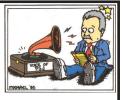
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Thunder Over the Indian River is Back!

Thunder Over the Indian **River Golf Classic**

Our First Annual TOIR Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, June 22nd at Indian River Preserve Golf Club. The cost is \$60 per person or \$220 per team and includes greens fee, cart, lunch, range balls and on-course contests. Registration

will begin at 7:00 am with the tournament officially starting at 8:00 am. Afterwards, please join us for lunch, awards and raffle at about 12:30 pm. All proceeds benefit Thunder Over the Indian River Independence Day events and fireworks.

In addition to prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, there will be two "long drives," two "closest to this event is kid and pet friendly! the pin" challenges, and a putting contest.

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Anyone who does not play golf can still participate by sponsoring a golf hole for \$100, or attend the awards luncheon for \$10.00.

For an application or additional info, email PSJCommunityFoundation@gmail.com. The deadline to pre-register is June 7th. The tournament is limited to 88 players, so don't delay.

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PSJ Community Center Schedule - May, 2019 The center is open Mondays—Thursdays from 10 AM to 8 PM, Fridays from 9 AM to 6 PM, Saturday

10 AM-2 PM Schedule is subject to change. For latest information or to register, call 633-1904.

Mondays – Fridays

Seniors at Lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Mondays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Community Cares After School Program, 2:30-6 Game Room/Computers, 3-8 p.m. Billiards, 3-8 p.m.

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

Tuesdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Community Cares After School Program, 2:30-6 Game Room/Computers, 3-8 p.m. Billiards, 3-8 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1902, 4-5 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 276, 6-7 p.m.

Wednesdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Chair Yoga, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Community Cares After School Program, 2:30-6 Floor Yoga, 3:30-4:30 Game Room/Computers, 3-8 p.m. Billiards, 3-8 p.m. Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 p.m.

Thursdays Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Billiards, 1:30-8 p.m. Community Cares After School Program, 2:30-6 Game Room/Computers, 3-8 p.m. 9th & 23rd - Cub Pack 704, 6-7 p.m.

Fridays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Billiards, 1:30-6 p.m. Community Cares After School Program, 1:30-6 31st - Summer Camp, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 2 p.m. Game Room/Computer, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Zumba Classes - Zumba incorporates rhythms of Latin and international music to high energy aerobic/fitness dance movements. Zumba tones the body by integrating basic principles of movement and resistance training. Dancers and longtime exercisers thoroughly enjoy exercising in a healthy, fun environment. Ages 12 years and up. Classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. \$5 per class. For more information, contact the PSJ Community Center at 633-1904.

Community Cares - After School Program

The Community Center staff will pick up children from Challenger 7 Elementary every school day and transport children back to the community center. This program will include homework time, snack and outdoor activities. The cost is \$45 per week per child. Children in grades kindergarten through 6th grade are eligible to participate. Space is limited in this program to a maximum enrollment of 13 children. Register by contacting the community center today at 321-633-1904!

YOGA - Yoga classes are informative, inspiring, and empowering. In these classes you will experience the vast benefits of Yoga by gaining strength, flexibility, balance and so much more. Classes will be held Wednesdays. Chair Yoga from 2:30-3:15, Floor Yoga from 3:30-4:30 p.m. \$8.00 per class. For more information, contact Ruby Saunders at (321)446-7063 or the Port St. John Community Center at (321)633-1904.

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Good Day! by Maureen Rupe Good Day.

I didn't get to write my "Good Day" last month. I was hospitalized with heart issues. After five days of monitoring, I had surgery to give me a pacemaker. The joke among friends was I had outpaced my heart. So I was resting instead of writing for Happenings. That was worse than the surgery. Thanks to my doctors and nurses at Parrish Medical Center.

I am also on a Community Health Networking Committee at Parrish Medical Center. We had some great presentations from local non-profit best of all they do all this for free. groups. One great presentation was from the Mobile Response Team (MRT): 321-213-0315. They are available 7 days a week, 24 hours per day. They serve youth or young adults, 25 and under, but are available to anyone who calls; parent, relative, foster family, school, medical personnel, child and adult protection staff, or law enforcement.

MRT's goals are to avoid the need for emergency departments, or criminal justice, hospitalization, de-escalating crisis situations, stabilizing the family, maintaining children with their family, family support and connecting family with 2 million teens are currently using vaping devices resources.

Their pamphlet states the following: "The MRT is designed to address a wide variety of situations to include suicidal and homicidal behaviors, drug and alcohol abuse, disruptive behaviors related to thought, mood and anxiety disorders, individuals displaying hallucination, family/peer conflicts, and escalating behaviors without immediate intervention. The individual is likely to require a higher intensity of services."

They try to respond within 60 minutes, and

The Women's Center deals with all Domestic and Sexual Violence; 321-607-6809 for Domestic Violence, 321-784-4357 for the Rape Crisis Center. There were 12,000 individuals who called last year and many more are not reported.

Brevard Public Schools gave a presentation on vaping. JUUL are the most popular and can be easily mistaken for an USB Drive. Cartridges contain the nicotine content of 1 pack of cigarettes and kids are using 1 to 3 cartridges per day. As a matter of fact, e-cigarettes or vaping has increased 78% among high school students. Over

in the USA. They are sometimes modified to smoke THC or heroin, or sometimes flavored by using dangerous chemicals. For example, carmel flavors contain diacetyl and acetoin. Diacetyl is linked to 'popcorn lung,' an incurable lung

Kids are hiding them in their backpacks. Please get involved with your kids. Vaping nicotine is now the largest jump in substance abuse in over 40 years.

Florida legislatures moving slow on Septic Tanks

I've found two articles, one from Florida Phoenix, and an editorial in Florida Today from the Naples editorial board telling us our legislature is ignoring our septic tank (biosolid) problem in the state. Unfortunately, our Florida legislature seems more worried about raising the percentage to make it harder to bring proposals to change the Florida Constitution by our citizens, as well as preventing ex-felons from gaining back their voting rights. At the same time, they're not addressing issues that impact our Florida Waters.

Reference:

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Florida destroying home rule with an environmental cost

A Senate bill, SB-588 by Sen. Travis Hutson, Augustine, and a matching House bill by our so-called Representative Randy Fine, would prevent cities and counties from banning the use of plastic straws, and would prevent the use of plastic straws until at least after a study is complete in 2024. I assume our representative does not care about the miles and miles of plastics polluting our oceans and getting into our ocean food source.

An Editorial Board Opinion in the Palm Beach Post states Post SB-588 even threatens city or county governments with a \$25,000 fine if they stop the sale of certain sunscreens. Key West was the only city that had banned sunscreens containing oxybenzone and octinoxate. It didn't matter that scientific evidence showed the ingredients

left coral bleached and dying. Senator Hutson said he was for the environment, but local governments shouldn't be telling businesses what to do. I guess it doesn't matter if Key West's economy dies with the coral. Apparently our representative is trying to help destroy home rule.

