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County Warning and Spring Time Fun

County Implements Burn Ban

Due to ongoing drought conditions, favorable to the eruption of wildfires, Brevard County has implemented a ban on open burning throughout the county. The ban is effective in both incorporated and unincorporated areas and includes campfires, bonfires, trash burning and other incineration.

In April, Gov. Rick Scott declared a state of emergency following increased wildfires across the state. The Keetch-Byram Drought Index currently averages in the 500-549 range in Brevard County on a scale of 750. At press time, there were more than 100 active wildfires across the state, including 4 active brush fires in Brevard County.

"The continuous sparking of brush fires, the fact that Brevard has reached an extreme level on the Fire Danger Index, and the repeated highway closures due to visibility issues, indicates that we cannot wait until the drought index goes higher,

or we experience fires that are closer to homes, to react," said Brevard County Emergency Management Director Kimberly Prosser. "It's an issue of public safety."

The burn ban will remain in effect until conditions change significantly. Most surrounding counties have also declared burn bans until drought conditions have eased. Little relief from the drought is anticipated prior to the beginning of the rainy season, which begins June 1.

parking lot. Cost is \$50, which ball games, team shirt and end awards. The season starts in through mid-October. Games are through mid-October. Thursday nights at Fay Park.

The burn ban is supported by Brevard County Fire Rescue, the Space Coast Fire Chiefs Association, and Brevard County Emergency Management.

PSJ Housewives Softball League



The Port St. John Housewives Softball League is gearing up for another fun season! Don't let the

name fool you...women of all playing abilities are invited to join our league.

As of July 1st, you must be 19 years of age or older. Sign-ups will be on Saturdays and Sundays, May 20th and 21st, and June 3rd and 4th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Fay Park, east parking lot. Cost is \$50, which includes 20 softball games, team shirt and end of year party and awards. The season starts in July and continues through mid-October. Games are on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Fay Park.

This is a great way to make friends and get some exercise. You do not have to live in Port St. John to join our league.

We are also accepting applications for sponsors and experienced umpires. For more information, call: Shannon Freeland, President, at 321-543-5175; Veronica Ordner, Vice-President, at 321-698-3863; Angie Burris, Treasurer, at 321-480-1052; or Crystal Paul, Secretary, at 321-266-0925. You can also find us on Facebook www. facebook.com/PSJHSL.

There is no fee to be a spectator. Come out to Fay Park on Tuesday and Thursday nights starting in July.

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

Mondays

29th Center Closed Memorial Day Holiday Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Senior Billiards 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Teen Billiards, 4-8 p.m. Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 p.m.

Tuesdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Senior Billiards, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Girl Scouts Troop 1902, 4:00-5:30 pm thru 5/16 Teen Billiards, 6-8 p.m.

Wednesdays

Senior Billiards, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Outside Basketball, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Dream Weavers 1:30-3:30 p.m. thru 5/17 Teen Billiards, 4-8 p.m. Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 p.m. 3rd & 17th Cub Pack 704, 6-7:30 p.m. Kenpo Karate 7-8 p.m.

Thursdays

Senior Billiards, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Outside Basketball, 10 a.m. 8 p.m. Teen Billiards, 4-8 p.m. 4th & 18th Girl Scouts Troop 835, 6-7 p.m. 11th Girl Scouts Troop 210, 6 7:30 p.m.

Fridays

Senior Billiards, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Outside Basketball, 4-6 p.m.

Saturdays

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

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Good Day! by Maureen Rupe All Aboard Florida

Lot of updates. In a March 28, 2017 story in the TC Palm, titled, "Grupo Mexico to buy Florida East Coast Railway for \$2.1 billion," Grupo Mexico Transportes, a Mexican mining and rail business, said they were buying 100% of Florida East Coast Railroad. Brightline, which is running the passenger service of All Aboard Florida, said it doesn't affect anything concerning All Aboard Florida. It may be, but I don't like the idea that Florida taxpayers are subsidizing a foreign submitted from Treasure Coast, say the bills are company. Not directly, but according to a Sun Sentinel column titled, "Mayo: All Aboard bonds involve 'high degree of risk'," it states Florida Development Finance Corporation, a public body authorized by the legislature to issue bonds, allowed All Aboard Florida approved \$1.75 billion in Tax Exempt bonds. That's a lot of taxes not being returned to the state. All Aboard Florida is using Florida East Coast Railroad for passenger service. I was shaking my head, but realized we already had the issue when I read that Fortress, the parent company that owns both Brightline and Florida East Coast Railway, was bought by

a Japanese company called SoftBank in Febru- but when she introduced the bill she said All ary of this year. The same article that stated the company was being bought for \$2.1 billion also said the improvements along the existing track and new track from Cocoa to Orlando would make the \$3.1 billion company more profitable. If that is right, it would be strange if I'm selling for 1/3 less than what my product is worth. If that is true, it sounds like someone is making some bad business decisions.

Senate Bill 386 and House Bill 269, bills for safety on any future high speed rails, but the bills are being backed by Citizens Against Rail Expansion in Florida. Among other things, the bills ensure the railroad company would have ion/os-ed-all-aboard-florida-political-attackto maintain all crossings and roads crossing the rail, which gives local governments an avenue to tie up high speed rail for years to come. One to Orlando may be having a wait and see attitude.

Sun Sentinel and Orlando Sentinel have both published editorials against the bill. An opinion in Sun Shine State News is for the bill. Senator Mayfield says it's not against All Aboard Florida,

Aboard Florida a couple of times, and then had to correct herself.

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Liquid Natural Gas (LNG)

Strange events happened with the proposed reason: funding to build the new rail from Cocoa Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) plant in Tico Airport. Two years ago, I was invited to a meeting with Florida East Coast Industries, a sister holding company of Florida East Coast Railway. I was willing to listen as I had just fought 22 years to get rid of fuel oil at the FP&L Power Plant.

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They said they were going to do an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) and I would hear from them after that occurred. Titusville hasn't heard anything from them for two years; neither have I. I asked at the time if I could be on their Safety Task Force that Florida East Coast Railroad was setting up and I was told absolutely. Never heard anything more about it.

Growth, along with movement by either trucks or railway to get LNG to the Port, seems to be the primary reason for the plant. A November 7, 2016 article in the Cruise Industry Newsletter, stated 13 of 76 new cruise ships are slated to be powered by LNG and the trend was picking up for a higher percentage in the future. As fracking is allowing the United States to be a major exporter of LNG, it's not hard to understand.

Why should WE have it? We've had enough. The LNG plant is on the very south edge of Titusville city limits. There are six schools within three miles of the location. Atlantis Elementary, Challenger Elementary, Enterprise Elementary, Space Coast High School, Campus Charter School and even Montessori Academy within the industrial area on Grissom Parkway.

power plants and spent years living with plumes of smoke over our community until a study showed the level of pulmonary issues in Port St. John. I know the Orlando Utilities Corporation plant may not be used now, but could renovate, although it may have to be pulled down as regulations have drastically changed over the years. Or who knows, if the Environmental Protection Agency is removed, we might have our soot showers once again.

We have an airport with the runway a mile directly north of Atlantis Elementary, Years ago, PSJ objected very strongly and I was shown the Airport's Strategic Plan, which had a runway to be built at a southwest/northeast angle, so I don't want to hear from officials that we knew there was an airport when we bought a house. We've had enough.

time I have researched a lot more, and I will be opposing the plant from setting up so close to Port St. John. If it happens, I will look for your support. It's dirty growth using trucks, rail or barge, all ways to get LNG to the Port, which

We've had enough. Port St. John has two seems to be the underlying reason. Past plans weren't making sense, except for benefitting the Port. The Barge Crossing, the Logistics Center and the LNG plant, all are in the north-east corner of Port St John.

> As far as LNG, any path of transportation, or just the act of filling the tanks just a couple hundred feet north of Kings Highway, could have grave concerns for our community if someone didn't follow the right process and an accident occurred.

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I was open to LNG initially, but since that Dog Park at Fay Lake Wilderness Park

There seems to be a problem at our Dog Park at Fay Lake Wilderness Park; complaints of big dogs bullying small or less aggressive dogs. Those being intimidated are going into the small

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Good Day, cont.

dog area, and even those with aggressive dogs have let their dogs into the small dog area. Small dogs have been bitten. Some folks have stopped using the park. Some dog owners simply don't seem to care; some are rude when told to keep control of their dogs.

