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TOIR Logo Design Winners

Congratulations to Trinity Ray, the winner of the TOIR Logo Design Competition! Trinity is graduating from Space Coast Jr/Sr High School and will attend Eastern Florida State College.



All the entries were so great the judges had a tough time. And it was remarkably close. 2nd Place Winner is Kaya Peoples. The 3rd Place Winner is Jacob Wisniski.

A big THANK YOU to all the students who participated in the contest and to SCHS Media teacher Candace Harlan for working hard to make this contest a success!

We look forward to next year!

Do Not Forget SCHS Project Graduation

These parents are making sure the graduating class has a memorable event to the end of their school years.

Congratulations to all graduating Seniors for a job well done. Thank you to all the parents working so hard on this event!

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

Mondays

Summer Camp, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

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

Zumba (Adult Class with Jackie) 5:30 - 6 :30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Summer Camp, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

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

Wednesdays

Summer Camp, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

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~ Jackie Lewis

Kel's Kitchen will return in September - Culinary Kids is 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. The cost is \$18.00 per child. An adult must accompany child and you must preregister at www.floridakelskitchen.com.

Dancing Little Stars will return in September

- Professional Ballet, Tap and Hip-Hop classes for boys and girls, ages 2-7. Classes focus on rhythm, concentration, memory and balance... while having fun! Our full-scale dance recital is held at the end of the dance season in May. Tuition is \$60 per month with the recital costume included with tuition. Register online at: www.dancinglittlestarsbrevard.com.

About Gentle Yoga with Diane will return in September - Visit www.psjyoga.com for further information. ~ Diane Coben

About Summer Camp:

GRADES: Completed Kindergarten through 6th

CAMP DAYS: May 30 – August 9

CAMP HOURS: 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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****Camp shirts must be worn on field trip days**

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)

NARFE Apollo Chapter 1137 meets monthly on the second Monday of each month. The June meeting will be on the 12th.

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 website is www.NARFE.org/Chapter1137.

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Space Coast High School Bowlers Go To Nationals

The Space Coast Vipers Bowling Team has earned the opportunity to compete this summer at the U.S. High School Bowling National Championship, June 16-19, located in Beavercreek, Ohio.

On August 30th of 2022, our Boys teams shot a Perfect 300 Baker game, a very rare feat in bowling. All 5 players have to throw two strikes each and the final bowler, or "anchor," has to throw the two fill frames in the 10th for a total of four. Space Coast Vipers Boys Bowling team was the first team in Brevard County to accomplish this. It earned their ticket to compete at Nationals.

The girls took a different route to qualify



for Nationals. On November 3rd of 2022 our Space Coast Vipers Girls Bowling Team won the 2022 FHSAA Florida High School Bowling Championship. In addition to our boys team accomplishments, our girls team did nothing less of show out! An honorable mention goes out to Junior Brooke Street, who placed 2nd individually throughout the whole state of Florida!

Earning their spot in competition as a team,



all bowlers are also eligible for the Singles and Duals competitions. Friday will be a practice day for all teams. Competition will start on Saturday and conclude on Sunday.

Perhaps some National Champions may be heading home on Tuesday!

The Space Coast Vipers bowling teams are excited to be able to travel and experience this opportunity to com-

pete in Nationals. The Viper Nation is extremely proud of these student-athletes and cannot wait to see what is in store for them this summer.

Good luck to all of our players and coaches Leanne Yehnert of the Lady Vipers team and Steve Slentz of the Viper Boys team.



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~ by Maureen Rupe

Malabar Scrub Update

For over a year, Brevard County and the Town of Malabar have been arguing over the 577-acre Malabar Scrub Sanctuary. Malabar Scrub was originally purchased through the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program, (EELs), for the purpose of protecting the Scrub habitat and the endangered creatures it protects such as the Scrub Jay, the gopher tortoises and the Eastern Indigo Snake.

Unfortunately, there have been a lot of pine trees that have grown up in the sanctuary and they attract hawks that are natural predators to the Scrub Jays. The pines also block sunlight from the scrub. There are several thousand that need to be removed and Brevard County started the permit process in December, 2021, which has to be approved by the Town of Malabar.

Hikers and bikers saw the signs about the permit and complained to the city, due to the shading their hiking and biking paths receive from the pines. The city saw the clearing permit had expired and asked for a renewal with their \$40 per tree fee for clearing requirements. Brevard County got annoyed and closed the entrance to the sanctuary, and it has been a back and forth issue ever since.

The Town of Malabar sued Brevard County and required both parties to settle their argument granting the Town of Malabar's request per State Statutes 164.1041 to stop the proceedings and hold the pre-suit conflict resolution process. At the second meeting, both parties agreed to let Brevard County clear the trees required without the \$40 fee per tree, but they will leave trees along the borders to provide shading to hikers and bikers. Hopefully no other issue will get in the way of this issue.

The Town of Malabar didn't have a lot to stand on as the Malabar Scrub Sanctuary is actually owned by the State of Florida and is under the auspices of the Florida Division of State Lands. The state has granted Brevard County a 50-year lease to manage the property per a state approved management plan. Because Malabar Scrub was purchased for conservation, it must be managed in accord with Section 259 Florida Statutes, which governs the management of state-owned conservation properties. This statute stipulates that state owned conservation lands must, as a first priority, be managed to benefit the resources for which the property was acquired. Section 259 F.S. goes on to stipulate that public uses are encouraged, but they must be in consonance with and not conflict with the primary purpose. This plan incorporates the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission guidelines for the management of scrub habitat for the Scrub Jay.

On another note about endangered Scrub Jays, there birds are protected, but it seems only on land bought for their protection. In Port St. John, Scrub Jays are being eliminated by hawks and feral cats. A developer actually said, and it's in the minutes of the PSJ Special District meeting when I inquired if the state had been notified, as I knew Scrub Jays were on the property, he replied, "The feral cats have killed them all." County staff agreed with the statement.

I feel encouraged by the Malabar Scrub issue. It seems a win for the environment. The EEL Referendum passed again and with the deaths of manatees and marine animals, our water polluted and the birds' Avian Flu, what other warnings do we need? If we poison the river, The River Will Poison Us. Guaranteed!

Reference: <https://friendsofmalabarscrub.org/>
Titusville Effects on PSJ Quality of Life

There are many things in Titusville that are going to affect us. Development and their fight with their citizens on the passage of a Clean Water Referendum. Development wise, there are a huge number of developments all over Titusville, but those closer to Port St. John will affect us the most, which I am listing. So don't be surprised in the future with all the extra traffic:

- Verona (Just north of PSJ on the west side of Grissom Pkwy.): Four phases are in planning or construction: Village A sketch plat is under review for the 4th phase of Verona subdivision consisting

of 328 single-family homes; Village B sketch plat has been approved for the third phase of the subdivision consisting of 174 single-family homes; Village C sketch plat is in review of the 5th phase of the subdivision consisting of 537 single-family homes; Village D is continuing construction on 79 single-family homes.

- Wawa: is approved and under construction for a 6,119 square foot restaurant with gas nozzles located at 1245 Grumman Place, (Grissom and SR405).

- Dark Storm: A site plan is under review of a 24,000 square foot manufacturing building located at 1800 Armstrong Drive within the Space Coast Regional Airport.

- Lockheed Martin: Construction continues for site improvements to an existing facility and a 46,601 square foot industrial building at 1400 White Drive.

- Merritt Shapes Manufacturing: Site plans under review for a 32,176 square foot manufacturing building located at 1500 Armstrong Drive.

- MJW Consolidated: Site construction continues for a 13,400 square-foot office and fabrication shop/warehouse at 1825 Shepard Drive.

- Independence Recycling: A site plan is under review for a concrete recycling facility at 84 Gold Knights Blvd., (near entrance to the Space Coast Regional Airport).

- Space Coast Innovation Park: A site plan is under review for three industrial buildings totaling 639,040 square-feet located at the corner of Grissom Parkway and Perimeter Road.

