

HAPPENINGS

Weekly Edition

October 25, 2024

The Season Of Giving Is Here

Hopeful Hearts Donation Drive for the Homeless

November 1 - November 30th

Donate today to the Winter Hopeful Hearts Drive, a community initiative dedicated to supporting those in need. Parrish Medical Center is partnering with LifePointe and Under the Bridge Ministries to make a significant impact on the lives of our homeless neighbors.

We are seeking donations of essential items to assist these valuable organizations in their mission. Your contributions will make a real difference, providing vital support and hope to individuals facing difficult times. We are requesting:

- Reusable Water bottles
- Jackets/Coats Men and Women (Used In good condition)
- Blankets Or Insulated Blankets
- Lip Balm
- Wipes (unscented)
- Knitted Caps
- Gloves/Mittens Size: M/L
- Long Socks
- Hand Warmers
- First Aid supplies-ban-aids, antibiotic ointment
- Garbage Bags (Large)
- Back Packs
- Deodorant
- Non-perishable food items with Pop Tops Lids

Drop-off Locations:

- Titusville - Parrish Medical Center Main Entrance Recognition Room, 951 Washington Avenue, Titusville
- Titus Landing Parrish Healthcare Lobby 250 Harrison Street, Titusville (Titus Landing)
- Port St. John Parrish Healthcare Lobby 5005 Port St. John Parkway, Port St. John

We encourage you to bring items to any of the collection bins located at the above-mentioned areas. Your generosity will directly benefit those in need and contribute to improving our community. Thank you for your support and for joining us in this important cause.

Together, we can make a meaningful difference.

Happy Halloween to our HAPPENINGS readers!



Operation Christmas Child

Shoobox Gifts To Needy Children Worldwide

The annual drive to help needy children in many countries has begun, sponsored locally by First United Methodist Church of Port St. John Women In Faith. You can help, too! How?

Donate small items such as toys, school supplies, personal care items or accessories (no liquids, breakable or used items; no war-related or scary items!) for our packing party where they will be placed in shoe boxes. Call Judy at 321-271-1378 for pickup, or drop off items at the church, 1165 Fay Blvd. in Port St. John.

You can also donate money to sponsor filled boxes and offset the \$10 fee for shipping/processing. Business donations will be recognized at congregational and community events. You can donate at <https://onrealm.org/FirstUMCPSJ/-/give/OCC>.

Helping Local Families

It is that time of year again when Space Coast Jr/Sr High School reaches out to faculty, staff, clubs, teams and business partners to make a difference in our community. We know that it can be especially difficult during the holiday seasons for our families. I know how busy we all are and wanted to give you plenty of time if you wanted to participate in our Thanksgiving program. We won't need the baskets until the Thursday before Thanksgiving, November 16th.

Please contact Keri Weeks, Guidance Clerk / P.I.E. Co-ordinator at 321-638-0750, ext. 27009 if you are interested in making a Thanksgiving basket for a family or families in need. We had several business partners and clubs find it easier to donate gift cards to Walmart, Publix or Winn Dixie for the families. Whatever works best for you, works for us. Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness and caring to change a person's life.

Thank you in advance,

~ Keri Weeks

Fay Lake FestiFALL & Chili Cook-Off

The PSJ Community Foundation is getting ready for some COOLER WEATHER and HOT CHILI! Come to Fay Lake Wilderness Park on Sunday, November 3rd, 1 to 5 p.m. Bring the family! We are sure your family will have a memorable time! There will be food vendors, craft and business vendors, bounce houses, hay ride, petting zoo, Chili Cook-Off, Kid Zone, Bubble Foam Fun and more! If you enjoyed our food vendors at Thunder Over the Indian River, many are back for FestiFALL, along with a few new ones offering a great variety of gourmet tastes for any foodie.

The Chili Cook-Off has 10 amazing cooks bringing their best chilis:

Amvets Post 2415 PSJ Family-Dena Lonneville
Bardwell's Bangin' Chili-Wendy Michelle Bardwell
Black Beard's-Jason Roberts-Smoked Brisket Chili
Drumsmoke-Mike Barker-Smoked Chili
IDK Chili-Victor Waltos
Katie Greet, Realtor-Katie Greet
Reel Cajun Cookin'-Sheena Rocque
The Foodies-John Gaugler-Pumpkin Chili
Uncle John's Family Chili-Michael Allen-Original & Spicy Beef Chili
Walt's Chili-Michelle Waltos-White Chicken Chili
Perry's Pot of Gold - Christian Perry
Smokin' Armadillo Competition BBQ Team-Clay Messick

Twelve of our Food Truck favorites are registered, including Amazing Italian Ice, Country Kettlers Korn, Fruity Licks, Just Cupcakin' Around, Kona Ice, Notorious Pig, Pop's Chicago Style Eats, Reel Cajun, Rineboi Churrasco Grill, SLOBONACOB, Taste Budz and The Shermanator.

Also at the event will be craft and business vendors to get a start on your holiday shopping for unique gifts, and for the kids there will be Bounce Houses, Hayride, Photo-Op, entertainment, and of course, our annual Chili Cook-Off where you can sample many different favorites. Ten teams will be competing for your vote. And a few surprises! Visit our website for all the details: <https://portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/events.html>.

To kick off the PSJCF Fay Lake FestiFALL, we will be partnering with the Space Coast Thanksgiving Basket Brigade with a Food Drive. We are asking local businesses to place a basket (supplied by the Space Coast Basket Brigade) in their business to collect the items needed for this year's Space Coast Basket Brigade to make it as successful as in years past. Many families in need depend on these non-perishable food items so they will be able to have a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Hundreds of families in Port St. John receive these baskets. Please contact us if you would like to help those in our community and throughout Brevard have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING. Email us at: Admin@PortStJohnCommunityFoundation.com. If you would like to



join us as a volunteer and work with us on this event, visit www.facebook.com/groups/psjcfvolunteers.

