!"

For lunch, the old man made hamburgers. Again, John was concerned about the plates, as his appeared to have tiny specks around the edge that looked like dried egg. He asked, "Are you sure these plates are clean?"

Without looking up, the old man said, "I told you before, Sonny, those dishes are as clean as cold water can get them. Now don't you fret. I don't want to hear another word about it!"

Later that afternoon, John was on his way to Cocoa, and as he was leaving, his grandfather's dog started to growl and wouldn't let him pass. John yelled and said, "Grandfather, your dog won't let me get to my car!"

Without diverting his attention from the football game he was watching on TV, the old man shouted, "Coldwater, go lay down now, yah hear me!"



That's All, Folks!



I guess we are off and running for 2017. Be sure to read all our offerings in Happenings and when you can, utilize the services of our advertisers. Without them, Happenings would not be possible.

Until next month, Lord willin' and the creek don't rise, I remain your humble servant,

- Bill Cannon

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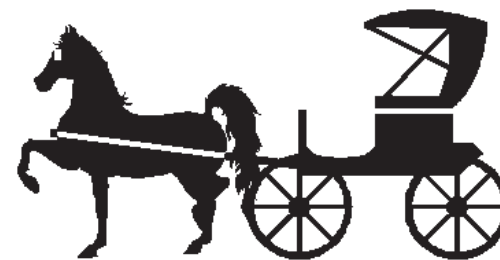


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As usual, here I sit at the eleventh hour, cranking out my article. I would like to thank all of you who read our monthly publication. I am always gratified when some ask me if I am the Bill Cannon who writes in Happenings. I do my best to keep us all up with current events and issues that affect us here in the Groves.

I am pleased to announce that our new D1 Commissioner, Rita Pritchert, has asked me to continue serving on the P & Z/ LPA Boards for D1. I am honored and will continue to serve if ap-

proved by the Board of County Commissioners.

I guess the beginning of a new year is a chance to reflect on the previous year. I am sure that all of us, in one form or another, has had to deal with a life changing event; the loss of a friend, a spouse or a loved one, a change or loss of a job, a medical situation. These events can many times be stressful. Fortunately, many of us have a strong Faith and family we can fall back on, but what of those who don't have that support system? You are not alone, but you have to be willing to share your thoughts and concerns with a trusted family member or close friend. Maybe your answers will present themselves with a new Church family, but it will be up to you to initiate the conversation.

I know that I have just lost two friends here

in the Groves in the last month. They will be remembered, but never forgotten because I know that they have no more pain and suffering, as well as being in a much better place. My heart goes out to all who have lost someone recently. Rest well, Bud and Ken. I rejoice in the fact that we will meet again someday.

Moving on, the first train of the All Aboard Florida/Brightline arrived in south Florida on December 14. Their Phase 1 high speed rail service begins this year from Miami to Fort Lauderdale. Due to the efforts of groups to the south like Citizens Against the Train and Florida, Not All Aboard, phase II from Fort Lauderdale to Orlando is on hold, although construction at OIA of their inter-modal station located at their new south ter-

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