- Space Perspective: Site construction is nearing completion for a 49,000 square-foot manufacturing facility (Space Balloons) at 360 Golden Knights Blvd.

- Shores at Tranquility (Northeast Corner of U.S.1 & S.R.405) Phase 1 site construction is underway for 99 single-family homes; Phase 2 sketch plat is under review for 104 single-family homes; Phase 3 sketch plat is under review for 75 single-family homes.

Traffic will significantly increase and in time, there will be a 4-laning of Grissom through PSJ. I haven't heard of any plans for new schools in Titusville, so at least the 1,200 homes north of us will impact PSJ Schools.

Reference: <https://titusville.com/572/Titusville-Talking-Points>

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The Royal Coronation

I am not a Royalist, although I was born and brought up as such in England. But after living in the U.S. for nearly fifty years, and an American citizen for forty, I can see how much money it brings to Great Britain with the colorful pageantry by the Royal family. There are 54 countries in the British Commonwealth, 1/3 of the world committed by consent, not this time, by brute force and ignorance.

I watched the masses outside Buckingham Palace lining the mall and the route from Westminster, the Commonwealth Countries military marching with the British and began to think, "Why would people show allegiance such as what the world was watching? The Monarch holds no political power and Britain has a Constitutional Monarchy, which means the government can vote out the Monarchy. Is this the ultimate solution for a more peaceful existence?"

As I watched the cheering people from all over the world, I thought, "Is this how Britain has won wars with a politically undivided people? An age-old line of Kings, and most of us have bragged on our own ancestry. Elected officials, Royalty and over 200 foreign dignitaries from all over the world for the coronation. Would we pay \$100 million of tax payer money for a presidential inauguration?"

Where else can you see such a gathering? I still have no love for King Charles, but perhaps it is not about him, but it is a bond between the people, monarchy and politics for thousands of years that still survives with very few naysayers, unlike countries that have overthrown their monarchies. I don't think it is a King's or Queen's popularity, but an age-old devotion of chivalry. The military swears allegiance to the Crown, not the government, so no political party can turn the military against the people. As stated, before the government has the power to abolish the monarchy, but never has had the stupidity as it does generate significant income and trade from the commonwealth and tourism. Two forms of government, sharing power and responsibility. Monarchs can't be given all the power, nor politicians that continually fight over political issues.

I have heard from friends that everywhere they heard American accents in the crowds cheering along with the Brits, Aussies, Indians and other nationalities that were celebrating. This has brought back memories. Here is a photo of myself in 1953 at Elizabeth II Coronation. There was a Celebration Street Party and a Dress-Up. I won first prize.

Reference: <https://www.royal.uk/coronation>

Vladimir Putin Blast From the Past

The following I wrote in the September 2008 Happenings under the title, "Should we be Worried?" I had just returned from a visit to England and was there whilst this posturing from Putin occurred with little concern from Brits; they were laughing.

"Should we be Worried? With Russian tanks invading the country of Georgia, and our soon to be dependence on Russia to get our astronauts back and forth from the International Space Station, this September article from London's "The Times" should increase our concerns on trusting our historical



Cold War adversary.

In 2007, Britain's Royal Air Force was scrambled four times to intercept Russian long-range Bear bombers capable of carrying nuclear weapons. The first three times was to intercept a pair of bombers, but in September, 2007, England was involved in the largest scrambling mission since the Cold War when eight Russian long-range bombers approached England in formation. Norway also scrambled their fighters, as the patrol had approached that country's airspace earlier in the day.

During the Cold War, the patrols by Russian bombers was common, but the practice was stopped in 1992 after the collapse of the Soviet Union. However, President Vladimir Putin ordered the resumption of the long-range bomber patrols, which the west sees as an attempt to reassert Russia's Cold War military status."

It would appear they want the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) back with Crimea, Georgia and now Ukraine. I often think how Winnie Churchill, at the end of World War II, wanted to go to war with Russia. In fact, he lost an election for Prime Minister over it, but he was adamant the west would be sorry in the future!!!

Maureen Rupe

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This is a link to the contact list from Florida's League of Women Voters. It gives links to the Florida Governor, Senate, House of Representatives, and the United States Senate and House of Representatives.

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Juneteenth, Federal Holiday

The official name for the federal holiday is Juneteenth National Independence Day. It's also called Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Black Independence Day, and Juneteenth Independence Day. It's taken a long time to become a federal holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, observed annually on June 19.

In 1863, during the American Civil War, Pres. Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared more than three million slaves living in the Confederate states to be free. More than two years would pass, however, before the news reached African Americans living in Texas. It was not until Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, that the state's residents finally learned that slavery had been abolished. The former slaves immediately began to celebrate with prayer, feasting, song, and dance.

The following year, on June 19, the first official Juneteenth celebrations took place in Texas. The original observances included prayer meetings and the singing of spirituals, and celebrants wore new clothes as a way of representing their newfound freedom. Within a few years, African Americans in other states were celebrating the day as well, making it an annual tradition. Celebrations have continued across the United States into the 21st century and typically include prayer and religious services, speeches, educational events, family gatherings and picnics, and festivals with music, food, and dancing.

Juneteenth became a state holiday in Texas in 1980, and a number of other states subsequently followed suit.

In 2021, Juneteenth was finally made a federal holiday.

- Thank to Encyclopaedia Britannica

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Registration is now open for the June MAD Science classes. Shocking Magnetism, a study of magnetic fields, the creation and flow of electricity, and why electricity does what it does. Come see Professor Darin as he runs electrons through kids to light up a bulb, finding iron in different things, and what things are magnetic and what are anti-magnetic. It will be lots of fun as well as educational!

Be sure to register soon at <https://spacewalkof-fame.org/register> to reserve a spot, as class sizes are limited to 12 students per class time.

If you have a group of NINE or more, please

contact Professor Darin to schedule private MAD Science class times.

The classes will be lots of fun, as well as educational and it's FREE.

For more information about the class, please contact the American Space Museum at 321-264-0434. The address of the museum is 308 Pine Street, Titusville.

American Space Museum & U.S. Space Walk of Fame Foundation is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The museum is open for public tours on Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For additional information about the American Space Museum & U.S. Space Walk of Fame Foundation, please call 321-264-0434 or email to info@americanspacemuseum.org.



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Hurricane Season Starts This Month

For those new to the area, now is the time to get ready for the 2023 hurricane season. Hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30 each year. The first hurricane arrived early last year. Mother Nature has been in a bad mood this spring with stronger than usual winds and more recently, hail.

For most of us, hurricane preparedness is something we do regularly each year; we keep the batteries and non-perishable food stocked, gas for the generator and grill, make plans for family safety, childcare and more. It's always a good reminder to know your risks, build a kit, make a plan and stay informed.

Know Your Risks - Do you live in an evacuation zone or a flood-prone area? Do you live in a mobile or manufactured home? If any of those are the case, ensure that you have a plan in place for yourself and your family by visiting <http://www.brevardcounty.us/EmergencyManagement/>.

Preparedness - Do you, a friend or family member have special medical needs, including electricity? You can register for a special needs shelter at <http://www.brevardcounty.us/Special-Needs/Registration.aspx>.

Build a Kit - Your kit should contain enough non-perishable food, water and medications to support yourself, your family and your pets for at least six days ready to travel with you if necessary.

Don't forget a solar, portable or automotive cell phone charger in case your home loses power, gas for your car and generator, and cash. Credit card machines need electricity. Consider these things: <https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>.

Make a Plan - Create your personal disaster plan at www.floridadisaster.org/family/. Don't wait until an emergency is occurring and you are under pressure.

Stay informed - Follow @BrevardEOC on Twitter, like "Brevard County Emergency Management" on Facebook, and/or sign up for text messages (Text Follow BrevardEOC to 40404).

Visit the Brevard County Emergency Management website - www.brevardcounty.us/EmergencyManagement - for more information.

