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Space Shuttle 50th Anniversary Event!

The American Space Museum will host the “Golden Anniversary of the Dawn of the Space Shuttle Era” on Saturday, April 16th at Hyatt Place, Titusville from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., featuring talks and fellowship with space workers and astronauts.

The public is welcome to rub shoulders with the “national treasures” of America’s storied Space Shuttle program as scheduled to appear for short talks, panel discussions and lots of interaction are launch directors, key space workers and an astronaut or two.

The non-profit American Space Museum has partnered with the Astronaut Memorial Foundation to present this special 50th Shuttle anniversary event at the beautiful, new Hyatt Place Titusville/Kennedy Space Center on U.S. 1.

The U.S. Congress approved the Space Transportation System in April 1972, and changed our world forever. First launched on April 12, 1981, the fleet of five Shuttle Orbiters became a symbol of triumph and tragedy around the world dur-



ing its 30 years of operation and 135 missions.

ASM is honored to assemble a cross-section of the Shuttle era, from vehicle managers to the launch directors, and some of the astronauts who rode the world’s first reusable spaceship. Sched-

uled to appear are launch directors Bob Sieck, Jim Harrington and Mike Leinbach; KSC director Jay Honeycutt and astronaut Mike McCulley.

Space workers scheduled include: Hugh Harris, public affairs office; Terry White, Shuttle manager; Dean Schaaf, Transoceanic Abort Landings; Jean Wright, “Sew Sister” at Thermal Protection System; and Travis “Triple T” Thompson, lead of White Room.

Vendors lined up include Ken Havekotte Space Covers, Sew Sister Creations, JL Pickering & John Bisney book signing, and more to come.

The “Golden Anniversary” Shuttle event will be broadcast live on ASM’s “Stay Curious” social media platforms of Facebook, YouTube, Spotify and Twitch.

For more information, contact Mark Marquette, marq@americanspacemuseum.org, or phone, 321-264-0434. American Space Museum is located at 308 Pine Street, Titusville, and open for tours Monday -Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Thunder Over Indian River Golf Classic

Our Fourth Annual TOIR Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, April 23rd at Indian River Preserve Golf Club. All proceeds benefit Independence Day events and the fireworks display. (Yes, we're going to try again to get a permit. Hopefully we can get permission to use the OUC property this year and not be blocked by the Parks and Recreation Director. Again.)

The cost is \$65 per person or \$240 per team and includes greens fee, cart, lunch, range balls and on-course contests. Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. with the tournament officially starting at 8:00 am. Afterwards, please join us in the Clubhouse for lunch, awards and raffle at about 12:30 p.m. (when all teams have returned).

In addition to prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, there will be two "long drives," two "closest to the



pin" challenges, and a putting contest.

A hole-in-one wins a Buick Encore sponsored by Ron Norris Buick/GMC, a 15 SEER A/C system sponsored by Freedom Air and Plumbing, or a Hybrid Water Heater provided by Freedom Air and Plumbing.

Anyone who does not play golf can still participate by sponsoring a golf hole for \$125 or attend the awards luncheon for \$15.00.

For an application or additional info, email PSJCommunityFoundation@gmail.com or visit <https://portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/>. The deadline to register is April 8th.

Space Coast Soccer Players Make All-Cape Coast Conference Team

The Space Coast High School boys' soccer team had three players, and the Lady Vipers had one player selected to the All-Cape Coast Conference team.

For the Boys, Junior Captain Ethan Chicklinski and Sophomore Captain Wyatt Arm-

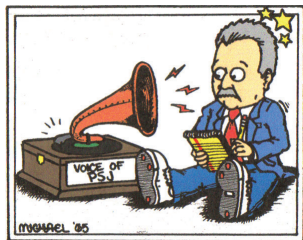
strong received All-CCC honors for the second time. Sophomore Ethan Castes, the team's leading goal scorer, rounds out the nominations for Space Coast Boys' Soccer.



The Lady Vipers are represented on the All-CCC team by 7th grade phenom Hailey Thibodeau. Hailey led the offensive attack this season,

setting a single season Lady Viper record with 25 goals.

The Viper coaches, and teammates, are proud of the selection of these four players. This end of season honor is a result of the countless hours of hard work that they have spent working on their skills.



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PSJ Community Center Schedule - April, 2022

The center is open Mondays–Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays 10 - 2 p.m.. **Schedule is subject to change. For latest information about any of these programs or to register, call 321-633-1904.**

Mondays

Seniors At Lunch, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 7 p.m.
Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Billiards, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Zumba (adult class with Jackie), 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.

Tuesdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 7 p.m.
Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Billiards, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Wednesdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 7 p.m.
Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Billiards, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
6th & 20th - Culinary Kids, 4:00 -5:30 p.m.

Thursdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 7 p.m.
Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Billiards, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Community Cares Aftercare, 2:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Advanced level Line Dance class, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Fridays

Outside Basketball, 9 a.m - 6 p.m.
Game Room/Computers, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Billiards, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Community Cares Aftercare, 1:30 - 6 p.m.

Saturdays

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

About Zumba Classes With Jackie - A total workout, combining all elements of fitness - cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class.

Details about my class - We social distance with flair! * Bring your water bottle* Bring your towel* Bring a buddy* Only \$7 for an hour of fun while you work out and torch the calories! ~ Jackie Lewis

About Kel's Kitchen:

Culinary Kids—Every other Wednesday at 4:00-5:30 p.m. A special program for the child who has a keen interest in all things culinary. This program runs every other Wednesday. The focus is on developing foundational skills to carry into your kitchen at home. \$18.00 per child. Adult must accompany child and you must preregister at www.floridakelskitchen.com.

New Advanced Line Dance Class

This is an Advanced Level line dance class. You should have 1-2 years of line dance experience to enjoy this level of dancing to Country, Cha-Cha, Latin and many popular and current songs. Thursdays- 4:30pm - 6:30pm. \$5.00 per class.

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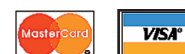
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Good Day! by Maureen Rupe 49A SpaceX New Launch Facility

NASA is negotiating with SpaceX to have a new Launch facility, (Launch Pad 49, just north of the Horizontal Launch Facility, which is just south of the road going to Playalinda Beach. With Pad 49 being so close to the road to Playalinda and the number of launches SpaceX has talked about having in the future, I'm concerned how much time Playalinda Beach and the Wildlife Preserve will be closed. If there is a daily launch, will public access be permanently closed?

In a story by Kevin Spear in the Orlando Sentinel on Dec. 27, 2021, titled, "SpaceX's proposed launch site draws concerns about environmental damage, Playalinda Beach road," it states the following: "The potential for regular or prolonged closures of the beach-access road and the destruction of coastal wetlands resulting from SpaceX's launch and landing site has drawn Audubon Florida's concern. The natural environment adjoining the proposed launch site, including habitat of Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, is "one of the most important birding sites in eastern North America, said Audubon Florida's director of advocacy, Charles Lee."

Later in his article, Spear states, "If developed, the 175-acre rocket site would be Launch Complex 49, or LC-49, spreading across 175 acres about 1.5 mile north of LC-39B, the nearest of the two launch sites used by Apollo moon rockets and space shuttles.