Reference:

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https://www.palmbeachpost.com/opin-ion/20190417/editorial-banning-sunscreens-harmful-to-coral-reefs-not-worthy-of-big-footing-by-florida-lawmakers

Florida's Sewer Crisis

Our Brevard County Commission is wanting to start a grant program to assist in helping those close to the lagoon to hook up to sewer. We all have heard horror stories of sewage plant accidents where thousands of gallons or millions of gallons of sewage or grey water is dumped either on the ground or in the lagoon. A story at Jacksonville.com by Daphne Chen of Gatehouse Media titled, "Sewer Crisis in the

state of Florida," shows Brevard sewage spills are just the tip of the iceberg. The whole state has left our infrastructure to fall into disrepair. Data gathered since 2009 shows the state has had 23,000 spills in the last 10 years due to aging pipes and infrastructure; roughly 6 spills per day. 1.6 billion gallons of wastewater have been released into our estuaries or ocean, and of that, at least 220 million gallons was raw sewage. To give you an idea, the story stated, "The systems leaked enough human waste to fill about 2,400 Olympic-size swimming pools." Now how do you feel about swimming in Florida waters?

It's not just broken pipes. It can be a power outage where sewage starts running out into the streets and canals, or a clogged pipe because people dump fats and wipes down the sewers and clog up the system. The story went on: Utility officials recognize the problem, but say their hands are tied. They're trying to extend the life of sewers with patchwork repairs. That's because it could require hundreds of billions of dollars to bring the state's older infrastructure up to modern standards, experts estimate.

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Good Day!, cont.

Bill Riebe, Utilities Director for the city of Sarasota said, "It boils down to money. The pipe is all underground, so it's out of sight, out of mind. Nobody bothers with utilities until they don't work." The story also stated, "Human wastewater contains hazardous hydrogen sulfide, created by the human body during food digestion and responsible for the odor from decay. Hydrogen sulfide can be highly corrosive, eating away at sewer pipes over time. Depending on when a municipality was developed, many of these sewers are now flirting with their 75-year lifespan."

Apparently, this is a national problem, not just in Florida. Believe it or not, according to the story,"The nation's wastewater infrastructure was rated as a D+ on a report card from the American Society of Civil Engineers. Florida was given a C."

many miles of old clay pipes nearing that 75-year lifespan. Brevard County might be trying to put a band-aid on a problem that has been overlooked for a very long time. Our representatives are asking for an extra \$50 - \$100 million to help

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On a separate, but important note, I received a humor. We could all do with a good laugh. No presentation by Gary Roderick, an environmental consultant who did an April, 2019 study on "A Topic for Concern Related to Florida Surface Waters Hepatitis A and Possible Correlation to Biosolids." His study was based on Florida's Department of Health website at www.floridahealth. gov on hepatitis A. His study seems to show a correllation between biosolid dump sites like those in the rear of Port St. John and the amount of hepatitis cases in the surrounding areas. It showed the 265 hepatitis A cases reported in Central Florida had the highest hepatitis A activity level, where since 97% of cases were likely acquired locally in Florida.

Reference: https://www.jacksonville.com/ Florida has hundreds of miles of pipes and news/20190413/sewer-crisis-in-state-of-florida/1

Thoughts to Ponder

My father came from a small village in Northampton shire, England. Every month they put out a newsletter called the "Desborough Scrapbook" where they publish old photos and

stories that go back to Napoleonic Wars. I found the following in the April, 2019 issue. I laughed out loud and thought you might enjoy this British

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the village pub.

Ever wonder about those people who spend £2.00 a piece on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards: NAIVE

reference to who wrote it, probably old locals in

If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea, does that mean that one enjoys it?

If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?

Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a race car is not called a racist?

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What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

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I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older; then it dawned on me ... they're cramming for their final exam.

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Do Lipton Tea employees take coffee breaks? *** *** ***

If it's true that we are here to help others, then

what exactly are the others here for?

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You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.

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Ever wonder what the speed of lightning would be if it didn't zigzag?

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Cheerio, Maureen Rupe rupe32927@earthlink.net

Cell Phone Charging

It's true most of us leave our cell phone charger plugged into the wall even when we're not using it. The good news is that while the charger does use a tiny bit of power when left plugged into the outlet, it's only about 23 cents a year for

an FPL residential customer.

This small amount of energy use is called "phantom energy." Power adapters, like cell phone chargers, aren't the only items that use a little bit of energy when they're plugged in. In fact, many electronic items are in "standby" mode when turned off, helping them turn on faster or respond to a remote control. Devices with lit digital displays use power too, albeit a very small amount. You can avoid this by unplugging unused items until needed or using power strips to cut power to multiple items with one switch.

Cell phones use very little electricity even when you are actively charging them. The annual cost of charging your phone eight hours a night is just 65 cents if the phone is off while charging or \$1.30 per year if it's switched on. Not bad for a convenience most of us can't live without.



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Out On The Town-Souza's



We have some pretty good restaurants in Port St. John. You can get some good fried chicken from Dogs 'R Us or Publix, you can get a delicious burger from Kelsey's or Jabbers, a great pizza from either Troy's or Luna Blu, a steak from Beef 'O Brady's or seafood from Old Florida Grill & Oyster House. I've always said we need a Mexican restaurant in PSJ. Well, we sort of do now.

It's the new place on Fay Blvd. beside the tracks called Souza's. It's not entirely Mexican cuisine. They actually consider themselves to be Latin American cuisine and advertised as, "A taste of South America."

My wife and I have eaten at Souza's twice now and both times we have been extremely satisfied with what we ordered. I think the prices are reasonable and the portions are just right. As we opened the menu, we noticed they have dishes from Cuba, Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Puerto Rico, Peru, Columbia and Venezuela.

On our first visit my wife ordered empanadas and a beef and rice burrito. The burrito was huge and we ended up taking half of it home with us. She said the burrito was really good and the empanadas were the best she has ever had. On our second visit, she got the Chicken Fajitas. The fajitas are not on the menu, but they had a sign out front advertising Fajita Fridays. She said the fajitas were delicious, well-seasoned and the meat was very tender.

I ordered tacos on both my first and second visit. I wanted to try something different, but if I really like something, I stick with it. I'm bad about that. Although I did try a bowl of Cuban Black Bean Soup on my second visit, which was fantastic. Since I was in the mood for Mexican food, I wanted some chips and salsa. I didn't see it on the menu, so I asked if they offered it. The waitress said they did and brought it out to us while we were waiting for our meal. The chips were homemade, warm and cooked to perfection. The salsa was superb, very flavorful and just the right amount of kick.

I highly recommend Souza's. I know we'll be back, probably for Fajita Fridays if they still offer it. They're open Monday through Saturday, 11 AM till 9 PM and closed on Sundays. You can view the menu online at www.mysouzas.com or give them a call at 321-305-4482 for take-out. According to their website, they now have delivery service and open Sundays for take-out only.

- Ken Carson

Parrish Healthcare's Circle of Giving Funds Multiple Community Projects

Parrish Healthcare care partners have generously donated more than \$83,500 in their annual giving campaign, Circle of Giving, to fund community projects that are impacting and saving lives in North Brevard. Under the direction of Jess Parrish Medical Foundation, Circle of Giving 2018 has funded:

· Thermal Imaging Camera and CPR Manikins for the Titusville Fire Department to provide critical rescue technology to assist firefighters to "see through the smoke" to locate and save victims.

• Tourniquet Kits and Training for Titusville Police Department officers to provide officers with critical rescue training and resources until help arrives. Seven lives saved since the program inception in 2015!

· Playground repairs at The Children's Center to ensure the children can continue to enjoy the playground within a safe, healing environment.

· Infant Radiant Warmer Bed, a prewarmed bed, to prevent cold stress on newborns during admission, examination, X-rays or other procedures.

· Lactation Room/Breast Pump for Care Partners to promote and support breastfeeding while providing a baby-friendly, healing work environment for moms.

· Bladder Scanner to help reduce unnecessary catheterization, lowering the risk of infection and maximizing efficiency for medical staff.