Here are some tips from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to help:

Prepare Before Hurricane Season - <https://www.noaa.gov/prepare-before-hurricane-season>

www.noaa.gov/prepare-before-hurricane-season

Know Your Risk: Water & Wind - <https://www.noaa.gov/know-your-risk-water-wind>

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Take Action Today - www.noaa.gov/take-action-today

The Fed Gets Ready to Pause

- Robert Brokamp

On May 3rd, the Federal Reserve voted to raise the target on the fed funds rate for the 10th time in 14 months. However, the most aggressive tightening cycle since the 1980s might be coming to an end.

The Fed's official statement no longer included a phrase indicating that additional rate increases may be appropriate. At the news conference after the meeting, Chair Jerome Powell said, "That's a meaningful change, that we're no longer saying that we anticipate additional increases."

The rate of inflation is definitely heading in the right direction. The personal consumption expenditures index (PCE) rose 4.2%, year over year, in March, down from 5.1% in February. The prices of many commodities have dropped significantly over the past year.

Over the past year, corn is down 8.1%, wheat down 23.5%, lumber down 33.2%, and oil down 34.6%. Even the price of eggs, which skyrocketed at the end of 2022, has declined by 37% so far this year.

Over the past week, rates on one-month T-bills have rebounded -- jumping more than 1 percentage point after the Fed's meeting on Wednesday. This could be interpreted as the bond market predicting that Congress and the president will resolve the standoff over the debt limit. We shall see.

However, what is clear is that the bond market believes the Fed is done hiking rates -- and might have to cut rates at some point over the next year or so, likely due to a recession.

Pet Costume Parade

Dress your pet in a "Be the Rainbow" costume and join the "Be the Rainbow" Pet Costume Parade, hosted by Tails at the Barkery, in Historic Cocoa Village, on Saturday, June 10th, in the Gazebo area at 9:30 a.m. Enjoy a walk through Cocoa Village for a day-full of Rainbow Adventures. Awards will be presented to the top three "most creative rainbow" dressed pets.

Sponsored by Hello Again Books, Cocoa Village, the "Be the Rainbow" family event welcomes children and adults of all ages. Throughout the day, activities and events will honor and celebrate diversity within our community. Wear your bright colors and come dressed to "Be the Rainbow."

Three fabulous raffle gift baskets will be on display at Hello Again Books. Donate \$1 for each raffle ticket for a chance to win. All proceeds collected during this 3rd Annual "Be the Rainbow" family event will go to Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

B.A.C.A. exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children. They exist as a body of bikers to empower children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live. They stand ready to lend support to wounded friends by involving them with an established, united organization. They work in conjunction with local and state officials who are already in place to protect children.

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. For more information about the "Be the Rainbow" Pet Costume Parade, contact Tails at the Barkery at (321) 305-4584.

For more information on the "Be the Rainbow" family event, contact Hello Again Books at 321-877-0351 or visit <http://www.helloagainbooks.com/>.

Information about B.A.C.A. Space Coast Chapter can be found at: <https://florida.bacaworld.org/space-coast-chapter/>.

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Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church of Port St. John will be held this year from Monday, June 26, 2023 through Wednesday, June 28, 2023. The event will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and is open to children ages 4 years old through 6th grade. The theme is “Hay Day! – Growing in Friendship with Jesus.”

Participants can register their children online at the church website, www.firstbaptistpsj.org, or you can call the church office at (321) 636-5455. Our email address is fbcpsj@att.net. The church office is open Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This event is free and open to everyone with children in the community. If you need additional information, please contact Barbara at the church office. Come enjoy food, games and fun with us while you learn about the love of Jesus.

First Baptist Church of Port St. John has Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday. Our Morning Worship Service is Sundays at 10:30 a.m. We have weekly Bible Reading on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Come be blessed!

Brevard County Observes World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Brevard County will be observing the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) on Thursday, June 15, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Brevard Alzheimer’s Foundation, Brevard County TRIAD, Department of Children and Families and Brevard Commission on Aging will be hosting the 14th annual event at the Center for Collaboration, 1100 Rockledge Blvd., Rockledge.

Admission and parking are free. All attendees will be registered to win a major door prize.

Special guest speakers, Ruth Rhodes of Rhodes Law, PA and Rachel Sadoff of Brevard County Clerk of Courts will provide information and discuss how to recognize and prevent elder abuse.

The sponsoring agencies developed the event to raise awareness of the different types of elder abuse and to provide resources to assist victims and their families. The goal is to encourage people to speak out against elder abuse and advocate for the rights of older adults.

For more information, contact Brevard Alzheimer’s Foundation at 321-253-4430.

Rose’s Room

~ Rose Padrick



Medical Memories

Again, things seem to be calming down in many areas of our big, wonderful world. I pray the light at the end of the tunnels doesn’t turn out to be just more oncoming trains. If you’re reading this with yourself or loved ones in danger, ill or rebuilding their lives please know there are prayers being sent skyward.

I don’t know how I got lulled into believing that my offspring had grown out of their sneakiness...I should have known better. I have to say their ability to talk to me every day and not spill the beans must have been extremely painful, but they did it. The fact that they were even able to rope an innocent bystander into their nefarious scheme, seems to me, shows much expertise...which would only come from much practice...Hmmm.

But! Dear children (and editor Randy) I am forever grateful that you re-lived certain moments of your teenage-hood and pulled the proverbial wool over my eyes. Thank you.

Running crazily, trying to get everything done before my foot surgery puts me on the couch for a couple of weeks brought to mind one of the last surgeries I had to worry about.

One of my daughters had much more serious surgery a couple of years ago, and her after care was epic. Her nurses quickly answered every time my daughter rang, even though they recognized it was the effects of the pain meds that had this patient asking them to come to close the lid on the toilet. It seems the fish were making so much noise jumping in and out they were keeping her awake.

I’m sure it was due to someone’s quick thinking and reflexes my phone did not jingle even earlier than 1 a.m. “Mom I can’t sleep, my leg hurts,

and they won’t take the dead chickens out of my bathrobe until I win the new Mustang.”

As I was attempting to patiently explain that it is against hospital policy to keep dead chickens in hospital bathrobes and she should be sleeping, not dialing telephones, I realized her breathing had become deeper and more rhythmic, signifying sleep at last. I quietly hung up and gently slipped back into bed so as not to disturb my husband.

The 1:30 a.m. wake up was concerning the little men under her bed keeping her awake. When I suggested she call her husband and let him know also, she replied, “I don’t want to bother him, he has to work in the morning.” I was reminding her I also have a place I go every weekday when I once again heard her gentle snore.

It seemed I had just closed my eyes when 2:20 came around. “I told someone to make sure the shoes are done and make lunch, but they hung up on me. Will you come and get me so I can go to sleep?”

I would like to offer my apologies to whoever received that phone call...

I called the nurses station to ask if they could give my daughter something to help ME sleep. She told me they just administered something and we both should be able to sleep the rest of the night.

When the receiver reached my ear at 4:35, I heard a Spanish voice in the background. I don’t understand much Spanish, but he sounded upset about something.

After assuring my teary daughter no one could possibly climb 3 floors on the outside wall of the hospital, sneak in her window, steal her medical journal, then sneak back out again without detection, I got dressed.

There are times when the simple act of a mother’s arms encircling a child, no matter what age, is better than all the pills and I.V. drips in the world. I hope my daughter enjoyed it as much as I did. I couldn’t tell because she was sleeping too soundly.

I watched the rest of the Spanish wrestling show with a big smile on my face and in my heart, but not nearly as big as the one that will be on my face as said child fluffs my pillows and serves Ben and Jerry’s.

***Why don’t you ever see the headline,
“Psychic Wins Lottery?”***

Thunder Over the Indian River Will Be Held On July 1st

Come out and enjoy an exciting evening at Port St. John's Independence Day celebration, Thunder Over the Indian River. Enjoy an evening including inflatables, a live DJ, demonstrations, our BBQ Contest, food/dessert trucks, raffles and of course, the BEST fireworks show in Brevard County!