Space X is already moving to overhaul LC-39A, the other original pad used by moon rockets and shuttles, for Starship operations.

Reference:

<https://www.nasa.gov/feature/nasa-conducts-environmental-assessment-practices-responsible-growth>

SpaceX Industrial Wastewater Permit

Brevard County is requesting a public hearing with Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) about the permit application to construct and operate an "industrial wastewater treatment facility which would discharge 3,000 gallons per day, possibly discharging the water into the Oyster Prong part of the Indian River Lagoon (IRL)." We understand the water is from cooling tower water for Hanger X facilities, which is where Space X is starting a new processing area on Kennedy Space Center. The water won't have any fecal matter, but will impact the IRL. It will be fresh water containing up to 3.0 mg/L Total Nitrogen, 1.0 mg/L Total Phosphorus, and up to 5.0 mg/L oil and grease. Monitoring requirements also include chlorine, copper and lead, but the permit doesn't show any concentration limits.

According to the book, Indian River Lagoon - - An Introduction to a Natural Treasure, due to the long, narrow configuration and brackish water content, maintaining biological diversity in the IRL where 2,100 species of plants and more than 2,200 animal species live, the most of any North American estuary is very challenging. According to the book, "Habitats within the lagoon range from inlets, which are like the open ocean, to the dry upland oak scrub ridges. Because these habitats are so diverse, so specialized, and so unique, they have limited tolerance to change, and changes in the region have resulted in the loss of a great deal of the natural environments and the species that inhabit them. If you look at the IRL, the northernmost segment has very limited flow and it takes over a year for water to change, which makes that segment almost

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like a bathtub. Introducing an abundance of either salt or fresh water can make a huge difference to the biological diversity in this area.

The other major concern I have with this discharge into our lagoon is the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus, as well as the higher concentration of oil and grease. A 3,000 gallon a day tank - dimensions: 95"D x 107"H - may not seem like much, but that's 1,095,000 gallons a year, and we already have a distressed IRL! And the northern area will have the greatest impact by any water changes. Adding too much salt water would have the same effects, which is why scientist are not recommending adding another inlet in the northern Mosquito Lagoon segment of the IRL. In either case, we will be making a huge change in the IRL's biological diversity within this segment.

The FDEP Permit ID: FL0A00032-001-IW7D states, "(c) A statement of the facts the Department should consider in making the final decision; Typically, the discharge of industrial wastewater effluent into a storm water system converts the entire storm water system into an industrial wastewater process. Therefore, the discharge monitoring requirements should apply to the entire storm water system. As the discharge flows into the Indian River Lagoon, what safeguards are in place to ensure that wastewaters are not discharged into the Indian River Lagoon to prevent further deterioration to the lagoon?"

As stated in the Brevard County's request for a public hearing, "Due to the level of nutrient impairment of the lagoon, the recent and ongoing loss of seagrass habitat, the associated mortality

of manatees and loss of marine life abundance, as well as the local responsibility to reduce excess nutrient loads, and significant community concerns regarding the draft permit, Brevard County requests the Department hold a Public Meeting..."

I would hope the Space Program will take initiatives to prevent this water from getting into the Indian River Lagoon. NASA, as much as the other residents of the county, should do their due diligence to protect the most unique water body in North America.

Reference:

https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2018-01/documents/58692_an_river_lagoon_an_introduction_to_a_natural_treasure_2007.pdf

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Good Day!, cont.

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Updated Report

The IPCC is the United Nations body for assessing the science related to climate change. They recently released their sixth assessment report. Unfortunately, more frequent and intense extreme events have caused widespread adverse impacts and damage to both nature and people. 3.3 to 3.6 billion people live in areas that are highly vulnerable to climate change, and a high proportion of species are vulnerable to climate change.

At the rate we are going, beyond 2040 climate change will lead to numerous risks to natural and human systems. If governments and individuals don't take more action, impacts will continue to increase. If drastic cuts in greenhouse gas emissions are further delayed – it will affect the lives of today's children tomorrow and those of their children much more than ours. We can stop drastic impacts, but it is up to us and our governments to decide how important our way of life and quality of life mean to us.

Reference: <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/resources/spm-headline-statements/>

Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival

After 25 years, the Brevard Nature Alliance voted to discontinue the Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival and disband the 501c3 Brevard Nature Alliance. Unfortunately, this is just a symptom of a larger issue.

The Enchanted Forest Photo Club, whose hobby is bird photography, has been reporting declining numbers of birds in recent years. Three billion birds have been lost since 1970 just in the U.S. and Canada. Habitat loss occurs when land is converted for development. Habitat degradation

is a second cause of loss. Birds play an influential and important role in ecosystems. Neither habitat loss nor degradation caused Brevard Nature Alliance to end their 501c3 or the Birding Festival, but the overall loss of birds caused less tourists coming to the festival, which caused the demise of the Festival. Birds are in trouble, and the Wider Web of Life, including humanity, is in trouble, too.

A great deal of **Thanks!** goes out for the 25 successful years of the Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival.

Reference: <https://brevardnaturealliance.org/AvianInfluenza>

Press Release: Avian influenza confirmed in wild birds in Florida

February, 2022: HPAI H5N1 has been confirmed in Palm Beach, Brevard and Volusia counties. Species clinically affected so far include lesser scaup, royal tern, black vulture and bald eagle. Tests are pending for pelicans, herring gulls, crows and screech owls. There are also northern gannet deaths reported, but these may be natural mortalities during migration.

January, 2022: Samples collected by USDA-Wildlife Services from hunter-harvested blue-winged teal in Palm Beach County have tested positive for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) strain: H5N1 2.3.4.4b Eurasian.

This follows similar reports of the H5N1 Eurasian strain from South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and Canada (Newfoundland and Labrador) this past fall and winter (2021-2022).

- This strain has been documented in Europe since early 2021.
- No known human infections with Eurasian H5 viruses have occurred in the United States.
- FWC is monitoring for HPAI in birds

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found sick or dead of unknown causes.

Reference: <https://myfwc.com/research/wildlife/health/avian/influenza/>

Winston Churchill and Russia

Growing up, I spent close to 20 years hearing various tales about World War II from family members and friends who had fought and those who had “kept the home fires burning.” One of the recollections was that Winston Churchill had wanted to declare war on Russia after WWII.

England was tired of war and called Winnie a Warmonger, and just carried on rebuilding Britain. Winston was adamant that there would be a time when the Free World would be sorry. Then came the Cold War and the Communist mentality of the leaders seemed the same, but when the wall came down it seemed to ease a bit. I feel like they fooled us for a while, then they came back worse than ever. We did nothing when they took over Georgia and then Crimea. The problem is, with the destructive weapons available today, the concept of war has drastically changed.

“Churchill loathed Communism because of the threat it posed to the human spirit and human rights,” As he put it, ‘My hatred of Bolshevism and Bolsheviks is not founded on their silly system of economics or their absurd doctrine of an impossible equality. It arises from the bloody and devastating terrorism which they practice in every land into which they have broken, and by which alone their criminal regime can be maintained.’”



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My instinct tells me we need to add Ukraine to NATO and tell Russia to stop the aggression and pull completely out of Ukraine. There is no excuse for Russia trying to rebuild the Soviet Union.