The North Brevard Parks and Recreation is investigating the issues.

Come on offenders. Everyone within this area bought Fay Lake Wilderness Park for the community. We not only pay taxes for North Brevard Parks, we also pay a Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) to maintain Fay Lake and the Space Coast Communities Sports Complex. We passed the MSTU with 82% of the vote, but not to hand it over to individuals with a personal agenda. The parks belong to us all, and we all should be able to use the park without fear of our dogs being others. Let's play nice with each other.

Florida Today Fact Book

Did you all happen to look at the Fact Book from Florida Today? The Point of Interest for Port St. John was the Florida Power & Light power

plant. Well, that suggests to anyone wanting to buy a house that they shouldn't buy it here (Are you listening, Realtors?); that our property values may be of concern. Florida Today could have said Fay Lake Wilderness Park, Florida Today could also have said our Community Center and our terrific sports programs for our children.

We need more community interest. We did it once in the 1990's. We need to point out to Florida Today our good points and not just our power plants.

County Commission to Defund Non-Profits

Over the next five years, the Brevard County Commission is considering stopping support for non-profits in Brevard County. Brevard County Commissioners have been putting off road repair tance) for ages, and seems to be saying they will throw our needy to the benefit of our roads.

I hope they have considered the consequences. bitten or intimidated, or receiving threats from Not only will the poor and elderly be the victims, but they must get food and shelter from somewhere. Donations are not covering needs. Do we really want more crime, more begging on the streets? Starving homeless, elderly and children? The residents of Space Coast are extremely gen-

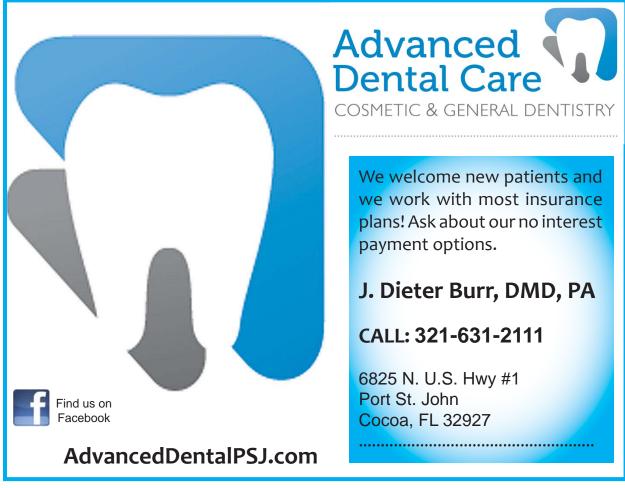
erous, but could they now give double? There are also folks who will not give to charities. Unfortunately, the homeless and hungry will not care when they steal out of desperation. I hope it isn't from someone that is trying to help them.

Brevard has been giving \$510,200 to 15 public programs. One program is Meals on Wheels, which helps feed 1,600 elderly who wouldn't eat or be daily checked on if it wasn't for the program.

A Florida Today story by Dave Bergman, titled, "12 Non-Profits approved for Brevard County funding." gave an overview of who and for what the money is going.

- \$32,200 for Aging Matters (senior assis-
 - \$60,000 for Aging Matters (senior nutrition)
- \$54,560 for AMI Kids Space Coast Inc. (health services for at-risk male youth)
- \$21,051 for Big Brothers Big Sisters (youth mentoring and development)
- \$16,842 for Brevard Alzheimer's Foundation (scholarships for adult day care)
- \$60,000 for Brevard Alzheimer's Foundation (transportation services for elderly and disabled)





- \$32,000 for Central Brevard Sharing Center (emergency food)
- \$60,000 for Emma Jewel Charter Academy (transportation services for children)
- \$14,035 for Family Counseling Center (outpatient behavioral health services)
- \$37,200 for Family Promise of Brevard (emergency family shelter)
- \$19,112 for Housing for Homeless (permanent housing and supportive services)
- \$12,000 for Links of Hope (child abuse prevention classes)
- \$12,000 for The Salvation Army (domestic violence shelter/services)
- \$19,200 for The Salvation Army (soup kitchen)
- \$60,000 for The South Brevard Women's Center (domestic violence victims services)

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Brevard Health Alliance Comes to PSJ



The Brevard Health Alliance has opened a new clinic in Port St. John, located at 7227 N. US Hwy. 1 in the Royal Oaks Medical Center.

This new clinic provides access to affordable quality medical care including adult and pediatric medicine, a medication assistance program (free and reduced medications for qualified patients), and assistance with Medicaid and Food Stamp applications. Brevard Health Alliance accepts most insurance programs, including all Medicaid plans, along with services provided on a sliding fee scale discount rate for individuals without insurance.

The Port St. John clinic has a long range plan of incorporating dental services into the medical offerings starting in 2017.

The Brevard Health Alliance, Inc. is Brevard County's only federally qualified Health Center. BHA provides extensive primary health care services to Brevard County residents regardless of their ability to pay. By offering services on a sliding-fee scale, BHA has provided primary care

service, behavioral health services. limited dental services, diagnostic services, resource management services, medication assistance and specialty referrals to Brevard County's economically disadvantaged residents since March of 2005.



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Space Coast High School Students Excel in Club Activities

Headed to National Competition –

FCCLA, (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) a national youth leadership organization, is in its first year at SCHS. The SCHS club is a joint club with Viera High School, where the club is in its third year.

FCCLA is a nonprofit national career and technical student organization for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences education in public and private school through grade 12. Everyone is

part of a family, and FCCLA is the only national Career and Technical Student Organization with the family as its central focus. Since 1945, FC-CLA members have been making a difference in their families, careers, and communities by addressing important personal, work and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education.

Mission - To promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences education. Focusing on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner and community leader, members develop skills for life through character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge and career preparation.

This first-year club is sending two SCHS students to National Competition in Nashville, TN this summer. Seventh grader Danajean Hos-

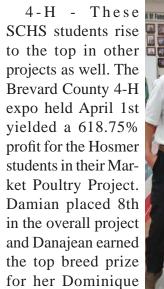
mer won district and

came in first place in state competition with her recycle and redesign project. Danajean used her retired aunt's work suits and jewelry to recover an old chair, creating a memory district and state with

project. Damian will compete at national conference, with his 50-page proposal for a Bee and Honey business. That's a lot of business skills for a 9th grader.

Three students from Viera High also earned the right to go to National Conference.

> To earn funds for their trip, FCCLA students hosted a Fashion and Design Show on April 21st at Viera High. Then on April 29th, students hosted a garage sale in Canaveral Groves.



Chicken. The auc-



tion held at the end of the day proved extremely successful for the pair. Damian's market birds earned as much money as the Grand Champion birds, with Danajean's earning just slightly less. Now that's an amazing return on investment for a 6-month project.

Summer Art & Craft Fair

The Cocoa Village Summer Art & Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, May 13th and Sunday, May 14th from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.

The Spring Fine Art & Craft Fair focuses giving it new life and on fine art, offering over \$6,000.00 in cash and awards and includes a Saturday evening Art piece. Ninth grader Exhibit in the Cocoa Civic Center featuring all Damian Hosmer won entries and highlighting the winning entries.

It's a great day to wander around among the his Entrepreneurship shops and art in the Village!



Vipers Cheerleaders

Hello everyone! We are so pleased to announce the new cheerleading squads for the 2017-2018 school year. Congratulations to all the new cheerleaders. It's going to be a great year!

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Emily S.		Georgia M.
Shaylee S.		Kaylei P-R.
Tamra T.		Kaia P.
Danielle W.		Alexis P.
		Hannah S.
		Marissa V.
		Brooke W.

We are so grateful to our sponsors that have supported our cheerleaders in the past. It's means so much to us! Be on the lookout for the cheerleaders to be visiting the community businesses for the upcoming year. There will be several options to choose from to help sponsor the Space Coast Jr./Sr. High Cheerleaders for 2017-2018.

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a great year! Medium lettering on Cheer Banner to be dis-Middle School: played at all home football games.

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2) Ensure your alarm system has a backup battery in case the power gets turned off. Then the alarm system will still work if thieves or unwanted visitors enter your home.

3) INstall a video surveillance camera(s) and use the ones that will send an alert along with a video to your cell phone when it detects motion on your property.