For the BBQ Contest, Red, Hot & BBQ wristbands will be available to purchase at 4 p.m. for \$10. BBQ serving will start at 5:00 and voting stops at 8:00. Participants may sample as much BBQ as they like, but will be allowed only one vote for their favorite People's Choice. The winner will be announced prior to the fireworks.

We're looking for 10 BBQ competitors and sponsors. Expect to have some delicious BBQ!

We're still gathering things for our event and looking for vendors. Donated RAFFLE ITEMS are always appreciated!

To hold this event, the Port St. John Community Foundation (PSJCF) needs volunteers and sponsors to help continue to make this the great event it has been in the past. We need volunteers to help the day of the event and the Friday before to create the spectator area and parking lanes.

In keeping with our plan to avoid work days as much as possible, (probably because we're all volunteers), the gates will open at 4 p.m. on Saturday to the event. The gate is on Kings Highway, directly across from Capron Road. Don't try to use the gate on US 1.

Businesses and residents are invited to join the planning meetings and participate in all and/or any event hosted by our all-volunteer, non-profit community organization. Watch for updates on our website and Facebook.

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You can register as a vendor, food vendor or for the BBQ Competition.

1. Fill out the Application and send.
2. Pay for either Vendor, Food Vendor or BBQ Team/Sponsor.
3. If you are a Food Vendor, a copy of your current business license is needed for insurance purposes.

ONLINE Registration, Payment, Food/Vendor document upload and many other details may be found on our website, www.portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/, or you may message through Facebook or email us directly at psjcommunityfoundation@gmail.com.

<https://www.facebook.com/PSJCF>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/psjcares>

This year we have a rain-out date: Sunday, July 2nd.

No fireworks or alcohol are allowed on the OUC Plant property.



Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host Singles/Couples Ballroom Dances on Saturday, June 10th and Saturday, June 24th. Music will be provided by Janice and Rene.



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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 \$8; \$7 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.



St. Patrick's Anglican Church
4797 Curtis Blvd., Port St. John
321-802-1311

Classical Christianity Engaging the World

Summer is Here!!

Although we are now in the hot days of summer, St. Patrick's Anglican Church still has several activities to keep all generations busy. We are still doing the "Adult Bible Study" every Sunday between services at 9:00 a.m. and finishes at 9:40 a.m. We are currently doing a study on the book of James. Children's Sunday School is on summer break and will resume in September on the 10th.

Veteran's and First Responder Breakfast will be Saturday, June 24th in the Parish Hall at 9:00 a.m. This is open to all veterans, spouses of veterans, police, fire, and emergency services individuals.

Starting July 1st we will start collecting backpacks and school supplies for Atlantis Elementary. If you wish to participate, please call the church office at 321-802-1311.

Tuesday, July 4th, we will be holding our annual Celebration of America Service at 6:00 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate the birthday of the United States of America with music and prayers.

St. Patrick's Intergenerational Vacation Bible School will be July 31st, August 1st and August 2nd, (Monday-Wednesday), from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. We will have scripture study on the Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and there will be games, crafts and snacks. Please see our website, www.stpatrickspsj.org, for more details.

Regular service schedule is: Holy Communion Service – Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Morning and Evening Prayer – Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 9:00 a.m. and Friday 6:00 p.m.

We have recordings of the services on our website (www.stpatrickspsj.org) or you can see them live on Facebook: www.facebook.com/StPatspsj.

Monthly Tax Update

This month I'm going to explore vacation home rentals. Vacation rentals have different rules for short-term or long-term and whether or not other services are included in the rental of the property.

First, you need to consider whether you use it as a dwelling unit or not. Did you use the dwelling residence for personal purposes during the tax year for a number of days that's more than the greater of 14 days or 10% of the total days that you rented it to others at a fair rental price? With this in mind, we need to understand the definition of personal use of the dwelling. It is any day you use it, or any other person uses it and who has an interest in it, a member of your family or of a family of any other person who has an interest in it, and anytime the unit is used at a less than fair rental price, whether they are related or not.

So, let's take a look at the 14-day basic rental rules. If you receive rental income and the usage is less than or equal to 14 days, you don't have to pay income tax on the income and you are not permitted to write off any relevant expenses when it's your personal residence. However, if the personal usage is more than 14 days, then all or some of the expenses may be deducted, based on the amount of usage and further review of the rules is required. If you receive rental income and it's not your personal residence, all income is reported and all the expenses are deducted against the income.

What if you have someone living in your house and they are giving you money towards the utilities, cable, etc.? The question is, is it really rental or not? It is rental income if you have a rental contract detailing the monthly payment, and you'll then follow the rules previously discussed. If there isn't a rental contract and they are just paying their share of the expenses, I don't see it as rental income. But remember, if there isn't a contract, this will be considered their living abode and eviction may be a real legal issue if it becomes necessary. So, be careful when you decide to do this.

Next, I want to discuss whether you have an independent contractor or an employee and you run a business. This subject is always being reevaluated and there isn't a black and white answer. The present, generally accepted decision making categories are: Behavior Control, Financial Control and Relationship to the Parties.

Behavior Control - in short, does the company control or have the right to control what the worker does and how it's done?

Financial Control - in short, does the business direct or control the financial and business aspects of the worker's job? Things like how the worker is paid, if expenses are reimbursed and/or who provides the tools, supplies and materials.

Relationship - in short, is there a written contract between the company and the worker providing the need? Is the worker required to be present any defined period of time? Are they evaluated on production, are they paid by the hour, etc.?

All three of these, working together, determine if the individual is an employee or not. Misclassifying workers as independent contractors may subject the company to be liable for employment taxes for that worker, (plus a 100% penalty), both at the Federal and State level, disallowed deductions for the payments to the employee, failure to file W-2's penalties, and audit. It's not worth it. Play the game right and you'll be way ahead in the long run.

On another note, any worker who believes they have been improperly classified can file the Form 8919, Uncollected Social Security and Medicare Tax

on Wages, to properly pay their taxes.

This is a brief overview. Additional details and specific assistance in applying the general information in this article may be attained by contacting your tax advisor or our office. Provided by Tracey C. Higginbotham, E.A., (321) 632-5726, a member of the National Society of Accountants.

Post 359 - American Legion Riders presents Bike Days at the Tiki

Saturday, June 3rd,

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Good food on the grill with Fixin's, \$6.

Listen to live music, take part in drawings, 50/50.

All proceeds to benefit veterans and veterans' families.

The Post is located at 7260 S. US Hwy. 1, Bellwood, (just north of Port St. John). The phone number is 321-268-1632.

Contact Wayne Fowler, Events Coordinator, American Legion Riders Post 359 at 321-307-1450 or visit our website, alr359.org, for more information on meetings and events.

We're always happy to meet new veterans and their families!



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Axiom Space's Ax-2 Has Launched

- This was written in late May. The mission should/may be returned by delivery time.

The four-person Ax-2 launched on Sunday, May 21st from Pad 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, kicking off the roughly 10-day Ax-2 flight with an international 4 person crew. This mission, known as Ax-2, will be Axiom Space's second astronaut mission to the International Space Station (ISS).

The Falcon 9's first-stage booster returned to Earth at SpaceX's Landing Zone-1, which lies downrange from the launch pad.

Freedom took about 16 hours to reach the ISS, docking on Monday morning. The four Ax-2 crew members will live alongside the station's current crew for eight days, which they'll spend conducting independent research and technology demonstrations and performing education and outreach activities. Ax-2 is scheduled to return at the end of May, splashing down in the ocean off the coast of Florida.

Leading Ax-2 as mission commander will be former NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson, who has spent more time in space to date — 665 days — than any other woman or any other American. She has also performed 10 spacewalks, which together lasted for more than 60 hours. Whitson will become the first female commander of a privately funded mission to orbit. Whitson was also the first female commander of an ISS mission, a position she held twice during her time at NASA.

Also flying on Ax-2 is John Shoffner, who will serve as the mission's pilot. Shoffner is planning several photo and amateur radio projects during the Ax-2 mission.