Churchill, Thou shouldn't be living at this hour.

Reference: https://www.facebook.com/groups/229447869326729#_ednref1)Reynolds, “Long Shadow* p71

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Sonrise Service On the River

Frontenac Baptist Church will be holding their annual Sonrise Service on the Indian River Lagoon behind the church on Easter Day, April 17. The gates open at 6 a.m. and the service will begin at 6:30. Sunrise is supposed to be at 6:56, but we Floridians know that can seem delayed by clouds in the east sometimes.

There is seating for everyone in their new bleachers from the viewing center at Kennedy Space Center. You are also welcome to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

There will be a continental breakfast in the Fellowship Hall after the service. Frontenac Baptist Church is located at 5500 N. US Hwy. 1. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call the church office at 321-636-1369.

This is a long-time Port St. John tradition. The first Sonrise service was on Easter, 1958.

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New COVID-19 BA.2 Variant

BA.2 appears to be a descendant of Omicron, or BA.1. So far, studies show that BA.2 may be up to 30% more transmissible than the original Omicron, which means that without mitigation measures such as mask-wearing, handwashing and social distancing, the latest version of Omicron can spread rapidly in communities.

A recent study in animals from Japanese scientists that has not been peer-reviewed suggests that BA.2 may contain mutations that could lead to more severe disease than Omicron. The research suggests these mutations may also make the virus resistant to treatments, including monoclonal antibodies, that doctors are currently using to protect vulnerable patients from getting very ill or being hospitalized.

BA.2 may also escape vaccine protection, but one Danish study found boosters can make severe disease 74% less likely.

Will the current COVID-19 vaccines work against BA.2? The protection from vaccines wanes over time, which is why public health officials have authorized booster shots in the U.S. and most countries. For now, the evidence suggests that vaccines generate both immediate and longer lasting immunity against all variants of SARS-CoV-2.

The antibodies that the shots catalyze may only protect against infection for a relatively short amount of time - Moderna reported that even after a booster dose of its vaccine, these virus-neutralizing antibodies tend to wane after six months - but the body's immune response to vaccination also includes T cells.

T cells are more durable and are aimed at more conserved regions of the virus. T cells seem to

provide good and lasting protection against severe disease from every variant so far, even if people do get infected.

People can get infected twice with the Omicron variant of COVID-19 — but only in rare cases, according to a new Danish study. Researchers at the Statens Serum Institut, Denmark's top infectious disease authority, found that a small number of people infected with Omicron's BA.1 subvariant can contract its BA.2 strain shortly afterward.

The study identified 1,739 cases between November 21 and February 11 of patients who tested positive twice between 20 and 60 days apart. Researchers still detected lower levels of "virus material" during the second infection, suggesting some immunity was developed from the first infections. They stressed that the reinfections are rare and mostly affected young, unvaccinated people and only caused mild disease, none of which led to hospitalizations or deaths.

This certainly isn't good news, but knowing it now may help you make good decisions about taking precautions to avoid being infected.

BA.2 is on track to dethrone Omicron, the "original" BA.1 variant and the most common worldwide, as the most infectious of the COVID variants, but it had remained unclear whether a person could get infected by both variants, which differ by up to 40 mutations.

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Maundy Thursday, April 14th, 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 15th

12:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Good Friday Meditation

3:00 p.m. - Children's Station of the Cross

5:00 p.m. - Service

Easter Sunday, April 17th

7:00 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Service

10:00 a.m. - Easter Eucharist or watch on

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Our weekly Sunday Service schedule is:

- Wednesday 6:00 PM Eucharist
- Friday 6:00 PM Evening Prayer
- Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

(10:00 AM on Facebook Live)

Children's Sunday School is available. No nursery.

Other upcoming events:

Veteran's, Veteran Spouses, First Responders are invited to a full breakfast on the 4th Saturday of each month. Saturday, April 30th at 9:00 a.m.

If you are interested in an Adult Bible Study, please join us on Sundays, April 3rd and April 10th as we read the Book of Ruth, and April 24th for the Book of Acts. Study is from 9 - 9:40 a.m.

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Monthly Tax Update

This month I'm going back to basics. There is a batch of tax extenders that expired as of December 31, 2021. They include the residential energy credits for energy efficient windows and doors, tax incentives for qualified fuel-cell motor vehicles, no more charitable deductions without itemizing, and the maximum child and dependent care tax credit falls back to \$1,050 for one child, and \$2,100 for two or more children. This is down from the top 2021 credit of \$4,000 for one child and \$8,000 for two or more.

The child tax credit reverts back to pre-2021 rules. This means no more advance monthly payments and the maximum credit is \$2,000, per child under 17, with a maximum of \$1,500 per child under the additional child tax for some lower income parents.

Standard deductions increase to \$25,900, plus \$1,000 for each spouse 65 or older when filing married filing jointly, \$12,950 for singles and if over 65, it goes to \$14,700. Head of Household standard deduction is \$19,400 plus \$1,750 if over 65.

Tax rates on long-term capital gains and qualified dividends did not change and remains at 0%, 15%, or 20% based on your taxable income. Teachers are permitted to deduct \$300 per year for books, supplies and materials which is up from \$250.

The income tax brackets for individuals are wider for 2022 and the tax rates remain unchanged. Contributions to your qualified retirement plans (employer plans) maximum is increased to \$20,500 annually. Maximum traditional and Roth

individual arrangements is a combined \$6,000 with an additional \$1,000 catch-up contribution for individuals over 65.

Now, how about retirement Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) requirements. If you are 70½, or older, you are already under distribution rules. You now need to become aware of the new life expectancy table for calculating your RMDs for 2022 and beyond. Also, under these new rules and you haven't started your RMD's, you're now not required to take RMDs until the year of 72 years of age. These new revised tables allow distributions to be spread out over more years resulting in smaller annual payout requirements. However, you still need to evaluate your tax circumstances and give consideration to your beneficiary tax circumstances to determine what your best tax advantage option will be.

A couple of business items: Standard mileage rate is 58.5¢ for 2022, and don't forget you are required to keep a mileage log substantiating the mileage.

There is still a 100% restaurant meal deduction permitted for 2022.

And one last thought, the market volatility provides a perfect opportunity to fund your Traditional IRA, Roth IRA, or maybe start a Self Employed Pension plan.

In closing, to our clients, THANK YOU!!! Because of you, our office had another successful tax season. Also, to the many of you who read my articles, THANK YOU. I hope it helps. God Bless you and the United States of America!!!

For additional details and specific assistance in applying the general information in this article, contact your tax advisor or call us at your earliest convenience. Provided by Tracey C. Higginbotham, E.A., (321) 632-5726, a member of the National Society of Accountants.

Parks & Recreation Meeting



The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, April 14th, 2022, 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 and information, call Jeff Davis at the North Area Parks Operations office, 321-264-5105.

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~ Rose Padrick



Family Love

I'm praying that by the time you are reading my attempt at bringing a smile or two in these crazy days, the worst of the horribleness in Ukraine will have ended. I realize even should the bombs stop falling, it will take a long time to heal and rebuild. To all who have friends and family in such danger please know prayers are being sent every day and please also know blue and yellow ribbons popping up all over are signs of support.