"These generous gifts are helping us fulfill our vision of Healing Families—Healing Communities®," said Misty Wilson, director of Jess Parrish Medical Foundation. "We thank our care partners for their continued generosity and support for the annual Circle of Giving Campaign. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of Brevard residents."



Neighborhood Watch

The Great Lockdown in May LOCK IT OR LOSE IT! School will be out this month and summer "jobs" may consist of the good, the bad, and the

ugly. With more time comes more opportunities for thieves and thieves in the making. Petty crime starts early on and thieves are well known to prey on everyone, including their own family. Crimes of opportunity often start small and become so easy to get away with and undetected until it's too late. A child may not realize that in an instant 5-7 pictures, 100 word message and a copy of a bike can be stolen from the front yard, or a parent may not suspect a basketball hoop would disappear from their yard. That really happened recently in PSJ, and they got it back!

Rule of thumb says we should assume that it will be stolen, so to fend off any opportunists, we must take the extra step and put it in the safest place possible every chance we get, or someone else will also take a chance to obtain it wrongfully. The earlier we teach our youth to take care of their things and find value in it, the better chance we have of raising an honest human being who understands what it's like to work hard to keep what they value.

Instilling morals is just as important as a tion of sales will go to Project Graduation. school education. It starts at home and continues with community involvement. School is very helpful, and when school is out, there is a period of unstructured activities and guidance, which fundraising events, please contact: need to be replaced with good, healthy choices. I cannot stress the importance of a good sum- 321-863-6121, or: mer program or volunteering! Summer jobs are abundant, however they are not for the lazy or for the teen who got kicked out from his home, or for a drug addict, or felon. It's harder to get out of that lifestyle than it is to continue it, even though the individual knows it's wrong.

For those in and from broken homes and lack of supervision and proper guidance, it becomes easier to obtain things that others have worked hard to get. Not everyone has the same morals or upbringing, so the more we understand this, the better we can realize and remember to secure our property. It's sad we have to talk to our loved ones about stealing, but it's important to do. Honesty

and integrity are great qualities to have. Not everyone has them; including those who think they do. They might need a lockdown themselves.

Stay safe everyone! ~ Neighbor Nell



Project Graduation

Memory Book: Project Graduation is putting together a Memory Book for the Seniors. One last chance to create a lasting memory for your senior or for two senior best friends to share some memories on a page! Start sending those pictures in!

\$50 for a full page. Includes your choice of the Memory Book. Deadline to order is May 1st.

We are also raffling a hair make-over, facial and cosmetics basket, date night, dine around town, fun day in Orlando, car detailing and many more items. Tickets are as follows:

> \$3 for 1 ticket \$5 for 10 tickets \$10 for 15 tickets \$20 for 30 tickets

Dominos: Every Monday from open to close order your Viper Special. This a medium 1 topping for \$6. Carryout Only. Be sure to ask for the "Viper Special."

Please visit Luna Blues on May 10th. A por-

The next monthly meeting will be May, 2018, 6:00 pm at Space Coast High School

For information on any of these important

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Monthly Tax Update

You either filed your taxes on time or filed an extension and owe taxes. It's not unusual for taxpayers who owe taxes to file an extension to prevent collections from beginning. However, it may be of interest that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) offers several payment options. Here are some key points to keep in mind.

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.

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

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 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 You may enroll in the Electronic Federal Tax more than you can pay in full, then establish an

installment agreement which will allow you to pay the balance overtime. 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 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 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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Mention Thunder Over the Indian River on Spirit Day and Beef's will give 10% of sales for the slotted time of the event.

The Cornhole Tournament will be held in the parking lot of Beef's. If you would like to be a Board Sponsor for \$100, contact Mike Barker at barker057@gmail.com.

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Amateur Backyard BBQ Results

Cocoa. The event supports the Sharing Center's Children's Weekend Feeding Program. David Brubaker, President & CEO of the Sharing \$50,000.00 at this year's event. We can't say thanks enough to all of our sponsors, BBQ competitors, volunteers, and all those who came out to support the event."

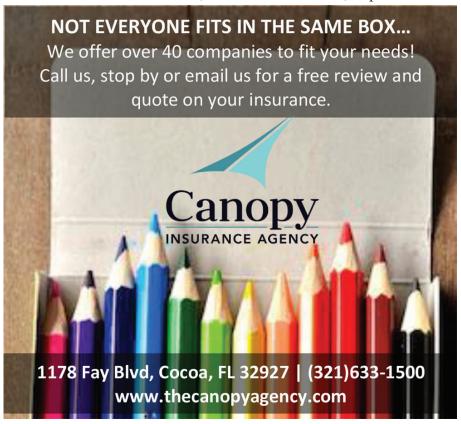
This year there were 15 BBQ teams competing. Congratulations to all the winners of the competition. 1st Place in the Chicken Category went to team Meat Commander, 1st place in the Beef Category went to team Done Right Smokin', and 1st Place in the Pork Category went to team Just One More. This year's People's Choice Winner was team Pork-A-Holics and the BBQ Grand Champion was awarded to team Meat Commander.

Congratulations to Sharon Bishop of Cocoa who won the \$800.00 valued Gift Card Tree & to Dan Woolbright of Merritt Island who won the Big Green Egg Raffle.

www.sharingcenter.org. Thanks again to the community for supporting our Amateur Backyard BBQ Contest. Save the date! Next year's BBQ will be held April 3 & 4th, 2020! We hope to see you there!

Passport To Wines Around The World

Help Aging Matters in Brevard serve seniors in Brevard County by supporting our 12th Annual Passport to Wines Around the World fundraiser! The event will be held on Saturday, May 11th from 6-9 pm at the Radisson Resort at the Port, 8701 Astronaut Blvd., Cape Canaveral.



Sip 12 boutique wines curated by Florida Wine and Spirits paired with On April 5th & 6th, 2019 the Sharing Center of Central Brevard held tempting culinary creations by The Kitchen and special guest chefs! Enjoy its 4th annual Back Yard BBQ Contest at F. Burton Smith Park in West live music by the Tree Frogs, balloon pop prizes, an exciting auction with celebrity auctioneer Sheriff Wayne Ivey and much more!

Proceeds from the event support the Meals on Wheels Program, Seniors Center stated, "More than 1,200 people attended the BBQ and we raised At Lunch, in-home personal care, Sunflower House Caregiver Resource Center, Caregiver Support and Respite Care, transportation for seniors and veterans, and volunteer recruitment; all services that help seniors remain living in their own homes avoiding long-term care placement.

> Tickets are \$125 per person and sponsorships are available ranging from \$250-\$25,000. Please call Sherri Law at (321) 806-3767, visit www. agingmattersbrevard.org/events, or email slaw@agingmattersbrevard.org for more information.

Free Community Presentation on Stroke

Parrish Medical Center is offering a free community health presentation about stroke as part of its HealthBridge series. Stroke: Symptoms, Types, Treatment and Prevention is scheduled Wednesday, May 8, from 5–7 p.m., at The Indian River Preserve, located at 3950 Walkabout Way in Mims. The For more information about the Sharing Center, visit us on the web at event is free but space is limited for this catered event. For more information, and to preregister, call 321-268-6156 or visit parrishhealthcare.com/events.

> Stroke affects about 700,000 Americans each year. With the right care at the right time, many will survive. Pamela Tronetti, DO, AGSF, and the Medical Director of Parrish Senior Services, will talk about what you need to know about stroke symptoms, associated risks, prevention and treatment.