Ali AlQarni, one of two crew members representing the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, will be a mission specialist on Ax-2. He served as a fighter pilot in the Royal Saudi Air Force.

The fourth member of the crew is another mission specialist from Saudi Arabia, Rayyanah Barnawi. She is a biomedical researcher, with expertise in cancer stem cell research and tissue re-engineering. Many of Barnawi's experiments on the station will be in the field of breast cancer research.

AlQarni and Barnawi are members of Saudi Arabia's first astronaut class. They'll be the first people from the kingdom ever to visit the ISS and just the second and third to fly to space. Barnawi

will be the first Saudi woman to reach the final frontier.

In total, the crew plans to conduct 20 or more investigations, including an assemblage of DNA-based nanomaterials with uses in cartilage repair; microgravity effects on mRNA decay; photographing lightning strikes and high-altitude transient luminous events (TLEs) known as sprites from the ISS Cupola window; and several educational collaborations to perform STEM-focused activities with school children across the globe.

Axiom's first mission to the ISS, Ax-1, launched just over a year ago, on April 8, 2022, and was extended from 10 days to 17 days due to bad weather conditions near the crew's ocean splashdown site. There likely won't be such a long gap between Axiom missions to the ISS going forward: Ax-3 is currently scheduled for the end of this year.

Further down the road, Axiom is among a number of commercial entities that aim to build a private space station in low Earth orbit (LEO) for research, manufacturing and tourism. The company is currently constructing the first module of its private station, which is scheduled to launch to the ISS in late 2025. Several more modules will link up with this first one over the next few years; the complex will then detach from the ISS and become a free flier in LEO in the late 2020s.

Axiom also won a NASA contract to develop new lunar surface spacesuits for the agency's Artemis program of crewed moon exploration. Artemis 3 is currently slated to lift off in late 2025, sending the first humans to the moon since the Apollo program ended in 1972.

Rocket Lab Launched Cyclone Tracking CubeSats for NASA

The first pair of four NASA CubeSats designed to provide frequent updates of typhoon and hurricane development for new insights into how tropical storms evolve and intensify were launched by Rocket Lab from its New Zealand spaceport in May.

The company's Electron rocket — nicknamed "Rocket Like a Hurricane" — lifted off from its Mahia Peninsula launch site in New Zealand time. Some 33 minutes after liftoff, the two shoebox-

sized TROPICS CubeSats were deployed into low Earth orbit about 340 miles (550 kilometers) above the planet.

The TROPICS constellation (Time-Resolved Observations of Precipitation structure and storm Intensity with a Constellation of Smallsats) is part of NASA's Earth System Science Pathfinder Program. The cubesats will measure the hour-by-hour formation and progression of tropical cyclones and hurricanes with enhanced specificity.

Each pair of CubeSats has to be launched to two specific orbital planes that are equally spaced 180 degrees opposite each other to maximize temporal resolution. These unique orbits over Earth's tropics allow the satellites to travel over any given storm about once an hour, compared with current weather tracking satellites that have a timing of about once every six hours. This high revisit rate aims to help scientists better understand the processes that effect these high-impact storms, ultimately leading to improved modeling and prediction to help protect lives and livelihoods.

All four TROPICS satellites need to be deployed into their operational orbit within a 60-day period, a mission requirement made possible with a small dedicated launcher like Electron. With the first batch of TROPICS CubeSats now safely in orbit, the second launch, called "Coming to a Storm Near You," is expected on another Electron rocket in approximately two weeks from Launch Complex 1.

Microwave radiometers on each of the TROPICS satellites are designed to collect imagery, temperature, and moisture data over tropical cyclones. With a fleet of four satellites, the TROPICS mission will be capable of monitoring rapid changes in cyclones at a cadence of at least once per hour.

After the first two satellites in the constellation were lost when an Astra rocket failed last June. The remaining four were subsequently switched to Rocket Lab, which could meet NASA's requirement to have its TROPICS fleet operational in time for this year's Northern Hemisphere stormy season.

Provided the second launch is successful, NASA expects to have the four-satellite system in operation by the start of the Atlantic hurricane season this summer.

That would be very good news for Florida! And all southern states, especially the coastal states: Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.



Parrish Healthcare Community Support Groups - June

Parrish Healthcare offers a variety of support groups as a free service to the community. The June 2023 schedule is as follows:

Parrish Healthcare Mom's Support Group

A group for mothers with babies ages birth to six months. During this time, moms will be able to discuss topics such as infant feeding, sleeping, milestones, car seats, play, development, post-partum care, birth control, post-partum depression, dietary needs and much more. Space is limited.

- When: Mondays, Monday, June 5, 12, 19, 26, 10-11 a.m.
- Where: The Children's Center, 5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville

For additional information and to register, visit parrishhealthcare.com/Moms.

Parrish Healthcare Diabetes Support Group

This support group is for anyone age 18 and older with diabetes. Join us for tips to live better with this disease.

- When: Monday, June 5, 3-4:30 p.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Peggy McLaughlin, BSN, RN, CDCES
- For additional information, please contact Peggy McLaughlin at 321-268-6699.
- To register, please visit www.parrishhealthcare.com/DiabetesSupport.

Parrish Healthcare's Fearless Café

A collaboration with St. Francis Reflections Life Stages Care, this group shares a casual discussion about advanced directives, power of attorney, wills, living wills and all of the often scary conversations about death and dying.

- When: Wednesday, June 7, 10-11 a.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Janet Rooks, MA, CDP
- For additional information, please contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800.
- To register, please visit www.parrishhealthcare.com/FearlessCafe.

Parrish Healthcare's Caring for Caregivers Support Group

Care giving is a rewarding, yet demanding

labor of love. Join us to learn how to care for yourself while you care for your loved one.

- When: Thursdays, June 8 and 22, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Janet Rooks, MA, CDP
- For additional information, please contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800.
- To register, please visit www.parrishhealthcare.com/CaregiverSupport

Early Steps Community Play Date

A special play date for children five and under and their parent(s)/guardian(s).

- When: Wednesday, June 21, 9-10:30 a.m.
- Where: The Children's Center, 5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Mary Cancel, Family Resource Specialist
- For additional information visit parrishhealthcare.com/EarlySteps.

Parrish Healthcare Stroke and Heart Survivors Support Group

If you've experienced a diagnosis or event, or are caring for someone living with heart disease or stroke, our community is here to support you.

- When: Tuesday, June 20, 2-4:00 p.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Janet Rooks, MA, CDP
- For additional information, please contact Janet Rooks at 321-268-6800.
- To register, please visit www.parrishhealthcare.com/StrokeandHeartSupport.

Parrish Healthcare Cancer and Survivor Support Group

This group is for cancer patients, cancer survivors and anyone touched by the disease. Enjoy refreshments and talk with others sharing similar situations and experiences.

- When: Wednesday, June 21, 4-5:30 p.m.
- Where: Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- Facilitated by Shannon Luker, RN, BSN, OCN, CBCN
- For additional information, please contact Shannon Luker at 321-268-6111, ext. 3544.
- To register, please visit www.parrishhealthcare.com/CancerSupportGroup.

Parrish Healthcare A.W.A.K.E Sleep Support

This group is dedicated to exchanging information and increasing awareness of sleep, sleeping disorders, and related health concerns. Everyone with an interest in sleep and health is encouraged to attend.

- When: Monday, June 12, 6-8 p.m.
- Where: Manatee Conference Room, 5005 Port St. John Pkwy., Port St. John
- Facilitated by Michele Roberge, RT(R), RPSGT
- To register, please visit www.parrishhealthcare.com/SleepSupport.

For more information about available classes, support groups and events, visit parrishhealthcare.com/events.

Tools to Quit Smoking Now

We know quitting tobacco isn't easy, but finding help should be. Parrish Healthcare has partnered with Tobacco Free Florida to offer this free class which equips those who use tobacco with tools and services to quit.