I may have mentioned a time or twenty that I think I have the greatest family in the world, 'special' quirks and all. As with most other families, we love to get together, and as with most other families, such get-togethers are sure to lead to a bump or forty, most ending with "Mooommm! He/She said...did...Mooommm!!"

I must mention here the mouths uttering these words heard by mothers the world over are all on the dark side of forty.

Of course, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are not to be outdone in

their Cuddly Cousin moments..."Grammmmmmmeeeee! He/She...said...did...and Mom/Dad won't do anything about it!"

I've always felt the immortal wedding vows totally fit families. We stick together and try to help as best we can through good times and bad, in sickness and health and are related until death do us part.

It's the sickness thing that has kept us hopping recently. With the mask rules relaxed and everyone back at work, we have been as careful as possible, but inevitably some of us got sick. A grandson and wife were the first to succumb. Since they were nearly bedridden it was a perfect time to re-invent my chicken soup recipe. Shortly after, one of my granddaughter's whole family were knocked off their feet one by one, but recovered in a couple of days and were back to work and school fairly quickly. Except for my granddaughter, who was miserable for almost a week before I found out and could save the day with my Italian chicken soup.

A daughter fell very ill within just a couple of hours and stayed sick for almost two weeks. Her description was she felt like she had been hit by a truck. Her husband had a couple of days with a few body aches and headache. Her COVID test came out negative and her husband's came out positive. More Italian chicken soup coming up! Since this particular child does not eat meat, I removed the chicken and sent it along so her husband could add it to his portions. Which he did so heartily that he finished the pot of soup before my daughter had a third helping and was still sick... Fourth pot of Italian soup in three days on the way!

A second granddaughter called to warn me she woke up feeling horrible and tested positive for COVID that morning. Since I had been to her home in the past few days, she wanted me to be alert for any symptoms. Fifth pot of Italian chicken soup in four days on the way (in a brand-new soup pot because all the others were spread throughout Brevard County)!

Fast forward a couple of days and I woke up feeling like I had been hit with the proverbial truck. Head exploding, chest feeling like an elephant was sitting on it and cold chills. Since I never want to be a bother to my family, (and my offspring's lack of acumen in the kitchen is epic), I emailed everyone I was trying to finish a project and wouldn't be available for a while, and settled down with Jerry Springer.

Not ones to be bothered by a little thing like a request for privacy, one family member discovered I was sick and broadcast it to the rest with the speed of chocolate hitting hips. Not wanting a repeat of the Italian chicken soup marathon, I threatened them with sneaking candy into great grandchildren's bedroom windows before dinner if they dared come near me. They protested that someone should be returning the chicken soup favors, but promised to stay away.

Wrapped in a blanket watching my Ring doorbell app as a great grandchild sneaked up to my door with a bag containing two cans of chicken soup (not Italian), Gatorade and love, I understood the true meaning of 'The apple doesn't fall far from the tree.'

And that my kids don't listen any better now than they did when they were teenagers.

P.S.

I just want to say thank you to all who have sent kudos on my columns. Special shout out to my daughter's acquittance Joanne.



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Artemis 1 Moon Launch Is Coming

The rollout of NASA's massive 322-foot-tall (98-meter) Space Launch System rocket and the Orion spacecraft happened on Thursday ahead of the Artemis 1 launch, an uncrewed mission around the moon.

Likely next month after several weeks of testing on the launch pad, teams will conduct a wet dress rehearsal, the final major test ahead of the launch. The wet dress will run the rocket and launch team through operations to load the propellant into the fuel tanks and conduct a full countdown ending in a scrub.

The SLS launch team, working out of a newly-modernized firing room inside Kennedy's Apollo-era Launch Control Center, conducted two countdown sequencing tests in December and January. Using the real rocket and Orion spacecraft inside the VAB, the countdown simulations demonstrated the performance of the SLS ground launch sequencer, which manages the countdown until a handoff to the rocket and spacecraft's on-board computers at about T-minus 30 seconds.

The activities inside the VAB include final outfitting of the rocket, adding and testing instrumentation to measure the rocket's performance before and during launch, and installing the flight termination system, a set of pyrotechnic charges that would destroy the launch vehicle if it veered off course. Technicians are also installing thermal blankets around the rocket's four RS-25 main engines, leftovers from the space shuttle program. Before rolling out of the VAB on its mobile launch platform, ground crews removed scaffolding needed to access parts of the engine section, Orion spacecraft and other sections of the rocket.

The mission, called Artemis 1, will send the Orion spacecraft to the moon, where it will enter a distant orbit in a multi-week, unpiloted "shakedown cruise" to demonstrate the SLS rocket and Orion are ready to carry astronauts. The next mission, known as Artemis 2, will send a crew



The Orion spacecraft, with its launch abort system, stands on top of NASA's Space Launch System rocket inside the VAB. Credit: NASA/Corey Huston

of four around the moon and back to Earth, paving the way for future lunar landing flights.

The chief near-term aim of the Artemis program is to land astronauts on the moon, including the first woman and person of color to explore the lunar surface. Humans haven't visited the moon since the Apollo 17 mission in 1972. Eventually, NASA wants to establish outposts in lunar orbit and on the moon's surface to pave the way for future expeditions to Mars.

A launch date for the Artemis 1 mission won't be set until after the wet dress rehearsal. NASA officials said the earliest the Artemis 1 test flight could take off is during a 15-day launch period opening April 8 and closing April 23. The space agency also has launch periods from May 7 through May 21, and June 6 through 16.

The launch periods are driven by the locations of the Earth and the moon, and NASA's requirement for the Orion spacecraft to splash down in the Pacific Ocean during daylight hours at the end of its mission, expected to last several weeks. The exact mission duration will depend on when in the launch period Artemis 1 leaves Earth.

The SLS test flight is a milestone in a decade-long development that started in 2011, when Congress ordered NASA to design and build a gigantic rocket using technology left over from the agency's retired fleet of space shuttles. At that time, NASA officials hoped to launch the first SLS test flight in 2017



Bunny Hunt Hop n' Shop

The Downtown Titusville Merchants Association invites young and old to Hop and Shop on Saturday, April 9th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in charming downtown Titusville.

Enjoy a variety of family activities. The North Brevard Art League and Downtown Art Gallery are ready with hands-on crafts for kids including sidewalk chalk art, egg decorating, face painting and more. A free event with a \$1 donation for the egg decorating. And be sure to take a photo with the Easter Bunny as she makes appearances throughout the day

Everyone can join the Bunny Hunt. Pick up a map at the Downtown Art Gallery and visit downtown merchants to spy the hidden bunny. Find them all, return your map, and enter the drawing for an Easter Basket full of goodies.

As you hop and check out the activities you can also shop as the businesses present the latest in spring fashions and merchandise, or have a bite to eat at all the new downtown restaurants.

For more information on this fun spring event, call 321-268-0122.

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Down, Not Out!

Roscoe Branton is best known to PSJ residents as a friendly bagger at Publix Port St. John for the past 17 years. In November he was struck by a car while riding home on his bicycle. He had severe damage to his legs... and bicycle.