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New Banner at Space Coast

Paul Monachello was a bright, loving and family asks you all to be safety conscious; wear smart young boy. He loved sports, four wheeling and camping. He also had a love for fast cars, specifically the "Viper." Thus, Paul's mother, Karen Burk, has decided to sponsor the Space Coast Viper Baseball/Softball program in his memory.

Paul's life was cut short due to a bicycle ver- The life you sus auto accident on December 13, 1998. While riding his bike on Fay Boulevard, Paul and his friends attempted to cross the road near the Sheriff substation. They were not wearing helmets

and did not use the crosswalk, and Paul inadvertently rode his bicycle into the path of an oncoming vehicle. The driver did not see Paul and struck him.

This unfortunate turn of events changed the lives of many on that December day. The Viper

a helmet ALWAYS, cross the street at a light or crosswalk. Never text and drive. Never drink and drive. Always be alert of your surroundings and watch for those that may not be watching for you.

save could be your own.





Port St. John 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 18th and 19th, and June 1st and 2nd 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; Kim Myrick, Vice-President, at 321-536-1372; Angie Burris, Treasurer, at 321-480-1052; or Joan Sottoriva, Secretary, at 321-537-9605. You can also find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/PSJHSL.

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Parrish Medical Center Offers Free Community Support Groups

Parrish Medical Center is offering free support groups for community members living with various health issues. See the upcoming May 2019 support groups listed below:

- · AWAKE Sleep Disorders Support Group: Monday, May 13, 6-8 p.m., Parrish Healthcare Center, 5005 Port St. John Parkway, Port St. John
- · Caregiver Support Group: Thursday, May 2 and 16, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- · Caregiver Academy: Thursday, May 9, 10-11 a.m., Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- · Diabetes Support Group: Thursday, May 9, 3:30-5 p.m., Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- · Fearless Café: Wednesday, May 1, 10-11 a.m., Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- · MAK Gathering (Moms and Kidz) Support Group: every Monday and Wednesday (May 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29), 10-11:30 a.m., The Children's Center, 5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville
- · Parkinson's Support Group of North Brevard: Thursday, May 16, 2-4 p.m., Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Pulmonary Hypertension Support Group: Tuesday, May 14, 3-5 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, Merritt Island
- Stroke-Heart Survivors Group: Tuesday, May 21, 2-4 p.m., Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- · Parrish Partners Cancer Support Group: Monday, May 20, 4-5:30 p.m., Parrish Medical Center, 951 N. Washington Ave., Titusville

The support groups are free, but space is limited. For more information, and to preregister, visit parrishhealthcare.com/events.



This ring was found in the Space Coast High School Baseball/Softball/Tennis parking area. It has an inscription inside. If you believe this is your ring, email Happenings with the inscription and your contact information. The "Finder" would be VERY HAPPY to return it to its rightful owner IF they can tell the inscription on the inside. happenings 1@att.net.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Alcoholics Anonymous meets in PSJ on Sun-PM at 4797 Curtis Blvd. (St. Patrick's Church). Overeaters Anonymous meets in PSJ on Saturdays at 9:30 AM 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 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 Valerie Helmer at 321-268-1632.

5-1 PSJ Startups & Founders Club, a group for new business owners and entrepreneurs, meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the Port Java in Fay Plaza. We'll begin our program at 8 AM. The Port St. John internet site can be viewed at www.meetup.com/Port-St-John-PSJ-Startups-Founders-Club/.

5-5 Cinco de Mayo 5-6 Ramadan Begins

5-7 Compassionate Friends Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 PM in Cocoa Beach at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 525 Minuteman Cswy. west of A1A, Fellowship Hall. Call 610-7875 for info.

Important Phone Numbers

County Commissioner -264-6750 Sheriff: Non-Emergency -633-7162 Fire Station 26 (Port St. John) 633-2056 Emergency Operations Center 637-6670 Waste Management -636-6894 Port St. John Library 633-1867 PSJ Community Center -633-1904 Florida Power & Light -723-7795 City of Cocoa Water Dept. -433-8400 Parrish Medical Center Port St. John -636-9393 Titusville -268-6111 Atlantis Elementary School - 633-6143 Challenger 7 Elementary -636-5801 Enterprise Elementary School 633-3434 Fairglen Elementary School - 631-1993 Space Coast Jr/Sr High School - 638-0750

5-9 Canaveral Groves Homeowners, Inc. days at 5 PM, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Room of Discovery Christian Church, 3925 Grissom Pkwy. in the Groves.

> 5-10 Brevard Women's Connection meets at Space Coast Convention Center (Holiday Inn Express) on Hwy. 520 from 11 AM until 1 PM on the second Friday of each month. The program includes a luncheon plus an inspirational speaker. For more information, call Mary at 636-4713 or e-mail her at mdean44@cfl.rr.com.

5-12 Mother's Day

5-12 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

5-12 Word Weavers Space Coast, a critique group for Christian writers, meets the 2nd Sunday at 2:00 PM at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. Visitors are always welcome. Email angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com for info.

5-12 Calling all Christian authors! Dynamic writers group in Cocoa, Fla. offers training, critiques, and paid writing opportunities (2nd Sundays 2-4:30 PM at Cocoa library). Contact D.P. Clarke at 1royaldy@gmail.com for more information. Print "Writers Group" in Subject.

5-15 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.

5-17 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.

5-18 Armed Forces Day

5-20 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, 321-505-2361.

5-27 Memorial Day

5-28 Moonlight Quilters Guild meets at the North Brevard Library in Titusville, 2121 Hop-

kins Ave. on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Meet and greet & refreshments at 6:15, meeting at 6:30 usually followed by show and tell or a guest speaker. Call 321-720-6232 or 321-720 1584 for more info.

Congratulations to:

Cathy Rodriguez is a party girl on the 11th. Stephanie Fogarty turns 25 on the 1st. Emily Waters turns 15 on May 1st. **Kaitlyn Davis** turns **15** on the 4th. Eric Bray turns 25 on the 4th. Sarah Travis turns cuter on the 5th. **Finley Link** turns **6** on the 9th. **Jacob Prentis** turns **27** on the 10th. Ryan Maxwell turns 15 on the 10th. **Brandy Lampton** turns **26** on the 11th. **Jesse Jordan** turns **23** on the 11th. **Christopher Pistilli** is **18** on the 12th. **Anthony Nero** turns **30** on the 14th. Peyton Anderson turns 10 on the 15th! Cathy Unrue turns prettier on the 15th. Tim Unrue turns cooler on the 15th. Harry Weidman adds one on the 16th. **Ruthe Middleton** turns wilder on the 18th. Alynza Sladyk turns 14 on the 19th. **Jake Wardlow** turns **36** on the 20th. **Sandy Link** turns more lovely on the 20th. **Shawn Johnson** is a year greater on the 22nd. Ellie Grace Moore dances all night on the 27 **Delaney Hermes** turns **8** on the 28th. Madison Firth turns 8 on the 29th. **Brittany Benoff** turns **13TEEN** on the 31st. **John Phipps** turns wiser on the 31st. **Steve Prentis** turns crazier on the 31st! **Diane Rivers** turns hotter on the 31st. Carol Horsman is the party girl this month. **Christopher Spears** turns **27** this month. **Irene Spears** has a spanking day in May. Joe & KC Casev celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary on the 1st. Beverly & John Applegate, Jr celebrate 17 on the 4th.