- When: Tuesday, June 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Where: Parrish Medical Center, 951 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- For more information and to register, visit parrishhealthcare.com/quitsmoking.

For more information about available classes, support groups and events, visit parrishhealthcare.com/events.

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.

Jess Parrish Medical Foundation Receives Funding for Medical Scholarships

Jess Parrish Medical Foundation received \$25,000 in funding from Brevard Indo-American Medical and Dental Association (BIMDA) during their annual Medical Expo and Dinner Awards on Saturday, April 29 at the Hilton Rialto. Funds will be used to support the JPMF Medical Scholarship program, which provide scholarships to students pursuing a healthcare career related to human health. Since 1990, the scholarship program has awarded over \$500,000 to more than 450 outstanding applicants.

Glad Kurian, BIMDA Founder and Honorary Executive Director, stated, "We are glad to support the future of healthcare with scholarships and wish all the deserving past and future recipients a bright

future in their educational and career goals."

This gift will create the BIMDA scholarship in honor of Dr. Ashok C. Shah and Glad Kurian to provide two scholarships annually to qualifying candidates until 2034.

"BIMDA has been an outstanding partner, and we are incredibly grateful for their continued generosity," said Randy Coleman, Chairman of the JPMF Board of Directors. "They have made a lasting impact on the community, the students and their education. We are honored to have been chosen as an award recipient."

To learn more about Jess Parrish Medical Foundation or the scholarship program, please visit parrishmedfoundation.com or contact the Foundation at 321-269-4066.

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- Session 1 - June 5-9
- Session 2 - June 12-16
- Session 3 - June 19-23
- Session 4 - June 26-30
- Session 5 - July 10-14
- Session 6 - July 31-Aug 4

8:30am - 2:00pm daily

**Cost is \$350/student with a \$100/down payment due one week prior to start of the session
Sessions limited to 10 students
** Drinks provided Students bring lunch/snacks**

To pay please click here or go to [Givebutter.com/SummerCamp2023](https://www.givebutter.com/SummerCamp2023)

To register go to <https://hartforhorses.org/summercamp2023/>

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.

We are accepting applications for sponsors and experienced umpires.

Registration is over, but there may be slots available if you hurry. For more information, call: Veronica Ordner, President, at 321-698-3863; Amanda Howell, Vice-President, at 321-368-9890; 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.

The season starts in July and continues through mid-October. Games are on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Fay Park. As of July 1st, you must be 19 years of age or older. Cost is \$50, which includes approximately 20 softball games, team shirt and end of year party and awards. 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.



Amvets Post 2415 Schedule



6-7 Sons of Amvets 2415 General Membership Meeting -1st Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

6-8 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Theresa Nikki Anderson, 321-208-7897.

6-10 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415 General Membership Meeting- 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. President Doan, 321-208-7897.

6-17 Bike Night! 3:00 - 7:00 on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Post.

6-21 General Membership Meeting- 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Meat Shoot - 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 2-4 p.m.

Karaoke every Friday with Bone, 6-10 p.m.

Bingo Sundays 1-?

Post 2415 is located at 688 West Ave., Port St. John. If you are a veteran and would like to visit the Post or more information about Amvets, contact Commander Lonneville at 321-208-7897.



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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.**

6-3 Bike Days at the Tiki, 1:00 - 5:00 PM

First Saturday of each month. 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.

6-6 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.

6-7 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.

6-7 Sons of Amvets 2415 Meeting- 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m. 688 West Ave., PSJ.

Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

6-8 Amvets Ladies Auxiliary 2415 General Membership Meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. President, Theresa N. Anderson, 321-208-7897.

6-9 Brevard Women's Connection meets at Space Coast Convention Center on Hwy. 520 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., 2nd Friday of each month. Call Pam at 321-752-6896 or e-mail bwc0020@gmail.com.

6-10 Amvets Riders meeting, 2nd Saturday at 10 a.m. Call President Craig Doan, 321-208-7897.

6-11 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & November), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

6-11 Word Weavers Space Coast, a critique group for Christian writers, meets the 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. Visitors are always welcome. Email angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com for info.

6-11 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & November), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

6-14 Flag Day

6-18 Fathers Day

6-19 Juneteenth

6-19 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.

6-20 North Brevard Republican Club meets 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Police Hall of Fame, 6350 Horizon Dr., Titusville. All are welcome.

6-21 Summer Begins

6-21 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.

6-21 Amvets Post 2415 General Membership Meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at 688 West Ave., PSJ. Commander Larry Lonneville, 321-208-7897.

6-24 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.

5-20 Armed Forces Day

6-27 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.

6-26 Hajj Begins

6 - 28-30 Eid al Adha

Congratulations to:

Sandy Messer turns younger this month.

Jordan Arthurs turns **36** on the 2nd.

Lauren Grinstead turns **25** on the 4th.

Rhonda Bradley is the Party Girl on the 7th.

Jordan Ragan turns **25** on the 7th.

Nathan Firth turns **7** on the 8th

Kirra Orend turns **24** on the 8th.

R.J. Arnone turns **48** on the 9th.

Drae Robinson turns **26** on the 10th.

Jonathon Benoff turns **20** on the 10th.

Robert Owens turns **30** on the 12th

Stephen Crawford Jr. turns **18** on the 17th.

Lisa Siegel, the blue-haired lady, turns 39 (again) on the 14th.

Devon Anthony turns **24** on the 18th.

Holly Strickler dances all night on the 20th.

Cheyenne Wiedman turns **22** on the 20th.

Charles Bertrand turns buffer on the 20th.

Ingebork Centi Thompson turns **91** on the 24th.

Archie Williams turns **45** on the 24th.

Jasper Niehoff turns **15** on the 25th.

Keli McCormack turns hotter on the on the 25th.

Melanie Hannen is the Queen 27th.

Brett Benoff turns cooler on the 27th.

Don Crouse turns wiser on the 28th.

Trisha Orend turns prettier on the 29th.

Jill and Bill Hill celebrate **32** on the 2nd.

Craig & Jennifer Engelson celebrate **24** years on the 6th.

Carl & Debbie Anderson celebrate **28** on the 18th.

Bob & Judie Petrowski celebrate **57** on 19th.

We have lots of room for more good news.

Fax your inputs to 633-4313 or
email inputs to happenings1@att.net.

Important Phone Numbers

County Commissioner -	321-607-6901
Sheriff: Non-Emergency -	321-633-7162
Fire Station 26 (Port St. John)	321-633-2056
Emergency Operations Ctr -	321-637-6670
Waste Management -	321-636-6894
Roadway Maintenance -	321-264-5084
SCAT Bus Information -	321-633-1878
Port St. John Library -	321-633-1867
PSJ Community Center -	321-633-1904
Florida Power & Light -	321-723-7795
City of Cocoa Water Dept. -	321-433-8400
Parrish Medical Center	
Port St. John -	321-636-9393
Titusville -	321-268-6111
Atlantis Elementary School -	321-633-6143
Challenger 7 Elementary -	321-636-5801
Enterprise Elementary School	321-633-3434
Fairglen Elementary School -	321-631-1993
Space Coast Jr/Sr High School-	321-638-0750
Sexual Offender Registry -	
www3.fdle.state.fl.us/sexual_predators/	

Port St. John Public Library **6500 Carole Ave., Port St. John** **321-633-1867**

Mary Lena Penna, Library Director

Library Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday, 12-8 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Meeting rooms are available for reservation by calling the library and study rooms are open on a first-come-first-served basis.

Computers are available, and we also offer scanning, wireless printing and faxing. More information on services offered, how to get a library card and events for all the Brevard County libraries can be found at brevardfl.gov/PublicLibraries.

Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00 p.m.: STEAM time. Ages 6-12. Come build & make things with us! Activities centered around Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics.

Thursdays, 11 a.m.-noon: Humanatee Yoga for Beginners or Intermediate. \$5 Instructor Fee.

Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.: SHINE Medicare assistance through the Senior Resource Alliance of Brevard.