Roscoe spent 80 days in the hospital and rehab trying to heal. The process was difficult because he caught COVID while in the hospital, even though he's been vaccinated. Then when he was released to go home at last, doctors found he had MRSA in one knee. So... more healing.

While he was recovering in the hospital, Morgan Tedder, another Publix employee, set up a GoFundMe account for Roscoe. Bills don't stop because you can't go to work, and there are a LOT of bills when you have to spend that much time in the hospital. Donations and Publix gift cards came in from many people to help him out through the tough times.

Healing is going well now. Roscoe has been home for a while and he's happily looking forward to getting back to work and seeing all his friends again.

His new bicycle was assembled in early March. A little more healing was needed before he can ride again, but maybe by the time this prints he'll be back in the saddle.

And he has a message for all the people who helped along the way.



Titusville Playhouse Shows

The Titusville Playhouse, Inc. is located within the Historic Emma Parrish Theatre on Hopkins Ave. (US1 southbound), providing professional quality entertainment on the Space Coast. The MainStage theatre includes a 150 seat orchestra section and a 124 seat Balcony Section. The new Shuler Stage is an open air stage across the street.

MainStage Show:

A Chorus Line – Rated PG-13

April 1 – April 24, 2022

Winner of nine Tony Awards and the Pulitzer Prize, this land-mark work has electrified audiences around the world. In an empty theatre, on a bare stage, casting for a new Broadway musical is almost complete. For seventeen dancers, this audition is the chance of a lifetime. It's what they've worked for with every drop of sweat and every hour of training, putting their lives on the line for the opportunity to do what they've always dreamed of doing: to dance. You won't want to miss this singular sensation!



Parrish Medical Group Welcomes Orthopedic Surgeon Bryan Parry, MD

Parrish Medical Group is pleased to welcome Board-Certified Orthopedic Surgeon Bryan Parry, MD, to the North Brevard community. Dr. Parry specializes in general orthopedic surgery, acute fracture care as well as sports medicine. His office is located at Parrish Healthcare Center at Port St. John, 5005 Port St. John Parkway, Cocoa.

Dr. Parry earned his medical degree from Pennsylvania State University in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Following his studies, Dr. Parry completed an orthopedic residency at Hamot Medical Center in Erie, Pennsylvania. Before relocating to Brevard County in 2012, Dr. Parry spent 15 years in Atlanta, GA, providing medical care in Walton, Barrow and Newton County.

Residing in the Brevard area for 10 years, Dr. Parry has become an involved member of the local community. As an avid distance runner, he enjoys volunteering as the Medical Director for large local races such as the Space Coast Marathon.

Dr. Parry is excited to join the Parrish Medical Group team and provide timely acute orthopedic care to patients of the North Brevard community.

Parrish Medical Group and Dr. Parry are now accepting new patients. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Parry, call 321-433-2247 or visit parrishhealthcare.com/Parry.

THANK YOU!

To Everyone who helped me with Publix gift cards, GoFundMe donations, and your prayers while I've been healing.

Thank you to the staff and customers at Publix Port St. John for your support. I'm grateful for all the friends who cared enough to help and call.

I hope to be back some time in May.

- Roscoe Branton

On the Road With Rose



Space Coast Field of Dreams Park

3053 Fell Rd, West Melbourne, 321-200-0725

<https://www.spacecoastfieldofdreams.org>

As I sit pecking on this black box, my mind and my heart are with all those souls in Ukraine. We finally seemed to be making some progress against COVID and now have to face this terrible sin against humanity. I have a relative who has family in Ukraine, as do most of my friends. Please know we pray for all and will be doing whatever we can to help.

Space Coast Field of Dreams is a wonderful playground nestled inside Max K. Rodes Park in West Melbourne, built specifically for kids with special needs to be able to play side by side with kids of all kinds. The story goes that Jim Tapp saw such a park on a visit back home and knew Brevard would benefit from such a place and he pushed for it a very long time. Everyone who enjoys this result of his hard work will appreciate his ten-year journey to fruition.

This is not your run of the mill swing and monkey bars. My sibling co-pilot and I watched two beautiful little girls not take turns on the zip line swings. The little squabble was about one particular swing, even though there were several for sitting on and several for sitting in, a scenario I remember very well... I was going to warn the littler girl the older sister always wins, but I think she figured it out.

The front portion of a boat hides a Jungle Gym, easily accessible to most children. Around the corner is a four-person teeter-totter with seats to keep little bottoms from sliding out. There's an almost full-size fire engine with all kinds of cool things to turn, twist and pound on, the front of a tank attached to various play things, mushrooms and a leather bridge to walk on and more. The splash pad was closed until further notice the day we were there, but it was large with an abundance of tall and short water features. Hopefully it will be open soon.

We spent some time watching two intrepid souls challenge the skate park. It wasn't until we were on our way home that one of us remembered today was a school day and why weren't they in school?

We wandered around the adaptive use baseball field, soccer field, basketball court, and the huge chess and checker board on a concrete pad surrounded by benches for kibitzers. It looked like so much fun it made me wish I had learned to play chess... My checkers game is very not mentionable.

An amphitheater faces part of the large grassy area with plenty of room for just running, summersaulting or kite flying. I wasn't able

to find any information on what shows will be upcoming, but I intend to keep an eye on the website.

There are five large pavilions with BBQ grills and two bathrooms, a pond with a wooden overlook and another on the west side where we watched someone pull out a good-sized fish. All of the pavilions are available to rent for parties.

Other parks I have visited offer food trucks or sandwiches in a gift shop, but Promise in Brevard runs a bakery and ice cream shop right in the park. Called Aves Place, it serves gourmet bakery items, hot dogs and ice cream. Proceeds go to Promise in Brevard's programs. Had I done better research, my taste buds would not have been all set for chocolate chip soft serve and been disappointed as we walked up to the closed sign.

Drive time is less than an hour and much worth it. There's no entrance fee and there's so much to do for every member of the family you'll want to plan to spend the whole day. There is ample parking. Pets other than service dogs are not allowed.

We do need to remember we live in Florida and be sure to pack and use insect spray, sun screen and lots of water.

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~ Rose Padrick

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Alcoholics Anonymous meets on **Sundays** at 5 PM, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 PM. **Women's AA** meets on Thursdays and Fridays, 10 AM. **Both AA Groups meet at St. Patrick's Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd.**

Overeaters Anonymous - Due to Covid-19 we are meeting on Zoom. For meeting times or contact info, please visit oaspacecoast.org.

4-5 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.

4-1 April Fool's Day

4-2 Ramadan Starts

4-2 Bike Days at the Tiki, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

7260 S. US Hwy. 1, Bellwood, (just north of Port St. John), 321-268-1632. Contact Wayne Fowler, Events Coordinator, American Legion Riders Post 359 at 321-307-1450 or visit their website, alr359.org, for more information.

4-6 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.

4-8 Brevard Women's Connection meets at Space Coast Convention Center (Holiday Inn Express) on Hwy. 520 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on the second Friday of each month. The program includes a luncheon plus an inspirational speaker. For more information, call Pam at 321-752-6896

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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

or e-mail bwc0020@gmail.com.

4-10 Palm Sunday

4-10 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.