Paul & Kathi Hildebrandt celebrate 33 on the 10th.

Harry & Vickie Weidman celebrate 38 on the 17th.

Robert and Vonnie celebrate 65 on the 21st. **Bob and Bobbie Ruffridge** celebrate **50** years of wedded bliss on the 29th.

Joe & Leigh Waters celebrate 20 on May 30th. Email inputs to happenings 1@att.net.

Hospice of St. Francis Awarded Prestigious CHAP Accreditation

Community Health Accreditation Partner, Inc., (CHAP) recently announced that Hospice of St. Francis has been awarded CHAP Accreditation under the CHAP Hospice Standards of Excellence. CHAP Accreditation demonstrates that Hospice of St. Francis meets the industry's highest nationally recognized standards. The rigorous evaluation by CHAP focuses on structure and function, quality of services and products, human and financial resources and long term viability. Simply stated, adherence to CHAP's standards leads to better quality care. "By achieving CHAP Accreditation, Hospice of St. Francis has shown a commitment to excellence," said Karen Collishaw, CHAP President and CEO. Hospice of St. Francis first achieved CHAP Accreditation in 2013, and we are excited to continue our partnership by offering support in its commitment to providing quality care and continuous improvement."

Hospice of St. Francis is Brevard County's longest-serving, and only independent, non-profit hospice and palliative care resource. It was founded 42 years ago to provide extraordinary care for patients and families to help them deal with the greatest medical, emotional and spiritual challenges of their lives. Today, Hospice of St. Francis offers a full continuum of service to our entire county, including bereavement support for families, and special care for grieving children through its North Star program.

"Hospice of St. Francis cares for patients in their residences, wherever they call home. Our staff, board and volunteers work with dedication, compassion and great respect for those we serve. Our mission statement best describes what we do each day: Uplifting Lives. Uplifting Each Other. Uplifting Our Community. I would like to thank our staff for their commitment to this mission and to quality care which brings about many good things including continuing to achieve CHAP accredited status. We consider it a privilege to be entrusted with the care of our patients," said Joseph Killian, President and CEO of Hospice of St. Francis.

CHAP is an independent, not-for-profit, accrediting body for community-based health care organizations. Created in 1965, CHAP was the

first to recognize the need and value for accreditation in community-based care. CHAP is the oldest national, community-based accrediting body with more than 9,000 agencies currently accredited nationwide. Through "deeming authority" granted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), CHAP has the regulatory authority to survey agencies providing home health, hospice and home medical equipment services, to determine if they meet the Medicare Conditions of Participation and CMS Quality Standards. CHAP's purpose is to define and advance the highest standards of community-based care.

For additional information, contact Julie Grantham, Director of Communications at 321-412-2408.

Viera High/ SCHS FCCLA Chapter Wins National Families First Project Award

Viera High/SCHS FCCLA, FL, was selected to receive the 2019 National 1st Place High School Families First Award, sponsored by Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). Families First is a peer education program created by FCCLA, through which youth gain a better understanding of how families work and learn skills to become strong family members. Its goals are to: help youth become

strong family members and leaders for today and tomorrow and strengthen the family as the basic unit of society.

As the national 1st Place High School, the VHS/SCHS FCCLA chapter will receive a \$1000 award, presented to them at the 2019 FCCLA National Leadership Conference, June 30 – July 4 in Anaheim, CA.

Braveheart helps to provide attractive, affordable housing, in a safe neighborhood, to intact families. Braveheart is the only organization in Brevard that helps families with any male over the age of 12, whether that be a sibling or a parent. Through their project, FCCLA members donated chickens, clothing, school supplies, furniture, house wares and holiday gifts to Braveheart Families, in order to support both the basic housing, and social/emotional needs of Brevard County School age children.

In addition to receiving our National Families First award, three club members qualify to participate in National STAR events competition. Abigail Muenchow qualifies to compete in focus on children, Kylie Mulligan in fashion design, and Danajean Hosmer in Chapter Service Project.

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TOP 5 - Thunder Over the Indian River Artwork Competition Here are the top 5 choices from the Art Committee. All 5 went to the

Here are the top 5 choices from the Art Committee. All 5 went to the TOIR FaceBook site and www.portstjohncommunityfoundation.com to vote, or you could vote by emailing CoastCoach@aol.com.

The winner will be in the June issue or you can visit www.portstjohn-communityfoundation.com now.

- 1 Betty Couch
- 2 Kaydence Pridgen
- 3 Brook Durden
- 4 Sean Haga
- 5 Shane Sutor











Sea Turtle Festival

The 9th annual Sea Turtle Festival is a fun, free event for the community. Turtle Lovers will gather in downtown Titusville on from 10 am to 8 pm, Saturday May 11, 2019 for the 9th annual Titusville Sea Turtle Festival. The Downtown Titusville Merchant's Association has invited local environmental groups, vendors and performers will be on hand to create a fun, family event that educates while entertaining.

On Friday May 10, from 5 to 9 pm, the DTMA will kick off the festival with a Thirsty Turtle Beer Crawl in partnership with Playalinda Brewing Company. \$20 tickets include beer samples at 12 downtown businesses. Tickets are available at the Titusville Welcome Center. Food trucks, including The Bearded Chef, will serve up unique and delicious dishes for beer crawlers.

On Saturday, prior to the festival, the Canaveral National Seashore will offer a Junior Ranger Program at the Eddy Creek Pavilion, Playalinda Beach from 8 to 10 am. At the same time, the Playalinda Brewery Sustainability Squad will conduct a riverfront trash cleanup at the east end of Main St. The festival itself begins at 10 am on US 1 N in Historic Downtown Titusville.

Titusville has access to three great waterways: the St. Johns River, the Atlantic Ocean where the sea turtles nest each summer on the beaches of the Canaveral National Seashore, and the Indian River Lagoon, home to Green and Loggerhead turtles. This year's festival will focus on protecting these water resources.

The Sea Turtle Preservation Society, Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge, Canaveral National Seashore, Native Plant Society, St. Johns Water Management District, Marine Resource Council and more will be on hand manning booths, making presentations and bringing crafts for kids

Festival goers can attend educational Turtle Talks, visit environmental outreach booths, listen to live music and partake in the varied wares of artisans, vendors, and food trucks. Kids activities include face painting, sidewalk chalk art, dance groups, photo ops with a live mermaid, a bounce house, a touch tank, and DTMA's Hidden Turtle Hunt! IBEX puppet troupe will make a special appearance bringing their Endangered Animal Parade.

For more information and schedule of appearances, visit https://www.facebook.com/titusvilleseaturtlefestival or call 321-268-0122.

Thunder Over the Indian River Pet Contest

Brigdawg's will be sponsorsing a Pet Contest at Thunder Over the Indian River. The contest will start early so pets who are nervous around the noise and light can get back home early. Brigdawg's is working to put together some give away bags for pets entered into the contest. More

details will be released when available.

For now, this is the plan:

- 1st place \$50.00 Gift certificate or (KONG luggage set if it comes in on time)
- 2nd Place \$25.00 Gift Certificate
- 3rd Place \$10 Gift Certificate

For more informatiom, feel to contact Chris at Brigdawg's Pet Supplies. Email to brigdawg@gmail.com or call 321-432-2952.



Rose's Room

I am so blessed to have most of my offspring ing." and their offspring living close enough that we can get together fairly often. Because of this I had been thinking this year might be a good time to turn things upside down and for me to host a get together at my home for Mother's Day, just to do something different.

A recent birthday celebration may just have me re-thinking this...several times.