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~ Neighbor Nell

Parks & Recreation Meeting

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, May 11, 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 264-5105.

Student Art Show

Cape Canaveral Culture and Leisure Services Dept. will be hosting its Friday Fest street party in conjunction with the 18th Annual Student Art Show on Friday, May 5th, at Taylor and Poinsetta Avenue in Cape Canaveral from 6-10 pm. Friday Fest is a free, family friendly, community event that offers a little something for everyone. Festivities include craft vendors, local artists, food trucks and bounce houses. Live entertainment will be provided by Panama and beer/wine sales will benefit the Cape Canaveral Soccer Club.

The Student Art Show portion of the event will take place, rain or shine, in the Cape Canaveral Public Library from 6:00 - 8:00 pm, featuring artwork from 13 Brevard schools, grades K -12. Best in Show and Best of Grade awards will be presented on the main stage at 7:00 pm, weather permitting. Schools participating in this year's show include: Andrew Jackson Middle, Cape View Elementary, Enterprise Elementary, Herbert Hoover Middle, John F. Kennedy Middle, Merritt Island HS, Rockledge HS, Roosevelt Elementary, Space Coast Jr/Sr, Stevenson Elementary, Thomas Jefferson Middle, Tropical Elementary and Viera HS.

For more information, please contact the Culture and Leisure Services at (321) 868-1226.



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- Never send cash. Electronic payment options are the quickest and easiest way to pay your tax. Check out IRS Direct Pay or EFTPS to pay directly from your bank account. It's secure and free. You'll get instant confirmation that you have submitted your payment. You can pay taxes electronically 24/7 on IRS.gov. Just click on the payments tab near the top left on the home page.

- If you filed an extension, you may be able to pay through your tax software when you file the return.

- Another method is to choose the option to pay with a credit or debit card. This is accomplished by going to the irs.gov website and be advised that the company processing your payment will charge a processing fee. You may be able to deduct the credit or debit card processing fee on next year's return. It's claimed on Schedule A, Itemized Deductions.

- You may enroll in the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS). The EFTPS method permits you to pay your federal taxes electronically. You have a choice to pay using the internet or by phone using the EFTPS Voice Response System.

- If you can't pay electronically, you can still pay by a personal check, cashier's check or money order. Make it payable to "United States Treasury." Be sure your name, address and daytime phone number appears on the front of your payment. Also, write the tax year, Form 1040, and your Social Security number in the memo section of the check and you'll use the social security number shown first if it's a joint return payment. You will also send a completed Form 1040-V payment voucher in the envelope with your payment or mail it with your tax return to the IRS. Make sure you send them to the correct address listed in the instructions for the Form 1040-V. This will help the IRS process your payment and post it to your account correctly. You can get the form on IRS.gov/forms at any time.

If you can't pay your tax in full, the IRS urges



you to still file your tax return on time. You should pay as much as you can with your tax return. This will help keep your penalty and interest costs down.

If the amount you owe is more than you can pay in full, then establish an installment agreement which will allow you to pay the balance over time. There will be a processing fee, charged by IRS, when you establish this arrangement. There is an Online Payment Agreement tool on IRS.gov that makes it a real easy way to apply if the amount due is under \$50,000.

Finally, if the amount is more than you can handle and you know there isn't any way that you'll ever pay it off, you may feel enticed to call one of the scammer advertising entities that will charge you unbelievable fees and will never settle the debt. I would advise you to determine if an Offer in Compromise is possible first. You can go to the website "http://irs.treasury.gov/ oic pre qualifier/" to determine if an Offer in Compromise is possible. If you find you fall within the parameters, I recommend you to seek the assistance of a local Enrolled Agent, Certified Public Accountant, or an attorney to prepare the documentation and settle the debt. Steer away from the "We can reduce your tax liability" nationwide advertising solicitors due to excessive billing techniques.

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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"Healing Hues Art Camp"

North Star, Child Grief Program, will be hosting "Healing Hues Art Camp" on Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 23, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The camp will be held at Hospice of St. Francis' office, 1250-B Grumman Place, Titusville 32780.

"Healing Hues Art Camp" welcomes children ages 9 to 12, who have experienced a loss in their family. A fun-filled week at camp will help them heal and grow through expressive arts. Participants can share their feelings, recognize their loss and begin to heal with other children close in age. Activities will include getting acquainted, yoga and mindfulness activities, expressive arts and crafts, and lunch.

Camp will be lead by Hilary Farnum, MSW,

North Star Coordinator, and Jill Noel, Brevard County School Art Teacher.

All participants must be registered to attend by June 9, 2017. For registration and more information, call Hilary Farnum at 321-269-4240.

North Star, Child Grief Program, is a program of Hospice of St. Francis. Hospice of St. Francis (HOSF) is the first hospice established in Brevard County and will celebrate its 40th anniversary in November 2017.

Hospice Seeks Office Volunteers

Hospice of St. Francis is seeking caring people who would like to become hospice volunteers. We are in need of clerical assistance in our Melbourne and Titusville offices: data entry, receptionist and customer service/care phone

callers. Volunteer opportunities are also available in other capacities throughout Brevard County. No previous experience is needed. Training is provided at no cost to the participants.

For more information, call the North or South Volunteer Coordinator, at 321-269-4240 or 866-269-4240 (toll free).

Hospice of St. Francis (HOSF) is a local, independent, non-profit organization. Established in 1977, Hospice of St. Francis is Brevard County's first hospice. HOSF continues to provide care for terminally ill patients and support for their families. All of Hospice of St. Francis programs are free of charge to Brevard County residents. For more information on programs and services, call 321-269-4240, toll free 866-269-4240 or visit the website at www.hospiceofstfrancis.com.



Mother's Day

The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. St Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the International Mother's Day Shrine. Her campaign to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers, because she believed that they were "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world".

In 1908, the US Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday, joking that they would also have to proclaim a "Motherin-law's Day." However, owing to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, by 1911 all US states observed the holiday, with some of them officially recognizing Mother's Day as a local holiday, the first being

West Virginia in 1910. In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

Mother's Day, she became resentful of the commercialization of the holiday. Jarvis believed that the companies had misinterpreted and exploited the idea of Mother's Day, and that the emphasis of the holiday was on sentiment, not profit.

Anna's mother passed away before Mother's Day became an official holiday. Anna herself never had children, but was the driving force to celebrate the women who do.

Thank you to all the mothers out there.

- Big thanks to Wikipedia

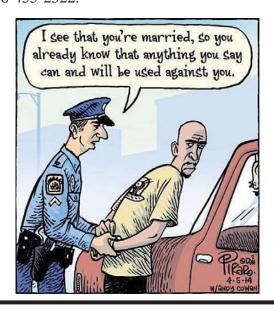
Central FL Accordion Club

The Brevard Chapter of the Central Florida Accordion Club (CFAC) holds its regular meeting the last Sunday of every month. Members and guests are invited to play accordions or other instruments.

The next show will be held on Sunday, May

28th, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Elks Lodge #1532, 315 Florida Ave, Cocoa. The event is open to the public. Admission is free.

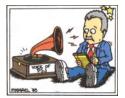
CFAC is a Not-for-Profit Florida Corporation, Although Jarvis was successful in founding and is tax exempt under Section 501c4 of the Federal Tax Code. The club is dedicated to promoting the visibility and value of the accordion as a multi-cultural musical instrument in Central Florida. For more information, contact Rod Hall, 866-455-2322.





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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Alcoholics Anonymous meets in PSJ on Sundays at 5 p.m. and Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 4797 Curtis Boulevard (St. Patrick's Church). 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.

5-1 May Day

5-2 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. 5-3 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.

5-5 Cinco De Mayo

5-10 'Remembering Through Sharing' - a

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

5-11 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.

5-12 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.

5-14 Mother's Day

5-14 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. 5-14 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.

5-14 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.

5-15 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.

5-17 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.

5-19 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.

5-20 Armed Forces Day

5-23 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.