4-10 Calling all Christian authors! Dynamic writers group in Cocoa offers training, critiques, and paid writing opportunities (2nd Sundays 2-4:30 p.m. at Cocoa Library). Contact D.P. Clarke at 1royaldy@gmail.com for more information. Print "Writers Group" in Subject.

4-10 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

4-14 The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation meets at 518 South Palm Avenue in the Brevard Room, located in a building behind the Brevard County Government Center-North in Titusville. The public is invited to attend. For questions, call Jeff Davis at 321-264-5105.

4-15 Passover Starts

4-20 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 321-268-1632 for assistance with your membership or information.

4-17 Easter

4-18 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.

4-22 Earth Day

4-26 Moonlight Quilters Guild meets at the North Brevard Library in Titusville, 2121 Hopkins Ave. on the 4th Tuesday of each month (no meeting April or December). Meet and greet and refreshments at 6:00 pm, meeting at 6:15 pm, usually followed by show and tell or a guest speaker. Email Moonlight.Quilters@yahoo.com for more information.

4-28 Lailatul Qadr

4-29 Arbor Day

4-30 Veterans & First Responders Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. at Saint Patrick's Anglican Church,

4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John. This is open to all veterans, spouses of veterans and all first responders. Last Saturday of each month.

Happy Easter! Congratulations to:

Brianna Romans turns **28** on the 1st.
Jeremy Rausch turns **21** on the 1st.
Vickie Wiedman turns classier on the 2nd.
Jennifer Maxwell turns prettier on the 3rd.
April Staner has a party day on the 3rd.
Bobby Hudspeth turns cooler on the 5th.
Lydia Hudspeth turns **24** on the 6th.
Bill Aglitz turns **55** on the 8th.
Dylan Thomas turns **23** on the 9th.
Madison Thomas turns **18** on the 9th.
Lori Johnson turns more lovely on the 9th.
Jason Wolfe turns **21** on the 10th.
Amanda Hosler is **29** on the 12th.
Ryland Travis turns **11** on the 12th.
Dawne Parker is the Queen on the 14th.
April Blake turns hotter on the 16th.
Jamie Kline turns cuter on the 16th.
Christina D'Amico turns **28** on April 18th
April Higgs turns **33** on the 19th.
Donnie Crouse turns wilder on the 20th.
Dusty Stricker turns **29** on the 24th.
Pamela Mann dances till dawn on the 25th.
Kolby Davis turns the **Big 30** on the 26th.
Wanda Daugherty rules the world on the 27th.
Sharon Hightower is the bomb on the 28th.
KC, Happy Birthday on the 28th! Love, Joe.
Elizabeth Blum turns **21** on the 29th.
Jaden Travis turns **18** on the 29th.
Sonny & Gayle Wardlow celebrate 43 on the 14th. It's Party Time!
Randy & Michele DeVane celebrate their 27th on the 14th.
Paul and Sarah Bennett celebrate their 6th wedding anniversary on the 5th!!
Brenda and Bill Townley celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on the 5th.
Michael & Cheryl Rausch celebrate their 38th on the 17th.
James and Jennifer Maxwell celebrate their 20th anniversary on the 25th.
Gary & Holly Turner celebrate their **45th** anniversary on the 28th.

*We have lots of room for more good news.
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All proceeds go to support the Space Coast Vipers Football Program. We are raising funds to purchase required safety equipment and new uniforms. For questions, contact Allison Henzmann, Vice President, Football Booster Club, scfootballboostervp@gmail.com.

Viper Lemonade

Space Coast Vipers Football is VERY excited to partner with Pucker Up Old Skool Lemonade! Every Wednesday from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Freedom Optical, 4725 Fay Blvd. in PSJ, Come check out their new Venom lemonade, created just for us!

Please come out to support our football program and this amazing local small business!!

The poster features a purple background with white and yellow text. At the top left, a purple speech bubble says "Can you Taste the Venom". Below it is a circular logo for "PUCKER UP Old Skool Lemonade" with two lemon faces. The main text reads "SCHS VIPERS FOOTBALL" with a purple viper logo, "FUNDRAISING Event" in large pink and green letters, and "WEDNESDAYS 5PM - 8PM". A small note states: "Pucker Up Old Skool Lemonade will donate a portion of lemonade sales to SCHS Vipers Football Team." At the bottom is a logo for "FREEDOM OPTICAL Eyewear & Contacts" at "4725 FAY BLVD".

The Space Coast Vipers Football Program Needs Your Help!

We cannot wait to get back to Friday night lights! The smell of the fresh cut grass, the roar of the crowd, parents and friends' hearts bursting with pride as the team runs out on the field. Before our players can take the field this Fall we must raise funds for helmets and jerseys, as last year was the last year our current equipment could be worn.

You can read more about what it takes to fully fund our football program on our website! You can check it out here: <https://www.scvipersfootball.com/> and look for the Sponsors tab at the top. Donations can be made via check (I will personally pick it up) or through our website. Please take a moment to read what advertising is included in each sponsorship bundle.

We hope to have your family or business support our players this season.

Go Vipers!

Please feel free to reach out to me for any questions or concerns.

Allison Henzmann, Vice President

Football Booster Club

Space Coast Jr Sr High School

scfootballboostervp@gmail.com

Spring Art & Craft Fair and Food Truck Event

Bring the family and come out to the Spring Art & Craft Fair and Food Truck Event on Saturday, April 9th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Edgewood JSHS in Merritt Island. You'll be able to shop for unique, hand-crafted goods, great gift items, and enjoy delicious food from the popular food trucks on site. The day will be full of food and fun!

This event is a fundraiser for Edgewood PTO, supporting our teachers and students. All are welcome! Admission is FREE and the parking is also free!

For more information, email Sharon Stringer at epgcraftfair2@gmail.com.

The poster features a background image of a beach with waves and a lighthouse. At the top is the logo for "CBAA CENTRAL BREVARD ART ASSOCIATION" with a paint palette. The text reads: "CENTRAL BREVARD ART ASSOCIATION", "Fine Art Show and Sale", "April 22 - 24, 2022", "COCOA CENTRAL Public LIBRARY", "308 Forrest Ave., Cocoa", "Show Hours: Friday, April 22: 9AM - 5PM, Saturday, April 23: 9AM - 5PM, Sunday, April 24: 1pm - 4pm", "FREE Admission, FREE Parking". At the bottom, it says: "For more information: www.cbaaartists.com (321) 632-2922".

Become a Soil Guardian Today!

Calling all homeowners who maintain their yard! Would you like to learn how to grow healthy plants and help improve the water quality in the Indian River Lagoon or St. Johns River? Then consider becoming a Soil Guardian today!

When you become a Soil Guardian, you will learn how to establish and maintain the soil food web in your yard. In addition to providing plants with the nutrients they need, you will also improve the health of your soil and create organic matter. That organic matter will improve the water and nutrient holding capacity of the soil.

The objective of our Soil Guardian Program is to see the percentage of soil organic matter increase by a minimum of 2% over a four-year period. Soil Guardians will get their soil tested every year, and in return, they will receive four newsletters every year that will include information on a variety of topics related to soil health. Potential topics include information on soil microbes, vermiculture, cover crops, nematode extractions and more!