Enjoying board games is an old family tradition, lately including some old and new electronic marvels. One of the newer word games is the latest 'enjoyed' by my family members (names have been changed to protect the privacy of the Anything-But-Innocent...); Mim, Darplene, Davido, Syndy, Gorth, Malisia, Amper, Para, Nannah and almost family member Kyel. There's more but they had the good sense to scatter when the game came out. Kyel and I assumed seats close but out of eardrum shatter range.

I'm told will be a friendly game between family members, but since the Padrick competitive gene is becoming more and more prevalent, watching from afar is more enjoyable....and easier on the I'll be right back." ears.

The birthday boys and friends took to the way too cold pool, but when you're FINALLY 13 and full of cake, cupcakes and soda, temperature is make her move back!" just a number. This left the patio to the real kids.

It would be easy to assume that since everyone was already seated and the plastic thingy housing the most annoying timer ever in the middle of the table, the game would begin... Ha!

At 2:45 the standard process begins.

Darplene "Where's Gorth?"

Sindy, "He's getting really good! I didn't even see him sneak off this time."

Darplene, "I found him ducked down behind the concrete part of the fence!"

Gorth, "Checking for cracks! That thing could crumble right over on a child if it's cracked bad team." enough!"

Nannah, "Can we play now?"

Amper, "There's no cracks and I have to go to the bathroom."

sia."

Nannah, "You never pick me first!"

Kyel to me, "This is where it gets 'interest- "You're dumb! It's Para's turn."

Mim, "You never pick me at all! MOOOOM, make them let me play!"

Me, hand to forehead, "Let your sister play right this instant!"

Davido, "I have to go check the kids in the house."

Darplene, "There aren't any kids left in the house." "Mooom, make Davido play!"

Me... ignoring a stage four whine.

Para, "Can we play now?!"

Amper, "I pick Gorth."

Mim, "You never pick me! Moooooom!"

Malasia, "I'll pick Mim if she promises to never whine at that decibel again."

Nannah, "Can we play now?"

Syndy, "I pick Nannah."

Nannah, "You have to wait a minute, I have to go to the car for something."

Para, "I thought you were in a hurry to play! I can usually be cajoled into joining what Someone please start the game while it's still daylight!"

Nannah, "I'm back, can we start now?"

Amper, "I'll start after I put the leftovers away,

Darplene, "Para, help me move Amper's stuff, the sun is in my eyes."

Amper, "Who moved my stuff? Gramma

Darplene, "Mom, her eyes are younger than mine. She should have asked me to change places. I was just helping her to be polite. Isn't that what you have always taught us?"

Me - ignoring Darplene again - to Kyel at 3:10 PM, "Thirty-five minutes to get ready to begin the game and they're already bickering"

Kyel to me, "Where have you been? That's not even close to a record."

Mim, "I'll start, Gorth you have to guess the

Gorth, "You can't choose me, I'm not on your

Mim, "That's just stupid! If we're the ones playing, why can't we choose whoever we want?"

Malasia, "Because that's the rule! How can Syndy, "We need to pick teams. I want Mala- you have a game if you just ignore the rules?"

Mim, "That's dumb!"

Mim, "Mooom! She called me dumb!"

Me, "Whoever did that, stop name calling! If you can't play nice, don't play at all!"

Syndy, "Mim! You cheated! You can't scroll through and pick the word you want! You have to play the word that comes up! Mooom, she's cheating!

Me to Kyel, "Seven minutes until the first cheat, now that's a record!"

Kyel to me, "Pool's starting to look pretty good about now, isn't it?"

I need to mention here that the median age of the aforementioned game players is 32...

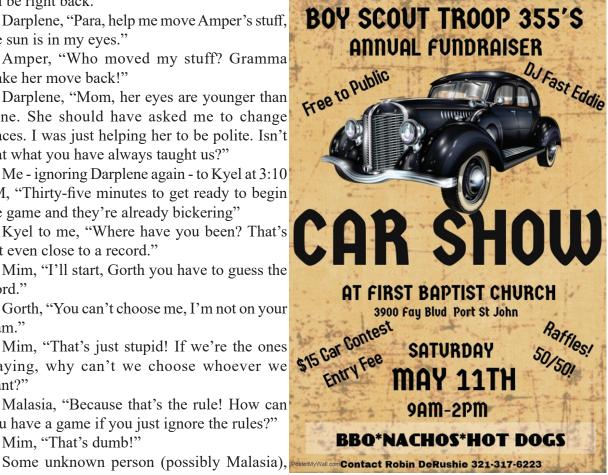
And the pool was freezing...

And, there are several restaurants in the area doing nice buffets on Mother's Day.

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Florida House Passes Memorial To Make Florida Home To U.S. Space Force

House Memorial 1281 by Representative Tyler Sirois (R-Cocoa) was passed unanimously today by the Florida House of Representatives. The memorial requests Congress to approve the creation of the United States Space Force and establishment of its headquarters in Florida. The memorial follows a recent White House proposal by President Donald Trump, and Governor Ron DeSantis' call for the Space Force to be headquartered in Florida.

To determine the location, the U.S. Department of Defense is conducting a study on the merits of each proposed location. Representative Sirois reached out to officials at the Pentagon for further information on the study. During his remarks on the House floor, Representative Sirois invited President Trump to visit Florida's Space Coast to review the spaceport infrastructure and to meet with the area's workforce.

In a letter to President Trump, Representative Sirois wrote: "Florida is the ideal choice to serve as headquarters for this new branch of our nation's armed forces. Within Brevard County, on Florida's Space Coast, we have the Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, the Naval Ordinance Testing Unit at Port Canaveral, and Patrick Air Force Base—home of the 45th Space Wing. We have a robust and growing commercial aerospace sector that promotes a culture of innovation and agility. We have a civilian workforce highly skilled in avionics, advanced manufacturing, and modeling, simulation, and training."

In remarks on the House floor, Sirois added: "As Florida finds itself competing with other states for the many workforce and economic benefits that accompany a new military installation, I believe Florida is the ideal choice for the headquarters of this new military command. I think Floridians, more than any other state, recognize the space program as an enduring symbol of American leadership—or as Michael Mitchell, a Space Shuttle Engineer put it: a personification of "what a great people can do."

Upon approval by the Florida Legislature, copies of the memorial will be delivered to Members of Congress and President Trump.

KITTY SHOWER

Spring marks the beginning of "kitten season," the time between late spring and early fall when an estimated 20 million kittens will be born without homes. In an effort to prepare for these arrivals, the Brevard Humane Society is inviting the community to participate in an "Itty Bitty Kitty Shower" from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 5th at 1020 Cox Road in Cocoa.

"There are many ways in which the public can help," said Michelle Deaton, Foster Care Coordinator for the Brevard Humane Society. "While one of our biggest needs is trained people willing to foster kittens, the majority of the supplies needed to save these kittens' lives comes from the kitten shower as well."

Last year, the Brevard Humane Society successfully saved the lives of over 500 orphaned kittens and they expect to surpass that number in 2019 with support from the community and their "Itty Bitty Kitty Shower" fundraiser.