5-29 Memorial Day

Congratulations to:

Cathy Rodriguez is a party girl on the 11th. Stephanie Fogarty turns 23 on the 1st. Emily Waters turns 13 on May 1st. Kaitlvn Davis turns 13 on the 4th. Eric Bray turns 23 on the 4th. **Sarah Travis** turns prettier on the 5th. Finley Link turns 4 on the 9th. Jacob Prentis turns 25 on the 10th. **Brandy Lampton** turns **24** on the 11th. **Jesse Jordan** turns **21** on the 11th. **Christopher Pistilli** is **16** on the 12th. **Anthony Nero** turns **28** on the 14th. **Cathy Unrue** turns more lovely on the 15th. **Tim Unrue** rocks all night on the 15th. Harry Weidman crackles more on the 16th. Ruthe Middleton turns younger on the 18th. Alynza Sladyk turns 12 on the 19th. Jake Wardlow turns 34 on the 20th. Sandy Link turns mo' better on the 20th. Meaghan Blake turns 25 on the 27th. Ellie Grace Moore gains one on the 27 **Delaney Hermes** turns **6** on the 28th. **Madison Firth** turns **6** on the 29th. Nicholas Pistilli turns 18 on the 29th. **Brittany Benoff** turns **11** on the 31st. **John Phipps** turns better on the 31st. Steve Prentis turns wilder on the 31st! **Diane Rivers** parties wild on the 31st. Carol Horsman turns cuter this month. Christopher Spears turns 25 this month. **Irene Spears** has a spanking day in May. Joe & KC Casey celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary on the 1st. Beverly & John Applegate Jr celebrate 15

on the 4th.

Paul & Kathi Hildebrandt celebrate 31 on the 10th.

Harry & Vickie Weidman celebrate 36 on the 17th.

Robert and Vonnie celebrate **63** on the 21st. Joe & Leigh Waters celebrate 18 on May 30th. Email inputs to happenings1@att.net.



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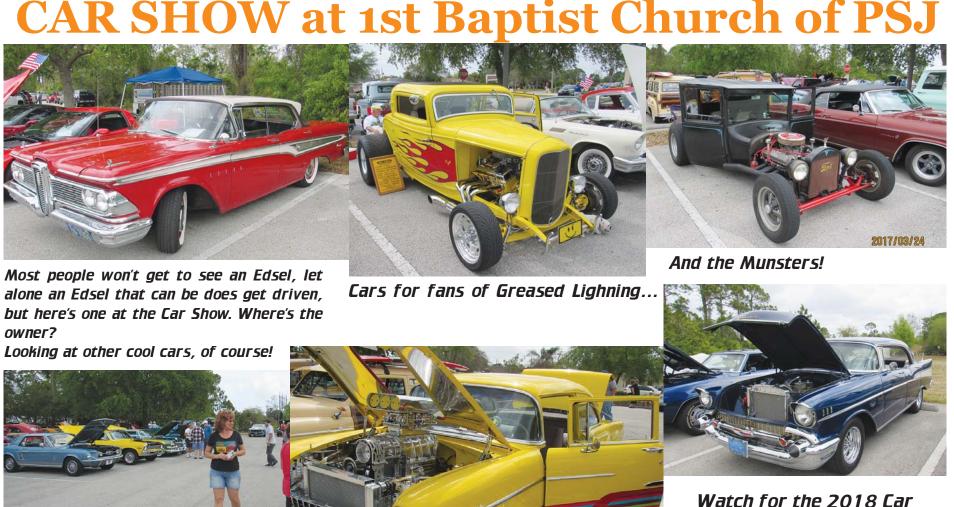
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General Information

Please monitor our website for any future news and announcements on upcoming registration and events. Do not forget to look at our website for great gear and ways to support your Space Coast Panthers.

Space Coast Panthers general board meetings are currently being held tentatively every 2 weeks on Tuesdays at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome

to join us and have a voice in the success of our league. Dates will be posted on our website and on our Facebook pages as they are scheduled.

Registration

Registration for the upcoming 2017 Fall Tackle\Cheer season has arrived. Make it easy on yourself and register your football or cheer star from the comfort of your home by going to Spacecoastpanthers.org. Monitor our website for dates and times of live registrations being held near you. While you're on the site checking out the registration go ahead and check out our volunteer information, we are always in need of



more volunteers to help the league.

Volunteers Needed

We are currently seeking volunteers and coaches for the upcoming Fall Tackle, Cheer and Flag season. We are a non-profit, all volunteer organization and we are always in need of volunteers. Space Coast Panthers coaches and Board members are all volunteers and give their personal time up to train and help the boys and girls of our league. This is a great way to give back to your community and help make a difference in a child's life.

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At press time, the SCHS Vipers softballteam was 1 game from going to the District tournament. More to come next month.









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Severe Weather Tips

little likely that we will start seeing our summer thunderstorms earlier this year, too. Here are some tips for severe weather frin Cummins, the refrigerator/freezer full of food (62%). manufacturer of home standby generators and Cheryl Nelson, meteoroloif the power goes out.

While most of us know to get out the flashlights and back-up batteries, here are a few additional tips that may help during the impending severe weather:

- "Spring clean" your disaster kit. Replace expired prescriptions, food and first aid items.
- Update your emergency contact information. Make sure your family knows how to reach you in the event of an emergency. Store important contact information on your phone or a flash drive.
- Discuss your severe weather plan with your family and at your workplace.
- Replace the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Survey your property for things that might need repair and trim tree limbs hanging over your home.
 - Inspect your roof for any leaks.
- Check and reseal windows and doors, if necessary, to keep the spring/ summer heat out.
 - Clean out your chimney and gutters.
- Make sure you have a back-up power source in case of a power outage. Having a standby generator means you can safely power your home even through a long term outage.
- Never fill a generator with gas near your home. A standby generator should be installed and attached to a natural gas line or propane.

Power Outage Facts:

Cummins commissioned Nielsen to discover how Americans feel, and how they react when they lose power.

- When asked how long before losing power was no longer fun, 22% said it wasn't fun at all, not even for a minute, while 32% said the fun stopped between one and four hours.
- Most respondents (63%) say the most inconvenient time to lose power is in the evening (6pm-10pm), while 36% say it's in the early morning (5am-9am).
- When asked what they missed the most when the power is out, 58% said heating/air conditioning, followed closely by internet connection (56%). 73% of respondents agreed they would rather have internet over TV/cable.
- Twenty-three percent miss the ability to recharge portable devices, while nine percent would miss video games. Surprisingly, 33% percent would rather give up social media and 29% would opt to wait in line at the DMV over losing power.
- So, what do most Americans do when the power is actually out? Fifty-four percent of respondents have slept or napped, 42% read. While, 41% turned to games, only 18% stated they "get intimate."

- Most respondents were more likely to buy a generator if they had With the unusually high temperatures this spring, it's more than a been affected adversely by frequency of storms (72%), had experienced significant damage (72%), frequent power outages (69%) or had lost a

If you do need to rely on a generator because you lose power, remember gist and disaster preparedness expert, to help families prepare, especially that the generator will produce dangerous fumes and carbon monoxide. Don't run the generator in the house or room where you will be. You might want to store your long, heavy extension cords near your generator.

> All of our local TV stations have a website, so you'll be able to get weather-related information on your phone, tablet or computer.



10 Things To Look For In A Daycare

Making the decision to put your child in a daycare is never easy, but knowing what to look for in a daycare can make decision making a lot easier. Some questions that you can use as a checklist when picking the right facility for your children should be the following:

1. Were you asked to make an appointment to tour the facility or were you encouraged to stop by at anytime? Though an appointment might mean they wanted to have extra staff on hand for your tour, you want your child at a facility with an Open Door Policy. Stopping in at any time when it's usually just children and staff there can help you "catch" if something out of the ordinary is going on.

2. Did someone check your ID when you entered the building or greet you upon arrival to ask if questions or assistance was needed? What is the child care centers ID Policy? Do they check everyone's ID when entering if the person is unknown by staff? Do they check to make sure unfamiliar people are on the pick-up list for children before releasing them?

3. Is the daycares license posted somewhere visible? Check to make sure that the center has all the necessary licensing and accreditation requirements. You can double check the requirements on your state's Health and Human Services website. If the center does not have their licensing available to be reviewed, do not hesitate to ask.

4. What policies are in place regarding immunization, sick children and accident/incident reports? Most daycare centers require proof of immunization before/upon enrollment to be compliant with licensing. Find out the daycares policy on bringing in sick children and what happens when

an accident or child-to-child incidents occur.