Thursdays, 2:00-4:00 p.m.: Special Summer Craft time for School-aged kids. Ages 6-12. Signup in advance is required.

Fridays, 9:30-10:00 a.m.: Baby Storytime. Ages 3 and under. No regular story time 6/23.

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Storytime. Ages 3-5. No regular story time 6/23.

6/1 : Registration begins for the Port St. John Library **Summer Reading Program!** See the Youth Services desk for information.

6/3 10 a.m., 1 p.m. at the Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library in Cocoa : Brevard Libraries' **Summer Reading Kick-off Party** with Balloon shows, face painting, & big vehicles.

6/7, 6 p.m.: Port St. John Dependent Special District Board Meeting

6/10 & 6/24. 10 a.m.-noon: Pokemon Club of Port St. John. All ages welcome.

6/14, 6:30 p.m.: Bookworms Bookclub, see the Reference desk for monthly book selection.

6/14 & 6/28, 1:30-5 p.m.: Community Support Advocate office hours. Can help with Housing Assistance, SNAP Benefits, Social Security/Medicare Benefits and more.

6/17, 10:30 a.m.: Summer Doorhanger Craft class. \$40 fee due at signup. Registration ends 6/14. See Reference Desk to sign up.

6/21, 2:00 p.m.: Brevard County Fire Rescue visit and book reading.

6/23, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon: Books, Balls & Blocks Child Screening event with Help Me Grow Brevard. Prizes available for families who complete the screening. Open to ages 0-5.



Field Manor

750 Field Manor Dr., Merritt Island

<https://www.fieldmanor.org/>

Phone: (321) 848-0365

There were a few moments recently when it appeared that the world was spinning as it should, then horrific moments set it asunder once again. Sometimes it becomes harder and harder to look for the good stuff, but it's very rewarding when we stumble upon it. To those touched by illness or tragedy, please know you are not alone, there are prayers and love being sent by many.

A true old time Florida gem hidden right under our collective noses in Merritt Island, Field Manor offers a look into how life was for some when wild animals outnumbered humans on our beloved island. I admit the only connection I have had with a field was that I bought my first washing machine at the J.M. Fields store in Fields Plaza on South Courtney Pkwy. (anyone else remember?). Contrary to my children's opinion of my vintage, I did not bring it home in a horse drawn wagon.

My intrepid adventure partner and I turned onto a plain dirt drive off a very unexpected area of North Tropical Trail and immediately began to visualize workers tending citrus groves, sugar cane, mangos and all manner of vegetables on this huge plot of land in the blazing Florida sun.

In 1868, the Field family landed on Merritt Island to start a new life. John R. (J.R.) and Samuel J. (Sam) Field homesteaded over 450 acres with J.R. taking the northern section and Sam the southern plot. Sam used part of his land to help develop the community of Indianola, while J.R. and his family established a homestead. Generations of Fields occupied the beautiful two story home on the river right up until the 21st century. Alma

Clyde lived in this very home with few upgrades until 2013, then left the homestead to the community as a museum and help with agricultural betterment in the area. Field Manor is now owned and run by its board of directors, is non-profit and on the National Register.

We met with the most knowledgeable executive director/caretaker Korinn. She was happy to offer us a tour of the home, property and packing house, complete with stories of how life was in the beginning and through various wars, presidents, droughts and hurricanes, in good times and bad.

The sugar cane mill has given up the battle with the elements, but the packing house contains working artifacts from the past, including a genius homemade fruit grading contraption.

The house itself tells many tales. Korinn is happy to point out the various differences in floors and walls, indicating new additions and changes in the building itself. Windows in inside walls, a register going nowhere, and doors leading to tiny rooms all tell tales. It's not hard to imagine a soldier coming home from the 'Great' war and having an additional bedroom added for him, years later another soldier coming home and occupying the same room. Clothing and artifacts in each room complete the scene.

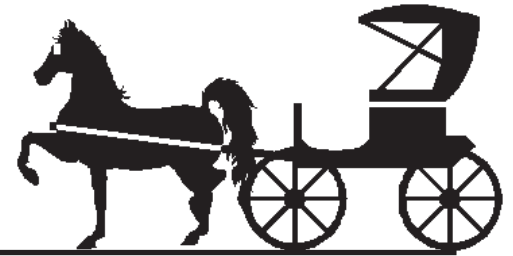
The star of the whole thing is the front of the house facing the river. We were not lucky enough to spot wildlife, but heard of the dolphins and otters that visit every day and the occasional 'gator sliding past.

The yard is a perfect venue for weddings, afternoon Teas and photo opportunities of all kinds. There is a covered area to the side for dining large groups and the old-time front porch complete with rocking chairs is comfortable for smaller groups or just sitting and imagining boats traveling the river hauling wares of all kinds after a tour. Korinn is happy to offer information on rental and amenities included.

While Field Manor is a wonderful opportunity to give kids some idea of how life used to be, there isn't a playground or actual park. Children are welcome, but must be with an adult. Pets are not allowed.

Since the grounds beg to be wandered, insect spray and sun protection is recommended. As usual, please take only pictures and leave only footprints.

SLEEPY HOLLOW



Fruit From The Groves

THE NEXT MEETING OF CANAVERAL GROVES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION WILL BE ON JUNE 8TH, AT 7 PM. IT WILL BE HELD AT BREVARD CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON GRISSOM PARKWAY. THIS MEETING IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.



Due to the lack of interest and support from the community, after many years decisions must be made. The Homeowners Association has always been there to support and assist the homeowners in Canaveral Groves. Over the years, the HOA has given out scholarships, given donations to Fairglen Elementary School and to charities that support the community. There seems to be only a few who seem to care and even fewer who want to be active and assist in projects. So, please come to this meeting.

Brevard County Sheriff's Office has been patrolling out here and making numerous traffic stops. You may not see them, but they see you. They have even done arrests out here for drugs. That helps the community here be safer. Please remember if you see something to call them at 321-264-5100, and if it's an emergency, call 911.

There are still problems with pets and other animals running loose in the area. This is a danger to people and the animals themselves. Please

have your animals tagged, chipped and secure them better. This will help Brevard County Animal Services and Enforcement return your pet to you if it gets lost.

Brevard County Fire Station 29 (Guardians of the Grove) and Four Communities Fire Department have been extremely busy. This includes structure fires, medical calls and vehicle accidents. Please remember to get out of their way when they are responding (State Law). Also, do not follow them because they may have to make sudden stops or turns and this could interfere with them laying hoses or cause a traffic accident.

Florida Fish and Wildlife wants to remind everyone that it is alligator mating season, and also with the warm weather wildlife will be more active both day and night.

Waste Management wants everyone to remember to keep their trash and recycling containers at least 3 feet apart. Put them out the night before or before 6 a.m.

School is out for the summer, which means the children will be out riding their bicycles, walking and outside both day and night.

Ed Silva

Canaveral Groves Homeowners Association
President

Paws For A Sip

Hosted by Tails at the Barkery, bring your pet and join Great Dane Love – A Central Florida Rescue, Inc. at Paws for a Sip on Monday, 06/19/23, at The Wine Lady at 5:30 p.m. in Historic Cocoa Village.

Tickets are \$25.00 and available for purchase at Tails at the Barkery in Cocoa Village. Each ticket includes a keepsake wine glass, wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres and chances to win door prizes, raffle baskets and a 50/50 drawing.

All proceeds to benefit Great Dane Love – A Central Florida Rescue, Inc., all-volunteer, non-profit rescue that was established in September, 2012 and whose mission is to help with the rehoming of displaced Great Danes and providing ongoing education regarding responsible Dane ownership and care.

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.