In the style of a traditional baby shower, guests are encouraged to bring gifts and donations to support the Brevard Humane Society's Foster Care program. Guests will enjoy light refreshments, music, games, a raffle, prizes, a bake sale, craft sale and of course, itty bitty kitties! Aside from highlighting kittens, this baby-themed event will also provide attendees the opportunity to learn the different stages of kitten development and the care needed within each of these stages. Some of the essential items requested include IAMS Healthy Kitten food (wet and dry), KMR (Kitten Milk Replacement), nursing bottles and warming discs. A complete list of items is available via the Humane Society's Amazon Wishlist and gift cards to local area pet stores, Walmart,

Target, etc. are also welcomed. For those who wish to attend but are perhaps unable, Jon's Fine Jewelry, Pet Pros in Rockledge and Melbourne, any of the four Molly Mutt Thrift Store locations, along with the Brevard Humane Society's Cocoa & Merritt Island Adoption Centers will all gladly accept gifts/donations before and after the shower.

Most importantly, the Brevard Humane Society hopes to remind the public with this event that the easiest way to reduce the number of unwanted kittens each year is to spay and neuter. Patrons wishing to control the pet population, may also indicate their donations be utilized for the Humane Society's "Spay It Forward" program, which helps provide free spays and neuters to animals in need.

For more information on the kitten shower, please call 321.636.3343 ext. 219 or to make a spay/neuter appointment at the Humane Society's Low Cost Spay/Neuter & Wellness Clinic, please call 321.636.3343 ext. 206.

Thunder Over the Indian River Food Events

Luna Blu Pizza Company will be holding Spirit Nights for Thunder Over the Indian River on May 2nd, May 23rd and June 13th. Drop in at 3760 Curtis Blvd., #612, or give them a call at 321-349-2186 between 4:00 and 9:00 pm. You can eat in, carry out or have delivery. 10% of all sales will go to Thunder Over the Indian River. Just let them know it is for TOIR when placing the order and they will mark the ticket.

Domino's will be asking for change donations when you pick up your pizzas. Please help when you can and enjoy your food! 321-632-6781.

Want to be Involved?

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The Friends of the Port St. John Library are looking for new members.



The next Friends of the Library meeting will be at 6 PM on Wednesday, May 22 at the library. Refreshments will be served.

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Experimental Aircraft Meeting

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724, Merritt Island (EAA724) will hold their next meeting on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the club house on Merritt Island Airport.

People who are interested in Aviation and are happy to share their knowledge and love of flying. Everyone is welcome.

The airport is approximately 2 miles south of SR 520 on Courtney Parkway. Turn off Courtney onto the airport and then bear right. Across from the Fire House is the club house with the EAA logo on the end of the building.

For more information, visit their website at www.eaa724.org., email don@eaa724.org or call 321-266-7410.

Monthly Business Roundtable

The Port St. John (PSJ) Startups & Founders Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Business owners and entrepreneurs are welcome to attend. The group shares information on new business opportunities and ways to improve on existing businesses. There is no fee to attend. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 1st, 8:00 AM at Port Java in Fay Plaza, 4795 Fay Blvd. See you there!



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Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host Singles/ Couples Ballroom Dances on Saturday, May 11th and 25th. Music will be provided by Janice and Rene.



For both dances, doors open at 6:30 p.m. and dancing begins at 7:00 p.m., ends at 10:00 p.m. Free snacks, BYOB. Adults of all ages are welcome. The cost is \$6; \$5 for members.

Adults of all ages are welcome to our dances. MASC is located at 1025 S. Florida Ave., Rockledge. Call Martin Andersen Senior Center at 321-631-7556 for more information.

If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

Walter Butler Community Center - May, 2019 Bernice G. Jackson Park, 4201 North US Hwy. 1, Sharpes

The center is open Monday–Thursday from 10 - 8 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Schedule is subject to change. Call 321-433-4448 for latest information.

Mondays

Pickleball, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Kids In Motion, 2-6 p.m.

Open Gym, 6-8 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 11a.m.-2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.

Tuesdays

Tiny Tots, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Pickleball, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Kids In Motion, 2-6 p.m.

4-H Garden Club, 3-4 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. Open Gym, 6-8 p.m.

Wednesdays

Pickleball, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. Kids In Motion, 2-6 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 p.m.

Thursdays

Pickleball, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. Home School, 10 a.m. -12 a.m.

Kids in Motion, 2-6 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5-8 p.m.

Fridays

Open Gym, 9-11 a.m.

Open Computer Lab, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Home School, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Pickleball, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Kids In Motion, 2-6 p.m.

4-H Garden Club, 3-4 p.m.

3rd & 17th - Persons with Disabilities Dance, 7-9 p.m.

Saturdays

Open Gym, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Kids in Motion - An after school program that focuses on anti-bullying and educational hands on projects that helps to stimulate learning, and growth; such as the Choice Program, 4-H Club and Stem Programs to enhance learning. Monday-Friday 2-6 p.m. \$30 a week. Discounts do apply if you live in the target area and if the child is eligible for free or reduced lunch and if the household receives any assistance. For more information contact WBCC at (321)433-4448.

Volleyball Fundamentals

Teaching 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 Walter Butler Community Center (321) 433-4448.

Kids in Motion

After school program that focus on antibullying and educational hands on projects such as the Choice Program,

4-H club and STEM programs and Kids Art to enhance learning. Monday -Friday 2-6 p.m. \$30 a week. Discounts do apply. For those who qualify. For more information contact Walter Butler Community Center at (321)433-4448.

4-H Junior Master Gardner Program

The Junior Master Gardner 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 Fridays 3-4 p.m. For more information contact Jan Jordan at the Walter Butler Community Center (321) 433-4448.

Persons With Disabilities Dances are held at WBCC every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 7-9 p.m. all ages welcome. Contact Andrea Chestnut, 321-264-5058 or 321-264-5105.

Parks & Recreation Meeting

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, May 9th, 2019, 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.



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E-mail _____ May we include your phone number on our membership roster to CGHI members? Yes ____ No ____

Won't you come join us? We meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at Discovery Church, 3925 Grissom Pkwy. at 7:00 PM. www.CanaveralGrovesHOA.com

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Fruit From The Groves

Waste Management was at the meeting and running from Miami to Orlando within two years. gave a presentation and answered all questions that the group had. They explained what some of the problems that they are having with the recycling program are. The major problem is people putting plastic bags and some other items into the barrels. This causes break downs and delays. Items need to be put in the barrels loosely, not in plastic bags. They provided handouts to show what is allowed in the recycle container and what is not. Barrels need to be out on the roadside by 6 a.m. It is best is to have it out the night before. Just because you normally get picked up in the afternoon does not mean that it will always be that way. If they are delayed, they will get to you the next day.

The containers need to be placed with the wheels facing the house and the opening facing the street.

container. It is to be placed in containers no larger than 35 gallons and not weigh more than 50 pounds. Paper bags / containers are not acceptable because they can be mulched at the county landfill.

other brush, they must take it to the landfill. They will tell you that they will do it cheaper if they do not take it to the landfill. Code Enforcement may fine you and have you pay to have it removed, and this may be at a higher rate.

A Brevard County Sheriff's Deputy was there but had to leave on a call. He did advise that the crime rate was lower again last month. People are still leaving their vehicles unlocked and items in them. This is causing crimes of opportunity like burglary and theft. Remember to call if you see something that they need know. The Groves is a large area and they can not be everywhere. We are their eyes and ears.

Virgin Trans USA, formerly Brightline and All Aboard Florida, is planning to have the train

The city of Cocoa has no plans to add another way in or out of the Summer Breeze development at the south end of Alan Shepard.

Signs or items in the right of way was brought up. The only things that are allowed in the right of ways are United States postal boxes, county signs, trash containers and yard waste. All signs must be off the right of way. The yard sales signs that go up and down may not be enforced. Political signs fall into a different category. It is illegal to post any sign on a utility pole or street sign.