5. What credentialing does the staff have? Ask if the staff is First-Aid and CPR certified, confirm that employees undergo background checks and that there is at least one teacher per age group with a degree in Early Childhood or its equivalent.

6. How does the staff interact with the children? Observe the staff interactions with the children; do they listen to them and offer age-appropriate activities.

7. What is the Staff-to-child ratio? Ask how the staff to child ratio is determined.

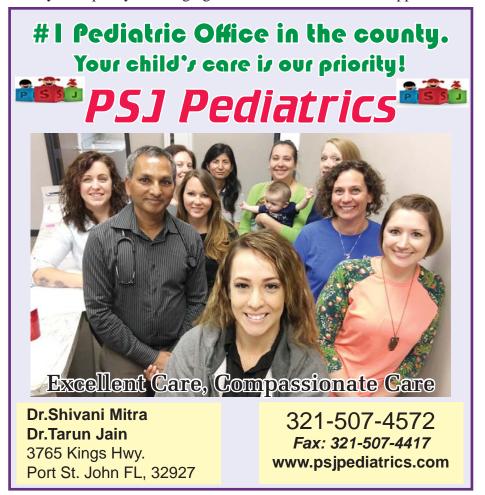
8. Is the physical environment safe? Look around for gates, smoke alarms, outlet covers, cupboard locks and corner covers. Check to see if the outdoor area is safe and well maintained.

9. How clean is the place? Ask how often toys and surfaces are cleaned and with what solution. How often are the bathrooms cleaned? What is the procedure for cleaning the changing tables?

10. What are the hours? Ask how flexible the hours are, whether they take part-time enrollments and what the holiday/vacation schedule looks like. Ask what the policy for running late to pick up your child.

No matter what you decide, never underestimate your intuition. If something doesn't seem or feel right to you, pay attention to that feeling. You need to feel that your child is safe and be happy in the center of your choice.

Sherry Pinkson Your Port St. John Neighbor





How To Stay Young When You're Retired

Mohr Keet of South Africa bungee jumped when he was 96, landing himself in the Guinness Board of World Records.

Yuichiro Miura of Japan climbed Mount Ever-retirement include: est when he was 80.

• Be a lifelong 1

Not everyone in the golden years of life will attempt and accomplish such extraordinary feats, but most people can take steps to keep themselves young – at least in spirit – when they reach retirement.

Unfortunately, for many people, retirement planning remains fixated on finances, so when the big day arrives, they're not quite ready to segue into life's new chapter, says Ann Vanderslice (www.annvanderslice.com), president and CEO of Retirement Planning Strategies, which specializes in advising federal workers about their benefits.

says. "It's proven that those who are lifelong learners have a greater sense of optimism and a lower chance of dementia."

• See the world – or at least some of it. There are no doubt plenty of places you haven't ventured out to, some close by and others far away. Traveling and enjoying new experiences is a great way to keep you feeling young and enthusiastic

"After you've planned for the money, there is still anxiety about retirement," she says. "You don't know what it's like to not work and so there is that emotional part of retirement you need to manage. Sometimes people aren't ready in any

way, shape or form."

She says a few ways to hang onto a little youthful exuberance while aging gracefully in retirement include:

- Be a lifelong learner. Making the effort to learn about new things keeps our brains young. Read something you wouldn't normally read. Sit in on a lecture that a college opens to the public. "Some of my clients mention they took classes in philosophy or in a foreign language," Vanderslice says. "It's proven that those who are lifelong learners have a greater sense of optimism and a lower chance of dementia."
- See the world or at least some of it. There are no doubt plenty of places you haven't ventured out to, some close by and others far away.

 Traveling and enjoying new experiences is a great way to keep you feeling young and enthusiastic about life, Vanderslice says, whether you head to a state park just an hour's drive away or you board a plane bound for Paris. "Part of the fun of traveling is deciding where you want to go,"

 Vanderslice says. "The sky should be the limit."

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Don't eliminate anything from your initial list just because of expense, she says. You might be able to find bargains, and because you're retired you can travel any time you want, which allows you go in the off season when prices are lower.

• Remember your doctor's advice. Activities such as enrolling in a college class can help keep you mentally young, but you want your body to cooperate, too. "We're always looking for that magic bullet, the easy and quick way to feeling younger," Vanderslice says. "The truth is that those things your doctor tells you – exercise, eat a healthy diet, get the appropriate amount of sleep – are about as close to a magic bullet as you're going to get."

"People think that money is the most important aspect of retirement, but it's really No. 2," Vanderslice says. "You can have more than enough money, but if you aren't healthy or doing the things you enjoy, the money won't matter."

Ever wonder why people stare at you? There are three things the human brain cannot resist noticing: food, attractive people and danger.



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Straight-A Grades for Patient Safety

The Leapfrog Group, the nation's leading nonprofit watchdog on hospital quality and safety, this week announced new Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades and Parrish Medical Center once again earned an "A." PMC has achieved straight-A grades since the inception of the Safety Grade in 2012, and is one of only 63 hospitals nationwide to attain this honor.

"I am incredibly proud of the impeccable and sustained safety record achieved by our talented and dedicated team of care partners," said George Mikitarian, President/CEO, Parrish Medical Center. "Patients at Parrish Medical Center can rest assured that they are being cared for in one of the safest hospitals in the nation."

"Straight 'A' hospitals are a rare breed. Not only do they achieve the highest national standards for safety, but they consistently maintain that level of excellence," said Leah Binder, President and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "That means that they put the well-being of their patients first, every hour of every day, year after year. We are proud to recognize that tireless commitment."

Developed under the guidance of an Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 30 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign A, B, C, D and F grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is calculated by top patient safety experts, peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.

To see PMC's full grade, and to access consumer-friendly tips for patients, visit www. hospitalsafetygrade.org or follow The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade on Twitter and Facebook. Consumers can also download the free Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade mobile app for Apple and Android devices.

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Healing Experiences

Voice of Our Patients

Listening to the voices of our patients and community is key to our commitment for continuous improvement and key to our ability to fulfill our mission—Healing experiences for everyone all the time®. We listen in many ways. One way is through our Care and Share comment cards and another is through monitoring social media conversations. Here are some recent comments from grateful patients about their Parrish Healthcare experiences:

From Social Media: Lisa Koehler posted, "My one year old ingested a prescription pill this morning, which sent us racing to the Parrish ER. I just want to say...thank you so much for taking such great care of both my daughter AND me. We hadn't gotten a chance to eat before this all happened, and a nurse, Stella, brought us crackers, drinks and then ordered food to be brought for us both while we waited, as we had to stay for observation. The whole staff was very kind, gentle, and attentive to concerns and needs. I'm just so thankful, thank you all!"

Kimberlee Dawn Long shared a memory from two years ago when her little girl lost her cherished stuffed bear named Baby while visiting Parrish: "Here's a throwback for ya'. Still so thankful for the staff at Parrish who searched high and low for this bear, the nurse who bought her a new one and the people who found the original at last! The little old bear is still with her every night and her shot/blood draw buddy, and the newer, bigger bear is its best friend, cared for by big sister. They love their matching bears and the incredible story of love that goes with them." From Care & Share Cards: "Juliana in central scheduling: When pre-registering, Juliana is very professional, yet very helpful to us older folks. Great representative of Parrish for sure."

"Excellent experience today for a mammogram and bone scan. Wait was minutes and the tech, Pam Woods, was professional and friendly."

"(Emergency physician) Dr. Williams, thank you for playing a big role in saving my life and just having a great attitude all the time. I'll never forget you."

As we reflect on comments from our patients, we remind ourselves, as the 20th century American writer William Arthur Ward wrote, "Lose your-

self in generous service and every day can be a most unusual day, a triumphant day, an abundantly rewarding day!"

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By Robin Haynes Social Security Manager, Cocoa, FL

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According to The LeapFog Group, hospital safety breakdowns account for more than 200,000 deaths each year in the U.S. Only 63 hospitals nationwide—including PMC—can claim straight 'As' in hospital safety scores since 2012.

Source: hospitalsafetygrade.org/about-us/newsroom/display/489537



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Road Resurfacing Program

A \$6 million-plus annual funding plan that will nearly triple the number of road miles resurfaced in Brevard County beginning in fiscal 2018 received unanimous approval this week from the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners.