For more information, contact:

Great Dane Love – A Central Florida Rescue, Inc., <http://www.gdlcf.org/>

Tails at the Barkery, (321) 305-4584, <http://www.tailsatthebarkery.com/>

The Wine Lady, (321) 806-4958 or <https://www.thewineladycocoa.com/>

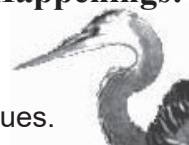
Things I'm Super Good At:

- 1 - Forgetting someone's name 30 seconds after they tell me.
- 2 - Running... late, that is.
- 3 - Making plans... then forgetting making plans.
- 4 - Thinking of a great comeback - an hour later.
- 5 - Digging through the trash for the food box I just tossed, because I already forgot the cooking directions.
- 6 - Adding items to online carts. Then deleting.
- 7 - Googling my ailments. Then panicking!
- 8 - Forgetting why I walked into the room.
- 9 - Calculating how much sleep I'll get, "if I can just fall asleep right now!"

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

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If you'd like to join and support our Homeowners' group, just cut out and fill out this form and mail with a check for \$15 to cover the current year's membership dues.
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Won't you join us?

The History of Father's Day

William Jackson Smart was a twice-married, twice-widowed Civil War veteran and father of 14 children, one of whom dedicated her life to the creation of Father's Day in honor of her devoted and selfless dad.

William Jackson Smart, the original inspiration for Father's Day, was born in Arkansas in 1842 and records show that he enlisted as a Union soldier there in 1863. That was odd, because Arkansas was a Confederate state. William, in fact, fought for both sides in the Civil War.

Driving a supply wagon for Confederate troops, William was captured in the Battle of Pea Ridge, a decisive Union victory in Arkansas in 1862. Rather than languish in a prisoner of war camp, he opted to join the northern cause.

The story goes that William's daughter, Sonora Smart Dodd, was attending one of the first official Mother's Day services in 1909 at her church in Spokane, Washington, when she had an epiphany—if mothers deserved a day in honor of their loving service, why not fathers?

When Sonora's mother Ellen died, leaving William as a single father to Sonora and her younger brothers. By Sonora's account, he performed brilliantly. Sonora's mother had three children from a previous marriage. William had also been married and widowed before he met Sonora's mother, and had five children with his first wife who were already grown when William became a widower for the second time.

In 1910, Sonora brought a petition before the Spokane Ministerial Alliance to recognize the courage and devotion of all fathers like William on June 5, her dad's birthday. The local clergy liked the idea of a special Father's Day service, but couldn't pull something together so quickly. They settled for June 19, which happened to be the third Sunday in June.

On that first Father's Day in 1910, church sermons across Spokane were dedicated to dear old dad, red and white roses were passed out in honor of living and deceased fathers, the mayor of Spokane and governor of Washington issued proclamations, and Sonora found her calling. She would spend much of the next 60 years pushing for the official recognition of Father's Day as a national holiday.

That first Father's Day celebration in Spokane

might have remained a local tradition if not for the perseverance of Sonora Smart Dodd. Following the 1910 Father's Day observance, William Jennings Bryan, one of the most famous politicians of the time, sent Sonora a congratulatory letter, which sparked a rush of national media attention on Sonora and Spokane.

Sonora won the support of her congressmen, who began to lobby for the creation of a national holiday. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson celebrated Father's Day in Spokane during a visit to Washington. We don't know if William Jackson Smart was there to shake the president's hand, but it would have been one of his last Father's Days. William died in 1919.

Much more than a Father's Day booster, Sonora Smart Dodd was an accomplished artist, poet, children's book author, funeral home director, and founding member of just about every civic organization in Spokane. But she never let go of her determination to give fathers like hers the recognition they deserved.

It wasn't until 1972, six years before Sonora's death at the age of 96, that President Richard Nixon finally signed a Congressional resolution declaring the third Sunday in June to be Father's Day. Her dad, no doubt, would have been proud.

Experimental Aircraft Meeting

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724 holds regular scheduled gatherings for fun and fellowship on the 2nd Wednesday of each month - June 14th this month - at 7:00 p.m. in the club house on 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. 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, call 321-514-9456, email watersdwayne@yahoo.com, or visit the website at www.eaa724.org.

Scholarship Winner and “Like the Yellow Sun” Exhibit

Each spring the Central Brevard Art Association awards a scholarship to a deserving Central Brevard County high school senior. Its 19th annual Student Scholarship recipient is Rowan Booth from Cocoa Beach Jr/Sr High School. For the third year, the Studios of Cocoa Beach and Ridley's Custom Framing of Palm Bay have teamed up to present an exhibit of Rowan's work. His work will be on exhibit June 9 to 29, 2023 at the Studios gallery, 165 Minuteman Causeway in downtown Cocoa Beach, with an opening reception from 6 to 9 p.m. on June 10.

Rowan will share the spotlight with “Like the Yellow Sun,” an exhibit of works in many media by Studios artists with the theme of exploring the color yellow.

Rowan is an athlete as well as an artist, playing football, basketball, cross country, and track and field. He designed the senior class t-shirt, the graduation program and posters for the school theater programs. Rowan's classmates voted him Homecoming King and Most Artistic Senior. An honors AP student, he has been offered several scholarships and plans to major in Fine Art and Graphic Design.

In making their decision, the CBAA found his art to be insightful and intuitive. Rowan says art is his passion and his salvation. His work is both Realism and Surrealism, using a variety of mediums such as acrylic, gouache, watercolors and oil, often combining several.

Both exhibits will be on display until June 29. The opening reception is an opportunity to meet Rowan and many of the Studios artists while enjoying refreshments and viewing amazing local art. The reception is free. A donation to the Studios gives you a chance to win, as we raffle off two art works by Studios artists.

The gallery is open Monday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 6 p.m. For information on the Central Brevard Art Association, visit their website, www.cbaartists.com.

Celebrating Men's Health

*for
Father's
Day*

June 18, 2023

We believe in celebrating men's health!

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, men are half as likely as women to go to the doctor. How often a man should go for a preventive checkup depends a lot on age and health. Here are some simple guidelines.

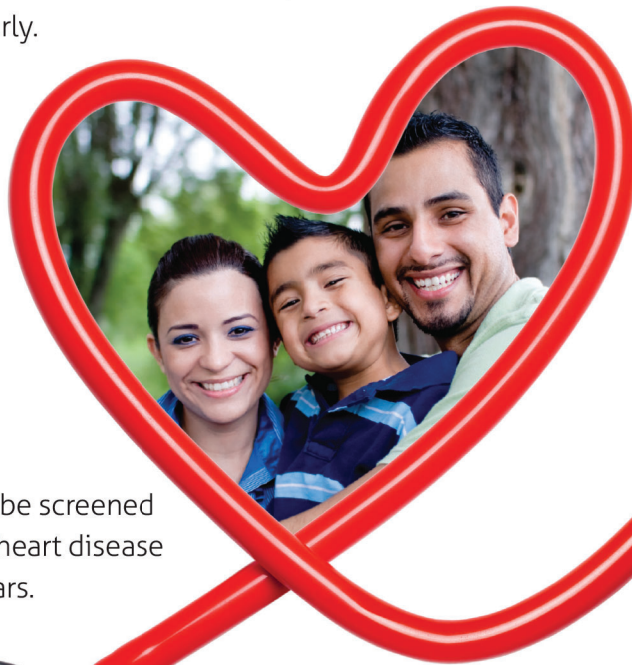
▶ **MEN AGES 18 TO 39** should have their blood pressure checked every two years. If it reaches a certain threshold, it should be checked yearly.

▶ **EVERY 3 YEARS**

Men ages 45 and older should be screened for diabetes every three years. If they are overweight, the screening should start at a younger age.

▶ **EVERY 5 YEARS**

Men over age 35 should be screened for high cholesterol and heart disease prevention every five years. If they have diabetes, they should be screened more often.



▶ **EVERY 5-10 YEARS**

Men with no family history of colon cancer or polyps should be screened for colorectal cancer every five to ten years between the ages of 50 to 75. If they have a family history, screening should start earlier.

If it's time for the man in your life to see a doctor, schedule an appointment with a Parrish Medical Group Primary Care physician. We'll develop a checkup schedule tailored to his health and lifestyle.



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