Registration for our Soil Guardian Program is free and soil tests cost \$10. To register, please visit: <https://bit.ly/36Y73pj>.

For more information, please call us at 321-633-1702 or email brevard@ifas.ufl.edu.

Experimental Aircraft Meeting

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724 holds regular scheduled gatherings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the club house at the Merritt Island Airport.

If you have a passion or interest in aviation, then EAA 724 will bring you closer to the action. You don't have to be a pilot or aircraft owner to enjoy our group. Our chapter is a mixture of pilots, wannabe pilots and non-pilots. If you like aircraft and aviation, you are welcome to join us for fun and fellowship. Each month we have an interesting speaker and lots of hangar flying.

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 the website at www.eaa724.org. - Dwayne Waters, President

Detections of Avian Influenza in Florida

As of February 28, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI H5N1) has arrived in Florida via wild waterfowl returning from nesting in the arctic where they co-mingled with birds from around the world. Confirmed cases in wild waterfowl have been reported in Volusia, Brevard, Sarasota, Charlotte and Palm Beach Counties. The remainder of the state is under surveillance. According to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the United States Department of Agriculture and the Florida Department of Health, as of this writing no cases of this bird flu have been found in domestic, backyard or commercial birds in Florida.

Wild birds, particularly water birds, can carry many strains of low pathogenic avian influenza, most of which do not cause disease in domestic poultry. However, when a low pathogenic strain undergoes a mutation and forms a highly pathogenic strain, the mutated strain can cause significant disease in domestic poultry. The HPAI virus is not easily transmissible from birds to humans, but health officials are concerned it could mutate into another form that could spread readily from person to person, triggering a pandemic.

No cases of human infections with HPAI have been reported in the United States as of this writing. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) considers the current risk to the public to be low. As risk depends on exposure, it is best to not touch sick or dead wild birds. If such instances are necessary, persons handling such wild birds should use personal protective equipment (PPE) such as protective clothing, rubber boots, gloves, eye protection and face shields. After handling the bird, these items can be disinfected with a 10% bleach/water solution. Report wild bird mortalities to <http://app.myfwc.com/FWRI/AvianMortality/>.

To keep domestic, backyard and commercial flocks free of this virus, it is recommended that all poultry, (chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese, etc.), be housed inside a coop with a solid roof and that steps be taken to prevent wild birds from entering the coop. It is also recommended to limit visits to your coop to only those who regularly handle your poultry. Report sick or dead birds to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer

Services (FDACS) or your veterinarian.

To help in the tracking of HPAI:

- Report sick or dead commercial or backyard birds to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS.gov) or your veterinarian.

- Report wild bird mortalities to <http://app.myfwc.com/FWRI/AvianMortality/>.

For additional information contact Joe Walter, Brevard Agriculture Agent at jwalter@ufl.edu.

Bark Brew Fest

You are invited to the 20th Bark Brew Fest presented by Tails at the Barkery and the Dirty Oar Beer Company on Saturday, April 23rd at the Dirty Oar Beer Company from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Cocoa Village. Play Bingo to win fabulous prizes! Bring your canine companion, sip your favorite libation, enjoy delicious food from the Burger Rob's Food Truck, and join us for an evening of fun, including raffle baskets and a 50/50 drawing.

All pets must be on a leash, or in appropriate carriers, and have current vaccinations and county tags for the safety of our animals and friends.

We hope you can join us!

For more information, contact Labrador Retriever Rescue of Florida, www.lrrf.org, or Tails at the Barkery, (321) 305-4584, or Dirty Oar Beer Company, (321) 301-4306.

Water Bath and Pressure Canning Class

Join us to learn about the basics of canning! This hands-on class will focus on two canning methods, water bath canning and pressure canning. This class fills up fast so sign up today! You will be able to take your food home, so please bring a box with you as the jars will still be hot. All other materials are provided in class.

This class is on March 5, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and costs \$35. Our canning classes are held at the UF/IFAS Extension Office in Cocoa. Space is limited to 8 people.

Advance registration is required. Registration ends on March 1, 2022, at 5 p.m.

Register on Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/3GFwtEl>

For more information, please call us at 321-633-1702 or email brevard@ifas.ufl.edu.

Parrish Medical Center Primary Stroke Center Re-certified by The Joint Commission

Parrish Medical Center (PMC) has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for primary stroke care. PMC's recertification as a Primary Stroke Center extends its first-in-Brevard County achievement for area patients endangered by stroke's potentially debilitating effects.

"Primary Stroke Center Certification recognizes health care organizations committed to fostering continuous quality improvement in patient safety and quality of care," says Mark Pelletier, RN, MS, chief operating officer, Accreditation and Certification Operations, and chief nursing executive, The Joint Commission. "We commend Parrish Medical Center for using certification to reduce variation in its clinical processes and to strengthen its program structure and management framework for stroke patients."

Stroke is a leading cause of death in Florida. Growing research shows, however, that stroke patients' outcomes can be significantly improved when they receive treatment from an organized stroke system of care. "The Joint Commission established the Primary Stroke Center program to set a care standard to protect and saves lives," said George Mikitarian, PMC president & CEO.

"Meeting that standard takes tremendous commitment, resources and work, but we have long dedicated ourselves to providing the highest levels of patient safety, clinical quality and healing patient experiences on behalf of the people and communities we serve. This Joint Commission's Gold Seal affirmation of PMC's quality stroke care means that patients and families can have confidence in the objective measurement, accomplishment and results of PMC's treatment program," Mikitarian added.

In 2010, PMC became the first hospital in Florida to participate in the Mayo Clinic telestroke program. Via a remote presence robot that stands five feet tall, neurologists at Mayo Clinic's Comprehensive Stroke Center in Jacksonville can remotely evaluate acute stroke patients and assist with diagnosis and treatment.

"Quick administration of a drug called tPA to dissolve a stroke-causing blood clot and restore blood flow is part of The Joint Commission's standards followed by PMC", said Gregory P.

Cuculino, MD, FACEP, emergency department medical director. "In many cases the drug results in the patient having minimal or no neurological damage from the stroke," said Dr. Cuculino, "It's one aspect of our approach to stroke care, which includes prevention, treatment and rehabilitation while always working as a team."

Hospitals began to apply voluntarily for PSC certification from the Joint Commission in 2003 in response to proposed organized stroke system of care by the Brain Attack Coalition in 2000. The proposed stroke system of care promotes EMS routing acute patients to Primary Stroke Centers (PSCs), and Comprehensive Stroke Centers able to provide proven stroke care reliably and rapidly.

In 2004 PMC became the first health system in Brevard and third in the state of Florida to earn The Joint Commission's PSC certification. And, every two years since 2004, The Joint Commission has evaluated and recertified PMC's PSC. The most recent evaluation, in 2020, resulted in the latest recertification.

Effective July 1, 2019, Senate Bill 1460 mandated hospitals to be stroke certified by a nationally recognized certifying organization that is approved by AHCA by July 1, 2021. The Joint Commission PSC certification meets this requirement.

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.



Shows are held on the last Sunday of each month, 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, 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.

FUMC- PSJ: Easter Kidzone, Spring Vendor Fair & More

Greetings Port St. John! You're invited to join us for Church Service, in person or online, every Sunday at 10 a.m. We stream our service live on Facebook at facebook.com/FUMCPSJ.