The funding plan is aimed at addressing the growth of the existing backlog of roads in the county that are currently deemed in need of resurfacing, are considered at risk for reconstruction or have been determined that reconstruction is required. Commissioners voted 5-0 to allocate funds that will increase from 20 to 55 the number of miles resurfaced in each of the next four years (2018-2021), and then bump that number to 61 miles in 2022 and beyond. The County maintains 1,614 miles of roads.

The funding plan paves the way for Commissioners to begin prioritizing in the coming months which county roads will be targeted first. Cited among benefits of the funding plan includes elimination of continued growth in the resurfacing backlog; reduction in the growth of the reconstruction backlog; and gradual improvement of the average condition of Brevard County roads. It costs the County about \$110,000 to resurface a mile of road, versus more than \$500,000 per mile for reconstruction.

A man was telling his neighbor, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect."

"Really,' answered the neighbor. "What kind is it?"

"Twelve thirty."

Central Brevard Library & Reference

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Adult Programs For May 2017

Mon, 9-12 and Fri, 1-4, Free one-on-one Medicare and insurance counseling for elders by trained SHINE experts. Walk-ins are welcome; appointments available by calling 321 252-9005. (Closed Monday, 5/29, for Memorial Day.)

Tues, 10am-12pm, Watercolor Techniques for all levels w/Pearl Ollie. \$10 fee includes supplies.

Thurs, 10-11am, Restorative Yoga – Certified yoga instructor Ashley Archambault teaches a gentle flow of yoga postures designed to relieve tension throughout the body. This class welcomes all ages and all levels of practitioners. Bring a mat or towel and wear comfortable shoes. \$5.

Mon, 5/1, 10:30am-12pm, Discover for yourself the simple, joyful pleasures of the Adult Coloring Zone. All materials freely provided, no special skills required. Call 633-1792 or just drop in!

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Thurs, 5/11, 2pm, Popcorn & a Movie – The Award-winning portrayal of love between an aspiring actress and a jazz musician against the backdrop of an American musical (PG-13). FREE.

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Wed, 5/17, 9:30-11 am, Learn to use your computer with this Mouse and Keyboard Skills class, \$5. Call 633-1792 to register.

Thurs, 5/18, 12:30-2pm. Love mysteries? Join "It's A Mystery" book group for a discussion of April's theme for library lovers: books about librarians, booksellers and books. FREE!

Thurs, 5/18, 6-7:30, Original Florida High-

wayman artist Robert Lewis presents "From the Inside Looking Out," a historical first-hand look back at what life and the artistic process was like during this noteworthy period in American art. Includes a live painting demonstration. FREE.

Sun, 5/21, 2pm, FREE concert! Central Brevard Library presents the Jeriatric Jazz Group (playing more than jazz!) for your Sunday afternoon musical entertainment.

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Wed, 5/24, 9:30-11 am, Learn to use your computer with this Windows Basics class. \$5. Call 633-1792 to register.

Thurs, 5/25, 1-3pm, Wire-wrap sea glass pendants in a fun jewelry-making class. All materials and instruction included! \$15. Call 321-225-1394 or email thebeadladiesarehere@gmail.com to reserve your space.

Thurs, 5/25,1pm, Join local residents Jim and Jeanne Kenaston on the trip as they recall their 30,000 mile sailing expedition from 1979-1982, "On Sabbatical – A Three Year Round-the-World Journey." FREE.

Tues, 5/30, 5-6pm, Join us at Creative Lab's Tech Tuesday. Call us for more information and to register. Spaces are limited (633-1792).

Wed, 5/31, 9:30-11 am, Begin to use the Internet and Email in this hands-on computer class. \$5. Call 633-1792 to register.

Moses And The Red Sea

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School. "Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army built a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked.

"Well, she didn't say it exactly like that, Mom, but, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

Rose's Room

lege of being called Mm, Mm, Ma-Ma, Me-Me, Mommy, Mom, or MOTHERRRRRR (the latter is usually uttered through 15-year-old lips) knows the same month that contains Mother's Day is the only possible month that could contain National Prayer Day. The old sage, "There are no accidents." certainly applies here.

It has been said that the platypus is proof that God has a sense of humor. I believe those of us lucky enough to propagate the earth are privy to the inner workings of said sense of humor.

I don't mean to slight dads here. I'm married to one, raised one, have several sons-in-law who are called dad, am grandmother to one and some of my best friends are of the paternal persuasion. I have the greatest admiration for dads everywhere and I know they hit their knees also... A mothers prayers are just different...and longer...and more intense...and more frequent.

Many of us begin bending The Big Guy's ear at the first thought of motherhood. We watch as friends and family begin to plan and have families and ask Him to grace us with a child.

Not too long after the reading of the Dip Strip, our prayers of thanks take a slightly different turn and we begin to pray that this not-so-little person make his appearance while we are still mobile just a roll of the eyes and that magical word. enough to make it to the delivery room.

Then begin the "Lord, please let the baby sleep just long enough for me to at least hit the bed/wash my hair/change my shirt for the third time today" prayers. On my long and rocky road to grandmotherhood, I have learned a few things about children that have not made their way into the text books yet, but I bet when they begin happening to dads they will suddenly become scientific facts and dads will find their knees a tad more often.

I recently ran into a young person I worked with a while back very eager to show off her brilliant offspring. "Say Ma-Ma, Ma-Ma." The young mother smiled, trying to hide a touch of to begin to cajole Ma-Ma out of a cherub faced May 27, 10am-Noon PSJ Pokémon Club exasperation.

I smiled back and reassured her that within a few years she would be praying her little darling would forget that word, or interchange it with Da-Da, Da-Da once in a while.

At about age two, children's vocal cords be- cause you deserve it!

come activated by the sight of his/her mother on the telephone. Said child may be fully immersed in Sponge Bob or sound asleep, but if his/her maternal parent utters the words, "Hello, How are you? We haven't spoken in ages," he/she will immediately begin an unbroken discourse of "Mom. Mom. Mom." There is no proof the child is even aware he/she is uttering these words, as proven by the times he/she is still engrossed in the television and just absent-mindedly patting his/her mothers leg and vocalizing.

I'm sure the, "Oh good Lord, child, what do you want!" counts as prayer.

A childs third year brings new uses for his/ her vocabulary, like forming sentences. "Mom, I poo-poo" "Mom! I got a boogie!" The latter uttered while brandishing a large green slime on his/her finger. Ditto for "Heavens! Lets go wash your hands!"

Age four brings, "Mom, do you have a baby in your belly, too, like my teacher?"

"Oh, Lord!" is just calling for help. He hears and believe it or not, answers.

"Uh-oh! Mooom! Look what the dog did!"

The fifth through the eleventh years run the gamut of "Mom, can I -" "Mom, Dad said ask you" – and "Mom, I need to go to..."

Pre-teens have the ability to say volumes with Don't touch me when we are in public! Actually KISSING Dad is gross! I need a hug! are all easily interpreted by the recipient.

The mid-teen years give Moms a break of sorts, the word is replaced by the sound of the child's bedroom door slamming.

Late teens and early twenties begin to bring music to our ears. "Mom! The college called!" "Mom! I aced the exam!"

You!!!"

Then the "Mom's..." are reduced to weekly, then monthly phone calls.

Come to think of it, maybe it's never too early darling.

And it's surely never too early or late to hit your knees for whatever reason you need to at the moment.

Happy Mothers Day!! He gave it to you be-

Port St. John Public Library

May Calendar of Events (321) 633-1867

Mon., Tues., Fri., 9 am - 5 pm; Wed., 12 – 8 pm; Thurs., 10 am - 6 pm; Sat., 10 am - 2 pm

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Yarning for a Cause: Mondays, 10 am-1 pm. Master Gardener's Garden Clinic: Monday, 2-4 pm. Our master gardener will answer your plant questions. Bring samples.

Senior Games: Tuesdays, 11:00-3:00 pm. Card games, Rummikub, Dominoes, etc. Bring your favorite game and lunch or a snack.

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STIR: Story Time for Independent Readers: Thursdays, 3:30-4:30. 1st grade and up. Preregistration required.

Story Time: Fridays, 10:30. All ages welcome. Yarn Club: Fridays, 2:00-4:00 pm. Knit, crochet and needle arts. Sit, talk and create. All ages and abilities welcome. Want to learn? We can help!

Overeaters Anonymous: Saturdays, 9:30-10:30.