Brevard County Commission is going to allow Conex (storage trailers) containers. There are limits to the number, size of the property they are allowed on and uses. It is best to call the Brevard County Building Department for all the requirements and uses.

Now is the time to remove brush and hazards Yard waste is not to be placed in the recycle from your property, Hurricane season starts June

> The area wide yard sale was a success. There were many great deals. It was also a great time to meet your neighbors.

It was nice to see new people at the meeting. If you call a contractor in to remove trees and The next meeting is May 9, 2019 at 7 p.m. at Discovery Church on Grissom Pkwy.

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Rates from July 16 to August 28

Tackle Football (6-14) & Cheerleading (6-15) \$105.00

Flag Football & Cheerleading (3-6) \$80.00

Payment plans are available.

Football players that get registered early may choose their jersey number!

First fitting for cheerleaders is Saturday, May 18th from 9:00am to 1:00pm..

Also, if you haven't registered yet, we have a great incentive to share. We are so very excited about this new offer and we hope you are too! For the next 50 registrations (paid in full) - receive a COMPLIMENTARY Entertainment Card Membership (one per family).

The card is valid for 12 months of national access from activation date, which provides an average savings of \$240.

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https://shop.entertainment.com/products/ orlando-coupon-book#merchant-list-head.

Football Camp -

Register in our store online www.spacecoastpanthers.org

Saturday, May 18th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Space Coast Communities Sports Complex, 662 Canaveral Groves Blvd., 32926.

\$20.00 per athlete, includes t-shirt and lunch (\$25.00 for day-of walk-on registrations).

Ages 5-14 years ● Open to the public ● Registration deadline to receive t-shirt: May 7.

This is an opportunity to learn the basic fundamentals of football. It will teach skills such as running routes, running with the ball, receiving and passing, blocking, tackling as well as improving agility, condition, speed and more. Whether you are a new player wanting to learn the game or a returning player, this camp will have something for everyone!!

Camp is being held in association with the Space Coast Tarheels.

Cheerleading Uniform Sizing -

Saturday, May 18th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Space Coast Communities Sports Complex, 662 Canaveral Groves Blvd., 32926.

We are holding the first sizing for cheer wear; both practice and game uniforms. Please watch your email for the scheduled time slot for your team.

Volunteers Needed -

Get your volunteer applications in so we can start building our teams; coach, assistant coach, team support - we will be voting in volunteers for Fall at our general board meetings, every other Tuesday.

General Board Meetings are open to the public -

If you want to know more about what is going on with our league, how is money raised and spent, how are schedules created and volunteers chosen, etc....please know that all of our General Board Meetings are open to the public and we invite you to get involved. If you wish to nominate, be nominated or vote in our annual election in December, you may pay a \$5.00 fee prior to October 1st.

Here it is – the deal you have been waiting for!!!

Have you ever wished there was a way to cut your expenses for the sports your children love to play? Well, now you can with the Space Coast Panthers! NEW for 2019 – when you successfully recruit a sponsor, you will now earn 10% of the fee the sponsor is paying for the package they choose.

The priority for the money you earn will be to pay any outstanding fees you owe to the league for registration(s) until you have a zero balance.

If you earn more than what is owed to the league, your team fees will be the next in-line for payoff. Lastly, if you have no outstanding league/ team fees, but still have monies earned from your sponsor(s) – this will be given directly to you.... to use at concession, merchandise or maybe just cover some fuel costs for your travel.

There is no limit to the number of sponsors one person/family may bring to our league. Be sure to explain to the sponsor how everyone (them, league & you) benefits from their support. There is now a place at the bottom of the form for the athlete's name, so we can be sure to apply the credit to the athlete correctly. Be sure to still circle a division and sport for the team information.

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT - as noted on the form, artwork MUST be provided via email in high resolution (.jpg or .jpg or .eps) to get the most professional advertising for our sponsor.

If you have any questions/concerns – please email sponsors@spacecoastpanthers.org.

New for 2019 -

Brevard County Youth Football and Cheerleading Association is requiring Florida State Identification Cards for every athlete. This card may be obtained through the Department of Mobirth certificate to be provided to register.

Original, renewal and replacement ID cards are \$25.00, regardless of the age of the customer. Children ages 5 through 14 are eligible for an ID card and it is valid for four years. The fee for the State ID is waived if you can provide proof of EBT via card/letter.

You will be required to produce one item from (1) Primary Identification and one from (2) Proof of Social Security for the athlete. Two items are required for the parent/legal guardian from the (3) Proof of Residential Address.

You should schedule an appointment online https://www.flhsmv.gov/locations/ as soon as possible to get this completed prior to the season beginning.

1. Primary Identification

An original or certified copy of one of the following documents:

- U.S. birth certificate, including some U.S. territories and District of Columbia (birth certificates from Puerto Rico must have an issue date after July 1, 2010);
 - Valid U.S. passport or passport card;
 - Consular Report of Birth Abroad;
- Certificate of Naturalization, form N-550 or form N-570; or

Certificate of Citizenship, form N-560 or form N-561.

NOTES

Only a birth certificate issued by a county health department or the CDC Bureau of Vital Statistics will be accepted. Hospital birth certificates are not considered a certified document and will not be accepted.

2. Proof of Social Security

An original of one of the following documents with complete name and SSN:

- Social Security card (with the customer's current name);
 - W-2 form (not handwritten);
 - Pay check/stub;
 - SSA-1099; or
 - Any 1099 (not handwritten).
 - 3. Proof of Residential Address

Customers may not use their current driver license or ID card as proof of residential address. Customers must submit TWO different documents with their residential address (printouts or faxes of these documents are acceptable). We appreciate our Sponsors - we couldn't continue to do it without them!!

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> A HUGE THANK YOU to our 2018 Sponsors!! Without sponsors it would be impossible for our league to continue to do everything we do for the youth in our community, so please support them as often as you can.

For more information about our league: www.spacecoastpanthers.org www.facebook.com/SpaceCoastPanthers www.facebook.com/CoastPanthers

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)

NARFE Apollo Chapter 1137 meets monthly on the second Monday of each month at Kay's BBQ Restaurant, SR 520 in Cocoa. You are invited to join us for lunch at 11:30 and an interesting speaker at 12:15.

No reservations required. Our website address is www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137.

Your Cancer Care Team In your corner. By your side.



Pictured: Parrish Cancer Center's Cancer Care Team.

When it comes to fighting cancer, Parrish Cancer Center, operated by OMNI Healthcare, has assembled a comprehensive team of world class researchers, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, surgeons and therapists. Together with state-of-the-art technology, we will be in your corner and by your side every step of the way from cancer prevention to diagnosis, treatment and recovery.

Personalized, Integrated and Coordinated Care.

Our comprehensive program offers a full complement of the latest treatments, advances and services, including:

- State-of-the-art Radiation Therapy
- Full Infusion Suite/Chemotherapy Services and Laboratory Services
- Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT)
- Image-Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT)
- Linear Accelerator with Electron Capability (LINAC)
- 3D CRT
- Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS)
- Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy (SBRT)
- 4D CT Simulation
- Immune (Biologic) Therapy
- Cancer Care Navigator Program

Teamwork is a powerful force in fighting cancer.

You and your team at Parrish Cancer Center, will work together to ensure your plan of care meets your individual needs, values and beliefs.

For more information or to meet with a cancer specialist, call Parrish Cancer Center at 321-529-6202.