In The Know at First UMC Port St. John...

We're still in the teaching series entitled "The Apostles' Creed!" During this time, we will explore what are the foundational beliefs of the Christian Faith.

Saturday, April 9th we will be hosting our "Spring Vendor Fair" from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. We will have many local vendors and artisans, Food Trucks.

April 9th we will also be hosting an "Easter Kidzone" with Crafts, Games, Bounce House, Face Painting, Prizes, and more. The "Easter Kidzone" will be going on from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



On Sunday, April 17th we'd love for you and your family to join us for Easter. For more information, please connect with us on Facebook.com/FUMCPSJ or online at FumcPsj.Org

Have you ever had questions about Faith, God, Jesus, and/or the Church? Well, starting the Sunday after Easter, April 24th, we will be kicking off a brand-new teaching series entitled, "You Asked for It!" where we will explore the questions we all have surrounding faith!

o **Our Food Pantry is open the 3rd Friday of every month from 10 a.m. – noon.**

Stay Connected with us at First UMC Port St. John by finding us on social media or visiting us on the web at FumcPsj.Org.

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Fruit From The Groves

There have been reports of people going onto people's property late at night, 10-11 p.m. and between 1-3 a.m. There have been items missing and an ATV that was trailered away from a driveway. In at least one incident they crossed the fence line and took a chain down so they could leave the property with items. At least one incident was caught on a video camera. These incidents have been reported to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office.

There have also been reports of people walking up to people's houses trying to sell products or say they have items left over from a job. Please call BCSO, (321) 264-5100 or (321) 633-7162 to report them. If you think it's an emergency or they need to know right away, call 911.

There have been reports of illegal dumping here in the Groves. Again, please call BCSO if you see dumping occur.

A lot of animals have been seen running around loose in the Groves. Some escaped because they weren't properly fenced in. Even worse, they had no collars, no identification and were not chipped. If you have an animal in your yard that is not yours, please call the BCSO Animal Enforcement Unit at (321) 633-2105.

BCSO Motor & Traffic Units have been out

here in the Groves looking for speeding, aggressive drivers, etc. So please drive carefully and obey the speed limits.

Brevard County Fire Rescue Station 29, the Guardians of the Groves, has been busy. They have responded to fires, vehicle accidents and medical emergencies. They are truly the unsung heroes of the Groves.

We are now finishing up with the dry season and going into the wet season. However, this does not mean that there aren't chances of brush fires being started. They can be caused by people and lightning strikes. Please call 911 only if you see flames. Smoke can disperse over a large area.

Over the past few months I have gone to a couple of other homeowners groups. All I will say is that I'm glad that Canaveral Groves Homeowners isn't done their way. We are more of a social group that tries to get things done. Our dues are only \$15 per year compared to hundreds of dollars monthly and yearly.

The next meeting of the Canaveral Homeowners Association is on April 14, 2022 at 7 p.m. at Brevard Christian Church, formerly Discovery Church.

- Ed Silva

Brevard Christian Church is located at 3925 Grissom Pkwy. in Canaveral Groves.

- Editor

Job Fair

North Brevard County Job Fair

Wednesday, April 13th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Eastern Florida State College
1311 North U.S. 1., Titusville

Free and open to the public! Walk-ins are welcome. Plan to attend with your resume and dress for success. Visit www.careersourcebrevard.com or call 321-504-7600 for more about their services and resources.

2022 Water Safety Instructor Course

Brevard County Parks and Recreation will be offering a Water Safety Instructor course at McLarty Park Aquatic Center located at 790 Barton Boulevard in Rockledge. The course will take place April 11 - 22 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5 - 9 p.m.

Interested candidates must be 16 years of age, maintain position on back for 1 minute, tread water for 1 minute, and be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, sidestroke, elementary backstroke and 15 yards of butterfly.

Water Safety Instructor Training course:

- Participants must pass a swim test prior to the beginning of class
- Must have access to the internet as this course has online components
- All classes must be attended
- Class size is limited, pre-registration is required with a minimum of five participants to hold the class
- Cost is \$253 and must be paid upon successful completion of a skills test

Upon completion, you will receive American Red Cross certification as a Water Safety Instructor, and be able to teach swim lessons and water safety presentations.

For additional information, please call Debbie Bowling at (321)633-1870 or email: debbie.bowling@brevardfl.gov.

Meet your neighbors and stay informed of Events & Community Happenings!

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Won't you join us?

Walter Butler Community Center April, 2022

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

The center is open Monday–Thursday from 10 a.m. - 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 – FRIDAYS

Pickleball, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

Kids in Motion Aftercare, 2:45 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Open Gym, 6 – 8 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Seniors In Motion, 10:30 a.m. -1 p.m.

Pickleball, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Zumba, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 6 – 8 p.m.

Pickleball, 6 – 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Pickleball, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 6 – 8 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5 – 7 p.m.

Volleyball League Play, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Pickleball, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Volleyball Fundamentals, 5 – 8 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 6 – 8 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Pickleball, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Kids in Motion Aftercare, 1:30 – 6 p.m.

SATURDAY

Youth Basketball League Games, 8 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Open Game Room, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Kids In Motion - An after school program that focuses on anti-bullying 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 p.m. – 6 p.m. Program cost is \$30 weekly. Discounts are available for households living in the target area, eligible for free or reduced lunch and/or qualifies for any other assistance offered. For more information, contact Walter Butler Community Center at 321-433-4448.

Seniors In Motion will meet Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Thursdays 10:00 a.m.-1 p.m. first week in June only. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Thursdays are field trip day. Outings are in county and are 2 to 3 hours, depending

on the outing location(s). For more information, call (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 from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. For more information, contact WBCC at 321-433-4448.

ZUMBA - Let It Move You! There are a lot of ways to lose weight. Some are just more fun. Join the ultimate dance-fitness party that beats a boring old workout any day! Classes are every Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Half the class is Zumba Toning, the other half is Zumba. Cost is \$5 per class or \$15 for the month. Adults of all ages/fitness levels are welcome.

Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers and be prepared to dance! Bring a towel and water. For more information, call Debbie Kowaleuski at 321-403-6918.

2022 Block Kid Building Contest - Event date is April 9th, 2022. Projects must be completed

within an allotted time utilizing materials provided and be relevant to the construction industry with no assistance from others. Prizes will be awarded to winners. There will be a custom Ninja Course by Lil' Sports & Fitness for all the kids with interesting construction related equipment and exhibits, face painting and coloring for brothers and sisters too young to participate in the contest. Entry deadline is April 2nd. For more information call Cheryl Foley at 407-970-3039 or Irene Henderson at 321-268-2129.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)

NARFE Apollo Chapter 1137 meets monthly on the second Monday of each month. We have changed our meeting place to THE RED LOBSTER RESTAURANT, 215 E. Merritt Island Causeway, Merritt Island.

You are invited to join us for lunch at 11:30 and an interesting speaker at 12:15.

The March meeting will on the 14th. Our speaker will be Sandra Wagner from Personal Hearing Solutions, located in One Senior Place. Sandra will talk us about Tinnitus and other hearing problems.

Our website address is www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137.



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