Meetings and Events:

May 3, 5:00pm Soap Making Class. \$10 covers instruction and materials for 1 soap and 1 scrub. Age 13-adult. Preregister at the Reference desk.

May 8 5:30pm Port St. John Public Library Advisory Board meeting

May 10, 6:00pm **PSJ Special District Advisory Board Meeting**

May 13, 10am-Noon PSJ Pokémon Club

May 17, 1-3:00 pm Bookworms Adult Book Discussion Group.

The Good Lord hears each and every "Thank May 17, 6:30-7:45pm Sunrise Village

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2010 N. Cocoa Blvd., Cocoa ChristCentral51@gmail.com www.cocoachurch.org Bible Class: 9:00 – 9:45 AM

Worship Service: 10:15 – 11:30 AM

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Pastor Larry Sparrow, ccatpsj.org ccatpsj.org -- email: <u>ccatpsj@rocketmail.com</u> Sunday - Bible Study 8:30 a.m. Worship at 9:30. Wednesdays - Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.

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Day Spring Church, (407) 516-5767 4725 Fay Blvd.,

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www.myredeemer.cc

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1261 Range Road, Cocoa. <u>www.uucocoa.org</u> Sunday Service 11:00am

Unity of Merritt Island, 321-452-2625

4725 N. Courtenay Pkwy, Merritt Island Reverend Rose Whitham

Practical Christianity. Sunday Services at 10 am 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 Worship Center, 431-7964

Pastors Jeff & Nancy Kleinman

Meeting Sundays, 10AM

Wednesday Mid-Week Manna & Prayer, 7-8 PM Community Center, 4201 US Hwy 1, Cocoa

Enchanted Forest Sanctuary

444 Columbia Blvd., Titusville 321.264.5185 www.eelbrevard.com May 2017 Events

Guided Walk - Every Saturday in May, 10:00-10:45am. Enjoy a 45-minute guided hike. Please bring a hat, water and walking shoes. No reservation needed, unless you are a group of 5 or more. **Florida Native Plant Society Garden Workday**

- Saturday, May 6th & 20th 9:00am- 12:00pm. Grab your hat, sunblock, and water and come help maintain the butterfly garden at the En-

chanted Forest Sanctuary!

Eco Adventures for 4 & 5-Year-Olds - Wednesday, May 3rd 10:00-11:00am. Discover why flowers are important and how they help the animals of the forest through a hike and a craft! To register, please call 321-264-5185.

Florida Native Plant Society Workshop - Plant Identification - Saturday, May 13th, 10:00am-12:00pm. Join the Sea Rocket chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society for their Plant Identification and Scavenger Hunt workshop in the garden! No registration required.

Volunteer Orientation - Saturday, May 13th, 3:00- 4:00pm Tuesday, May 23rd, 10:00-11:00am.

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary is looking for dynamic individuals with a passion for the environment! Come learn about our various volunteer opportunities.

All programs are free unless noted. Find us on Facebook & Twitter!

Meals On Wheels

Meals On Wheels is having a severe driver shortage. Where once there was a full complement of drivers and a bank of substitutes, there is now insufficient drivers to cover a week.

Driving is a gratifying volunteer job. A driver brings nutritious meals to a senior or shut-in. At the same time, he or she is perhaps the only human contact that person has during a day and is a monitor of the client's health and safe home conditions.

If any retirees or other members of our community have a few spare morning hours once a week, Meals On Wheels could use you. Call 321-639-8770.

Law Enforcement Memorial Service

On May 19th, a special memorial service recognizing all law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty during 2016 will be held at the Police Hall of Fame in Titusville. Over 600 police family survivors will be in attendance from 31 states along with over 1,000 law enforcement officers. All citizens are invited and encouraged to attend in a public showing of support for our law enforcement community.

The military style service will feature soloists, horse & caisson, pipes & drum band as well as a fly over. Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey will perform the Welcome and participate in the Roll Call. National Association of Chiefs of Police President Chief Jack Rinchich from West Virginia and American Federation of Police & Concerned Citizens national President, retired Chief Brian Smith from Illinois will also be on hand to assist in the Roll Call.

All Brevard County officers killed in the line of duty during the past 50 years will receive exclusive recognition. The service will begin at 7:30 pm on Friday, May 19th. For additional information, please go to aphf.org or call 264-0911.

The Estate

Doug Smith is on his deathbed and knows the end is near. His nurse, his wife, his daughter and two sons are with him. He asks for two witnesses to be present and a camcorder to record his last wishes. When all is ready, he begins to speak:

"My son Bernie, I want you to take the Mayfair houses."

"My daughter Sybil, you take the apartments on the east end."

"My son Jamie, I want you to take the offices in the city center."

"Sarah, my dear wife, please take all the residential buildings on the banks of the river."

The nurse and witnesses are blown away, shocked by the extent of his holdings, as Mr. Smith slips away. The nurse turns to Mrs. Smith and says, "Mrs. Smith, your husband must have been a very hard-working man to accumulate all this property for his family."

Sarah replies, "What property? The bum had a paper route!"

Harvesting, Storing and Preserving Herbs

By Melinda Myers

Enjoy herbs all year round. Harvest herbs now for garden-fresh meals and preserve a few for the winter ahead. Snip a few leaves or leaf-covered stems as needed. For the same intensity of flavor, you generally need two to three times more fresh herbs than dried except for Rosemary which has an equally strong flavor fresh or dried. Continue harvesting herbs as needed throughout the growing season. And don't worry about harming the plant because regular harvesting encourages new growth which means more for you to harvest. Just be sure to leave enough foliage to maintain plant growth.

You can remove as much as fifty percent of the foliage from annual herb plants. This is about when the plants near their final height. You can remove up to one third from established perennial plants that have been in the garden for several months or more. Harvest when the plant has formed buds, but before they open into flowers for the greatest concentration of flavor. This is the perfect time to harvest herbs you plan to preserve.

Use a pair of garden scissors or pruners for faster and easier harvesting. Make your cuts above a set of healthy leaves to keep the plants looking good. Then preserve the flavor and zest that are flexible and easier to shape into a wreath. of herbs with proper storage and preservation.

Store thin leafy herbs like parsley and cilantro for up to a week in the refrigerator. Place in a jar of water, like a flower arrangement, and loosely cover with a plastic bag. Keep basil out of the fridge to avoid discoloration and others on the counter for quick and frequent use.

Wrap dry thicker-leafed herbs like sage and thyme in a paper towel, set inside a plastic bag and place in a warmer section of the refrigerator.

Freeze sprigs, whole leaves or chopped clean herbs on a cookie sheet. Or pack clean diced herbs in ice cube trays and fill the empty spaces with water. These are great for use in soups and stews. Store the frozen herbs and ice cubes in an airtight container or baggie in the freezer.

a rubber band and use a spring type clothespin to hang them in a warm dry place to dry. Make your own drying rack from an old embroidery hoop, string and S hooks. Visit Bonnie Plants do-it-yourself Herb Drying Rack project (bonnieplants.com) for detailed instructions.

Get creative and use some of your herbs to make a fragrant edible wreath. Use fresh herbs

They will dry in place and can be harvested as needed.

Speed up the drying process in the microwave. Place herbs on a paper towel-covered paper plate. Start with one to two minutes on high. Repeat for 30 seconds as needed until the herbs are brittle. Store dried herbs in an airtight plastic or glass jar.

Keep enjoying these fresh-from-the-garden flavors throughout the remainder of the season. And consider preserving a few for you, your family and friends to enjoy throughout the winter.

Gardening expert Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening and the Midwest Gardener's Handbook. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything: Food Gardening For Everyone" Or bundle several stems together, secure with DVD set and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' website is www. melindamyers.com.

> "The true Soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him.""

> > - G. K. Chesterton





Walter Butler Community Center - May, 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

Pickleball, 11 a.m- 2 p.m. Basketball Fundamentals 3-4 p.m. High School Basketball Leagues, 5-8 p.m. Open Gym, 5-8 pm Open Computer Lab, 6-8 pm 3rd & 24th Girl Scouts Troop 505, 5-7 p.m.

Tuesdays

Mommy-Plus Me, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Pickleball, 11 a.m- 2 p.m. Basketball Fundamentals 3-4 p.m. 4-H Gardener Program, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, 3:30-4:30 p.m. High School Basketball Leagues, 5-8 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 6th & 20th Girl Scouts #373, 6-7:30 p.m.

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

Saturdays

High School Basketball Leagues 1-4 p.m. Program Activities, 10 am - 2 pm

Walter Butler Community Center **Spring Break Activities**

April 10th Thru April 14th, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Camp Fees \$90/week. For more information to register contact the Walter Butler Community Center at (321) 433-4488.

The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.

Mommy-Plus Me - is a program for mothers to come in and spend time with their preschool age children. Arts and crafts and other hands-on activities will be planned, and snacks will be served. 11a.m.-12 p.m. every Tuesday of the month.

Zumba Classes - Zumba is an adult dancebased 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.

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 Area, will hold its annual Community Campout 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 Jordan at (321) 433-4448.

Persons With Disabilities Dances - are held the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 7-9 p.m. All ages are welcome. For more information contact Andrea Chestnut at (321)-264-5058 or (321)-264-5105.

High School Basketball League - \$500.00 per team. The league is scheduled to start March 18th. All high school teams are welcome. For more information, contact Coach Tyree McGhee at Walter Butler Community Center, 433-4448. **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.

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Community Campout

Brevard County Parks and Recreation, Central on Friday, May 5th, at F. Burton Smith Park, 7575 S. R. 520, in Cocoa. We say, "You bring your tent and we do the rest!" There will be a hot dog cookout, hayrides, crafts and games. There will also be a campfire and s'mores, and the Astronomy Club will be on hand with their awesome scopes! A light breakfast will be served, too.

The fee is \$35 for a family of four. Pre-reg-3:30-4:30 p.m. For more information contact Jan istration is required. For more information call (321) 455-1385.

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CANAVERAL GROVES HOMEOWNERS INC.

If you'd like to join and support our Homeowners' group, just cut out and fill out this form and mail with a check for \$15 to cover the current year's membership dues. Mail to: CGHI, P.O. Box 675, Sharpes, FL 32959

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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. Contact wcandei@aol.com

SLEEPY Hollow



Fruit From The Groves

May 2017 - 5/4, National Day Of Prayer - 5/5, Cinco De Mayo - 5/6, National Nurses Day -5/14, Mother's Day - 5/29, Memorial Day - 5/29, Jefferson Davis Birthday

pleased to have Lt. Mossbach from the Sheriff's Office with an update on our area. Our crime level is at a minimum for a community our size, but he suggested that we don't get complacent. We still need to secure our garages, outbuildings and of most importance, keep our vehicles locked when not in use. Never leave valuables in plain sight in your cars or trucks. As always, if you see something suspicious in your area, call 911 and let the Sheriff's Office deal with it. Keep up the good work. A big thank you to all our men and women in law enforcement and our Fire Services for keeping us safe. Speaking of Fire Service, please, please, do not throw lit cigarette butts out of your vehicle windows. With our current drought conditions, even the smallest spark can start a brush fire.

We have around 1,000 lbs. of Premium Vidalia onions on the way. By the time you receive your copy of Happenings, our sale will be in full swing. Conley will be back at Jabbers and we will also be selling at the new produce market at Michigan and US 1, next to Christ Central Church, on Saturdays from 10:00 - 3:00. The profit from this sale goes to our Benevolent/ Scholarship Fund. Don't miss this chance to purchase the best onions anywhere. As of now, the cost will be \$1.00 per pound unless we have some unexpected costs. Feel free to contact Conley at 321-631-4310 or me, Bill Cannon at 32-632-7483 if you want to order any of these tasty Georgia treats.

I also invite you to join our CGHI organization. Dues is \$15.00 per year and we meet on the second Thursday of the month at Discovery Christian Church on Grissom. The meeting behour. Become an active part of our wonderful his "Wild Bunch" will be able to get a few rounds Canaveral Groves Community.

The latest on All Aboard Florida/Brightline We had a great meeting on the 13th. We were Project... The following was received from CARE FL. via Facebook...

> push, All Aboard Florida officials must really be worried about the possibility of having to publicly address the safety and financial concerns so many of us have expressed," said CARE FL Steering Committee Chairman Brent Hanlon in his TCPalm Guest Column.

> Sen. Debbie Mayfield's High Speed Passenger Rail Safety Act legislation "does nothing to 'kill' All Aboard Florida, unless the rail company has not been truthful with the public. However, it does ensure that whenever and wherever highspeed rail exists in our state, the appropriate safety technology and equipment will be in place to protect the public — and that private rail companies will be responsible for paying for it."

> Yet, rather than assume responsibility, AAF threatens to sue the state if this good policy, which would improve public safety, is passed.

> It's a murky and complicated tale of a beast with many heads. What does the future really hold for All Aboard Florida? Fortress, its parent company, was purchased in February by a Japanese corporation. FECR (the company that owns the tracks AAF wants to use) was just bought by a Mexican company. Their bond sale is on hold, so they have no way to pay for their project through the Treasure Coast. And state legislation currently under review by lawmakers is unappealing to AAF because it would require them to pay for their own costly safety upgrades and track maintenance instead of shifting those costs to the taxpayers. After all, according to AAF this is supposed to be a privately funded project.

Looks like things are warming up for High

gins at 7:00 PM and we try to keep it right at an Roller Eddie in Bel, Maryland. Hopefully he and of golf in, although they may have to take their rain gear along just in case. I can't wait to get a first hand account from Uncle John and Aunt Carol when they get back from their holiday. "Judging by their recent combative media How about lunch at Molly's? Safe travels.

> Now that the dust has settled and the figures are in, the Second Annual Backyard Bar-B-Q Contest, sponsored by the Brevard Sharing Center, was a big success. It was my pleasure to serve as the head judge again this year. Mr. Buzz Rompery did a great job coordinating this year's event that was held on April 1st at Burton Smith Park. He has a great board that worked very hard to make this year's event the success it was. Congratulations to all the volunteers, cooking teams, the Sharing Center's Staff and everyone who attended this event. Plans are already in the works for next year's event, which will be even bigger and better. It is so important to support this effort, especially now that the Brevard County Commission is phasing out many grants, one of which the Sharing Center receives, over the next five years. These funds are used to feed our hungry children over the summer months when school is out.

> Watch the Happenings and other local media, for updates on our 2018 date and plan to bring the whole family. Enjoy live music, arts and crafts, cold libations and some of the best Bar-B-Q in Brevard County. Come support your favorite Bar-B-Q team and help our children.

> Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions about what is going on here in the Groves. My phone number is 321-632-7483. If I am not home, just leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can. If I can't answer your question, I am sure that I will know who to contact. If you like, e-mail me at me at wcandei@aol.com.

Fruit From the Groves, cont.

I will say that all errors in grammar, sentence I wanted to settle down." structure and misspelled words are left in for your amazement and amusement. I do have enough college credit hours in English to have a minor in that field, but what do you expect from a Music Major? I'm just sayin'.

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

A man sees a sign in front of a house: "Talking Dog for Sale." He rings the bell and the owner tells him the dog is in the backyard. He goes into the backyard and sees a black mutt just sitting there.

"You talk?" he asks.

"Yep," the mutt replies.

"So, what's your story?"

The mutt looks up and says, "Well, I discovered this gift pretty young and I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA about my gift, and in no time they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping."

"I was one of their most valuable spies eight years running. But, the jetting around really tired

me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger.

"So, I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security work, mostly wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings there and was awarded a batch of medals."

"I had a wife, a mess of puppies and now I'm just retired."

The man is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

The owner says, "Ten dollars."

The guy says, "This dog is amazing. Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?"

The owner replies, "He's such a liar. He didn't do any of that stuff."

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Be sure and read our other staff contributors. They all have good stuff.

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

- Bill Cannon

Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host a Singles/Couples Ballroom Dance on Saturday, May 13th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dancing begins at 7:00 p.m., ends at 10:00 p.m. Free snacks, BYOB. Music will be provided by Janice and Rene. The cost is \$6; \$5 for members.

MASC will also host a dance on May 27th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dancing begins at 7:00 p.m., ends at 10:00 p.m.

Free snacks, BYOB.

Music will be provided by Janice and Rene. The cost is \$6; \$5 for members.

Adults of all ages are welcome to our dances. Call Martin Andersen Senior Center at 321-631-7556 for more information.

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