Our dedicated volunteers are working many hours to put this event together. The supportive and positive response from the PSJ community is what makes these events worth it! If you would like more information about FestiFALL, visit our Events page at <https://portstjohncommunityfoundation.com/events.html>.



Trunk Or Treat

A Trunk Or Treat and Big Sale will be held on October 27th, 1 p.m. at Horizon Palms on Curtis Blvd. The event is sponsored by Space Coast Nutrition.

Look for their pick up and pick up some candy and FREE Fay Lake FestiFALL Family Combo Passes (limited number available, includes 2 All Activities Passes and 2 Chili Cook-Off tickets) for the 6th Annual Fay Lake FestiFALL and Chili Cook-Off on November 3rd at Fay Lake Wilderness Park, 1 - 5 p.m.

Need a great Christmas or birthday gift? Purchase a PortStJohnOpoly game on sale at this event for only \$15 and get a Family Combo Pass with it!

No tricks here... Treats only!



Space Coast Flute Orchestra 2024-2025 Concert Season

The Space Coast Flute Orchestra is thrilled to unveil its concert season for 2024-2025, featuring a series of free performances designed to captivate and inspire music lovers throughout the community. All concerts will take place at the Suntree United Methodist Church, located at 7400 N Wickham Rd., Melbourne.

December 15, 2024 – 3:00 p.m.: Enjoy a festive holiday performance filled with seasonal favorites and charming melodies in the spirit of the season.

May 4, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.: Experience a springtime concert featuring a diverse repertoire that reflects the vibrancy and renewal of the season.

July 27, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.: Conclude the season with a concert featuring solo and ensembles.

Join us for a season of enchanting music and celebrate the art of the flute. All concerts are open to the public and free of charge. While admission is complimentary, donations are gratefully accepted to support the orchestra's ongoing efforts and future performances.

For more information about the Space Coast Flute Orchestra's 2024-2025 season, please reach out to Jamie Woods, Publicity Chair, at jwoods120719@gmail.com.



Amvets Post 2415 Schedule

11-6 Sons of Amvets 2415 General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Commander Chuck Harrington, 321-208-7897.

11-9 Amvets Riders Chapter 2415 General Membership Meeting - 2nd Saturday of the month at 12 noon. Pres. Steve Carman, 321-446-3394.

11-9 Bike Night! 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Post.

11-13 General Membership Meeting- 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.

11-14 Amvets 2415 Ladies Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. President Theresa Nikki Anderson, 321-208-7897.

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., (adjacent to Hwy. US 1), Port St. John. If you are a veteran and would like to visit the Post or would like more information about Amvets, contact Commander Larry Lonneville at 321-208-7897.

Artisan Market

The Great Outdoors, Titusville, November 9, 2024

The Activities Committee at the Great Outdoors RV Resort in Titusville invites you to its annual "Artisan Holiday Market" on Saturday, November 9, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A select group of local artisans will present the best of their work. Whether you are looking for seasonal decor, or gift buying, you will find everything necessary to get you in the holiday spirit.

40 plus artists will display basketry, jewelry, laser engraving, crochet and knitted items, metal art, nature photos, towels, fabric crafts, wreaths, purses, quilts, wooden bowls, embroidery, woodwork, crystal design shirts. Christmas trees and ornaments, tasty jams and much, much more.

The Artisan Market is held inside the Plantation Manor at 145 Plantation Drive in the Great Outdoors RV Resort on Hwy. 50 in Titusville. Tell the security gate attendant that you are going to the Artisan Market.

For information, contact Pat Foley at 407-538-8035 or email patfoley441@gmail.com.



Post 359 - American Legion Schedule

11-2 Bike Days at the Tiki - 1st Saturday of the month, 1 - 5 p.m. presented by American Legion Riders. Good food on the grill with Fixin's, \$10. Listen to live music, take part in drawings, 50/50. All proceeds to benefit veterans and veterans' families.

11-6 Auxiliary General Membership Meeting - 1st Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

11-11 Sons of the Legion, 6 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Post.

11-17 American Legion Riders General Membership Meeting- 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Call 2nd Vice Director Janice Anderson, Director, 321-210-6234 or visit our website, alr359.org.

11-20 General Membership Meeting- 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., 7260 S. US Hwy. 1, Bellwood, (just north of Port St. John), 321-268-1632.

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

If you are a veteran and would like to visit the Post or would like more information about American Legion, contact Commander Michelle Aaron at 321-289-2880 for more information.

Dusty Rose Open House

The Dusty Rose Antique Mall Open House will be held on November 2nd and 3rd, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at their location, 1101 S. Washington (the northbound lane) in Titusville. They will have gift bags, give away snacks and the Around the World in 7 days food truck will be on site.

The Dusty Rose Antique Mall is a collection of small businesses with owners selling collectibles, crafts, historical treasures and other items you won't find anywhere else. It's easy to get lost wandering around the many varied business collections. Sales will be going on throughout the store. If you miss the Open House, November 30 is Small Business Saturday. They will have craft vendors outside the store and sales inside the store. And if you want to browse a while, the same food truck will be there when you get hungry or thirsty.

You can find more information on their website, <http://www.dustyroseantiquemall.com/>.

SPAM Robotexts Now Greater Danger Than Calls

Automated text messaging has grown more popular, with many companies using robotexts to communicate directly with consumers. Spam robotexts are now more prevalent than illegal robocalls. Robotexts are also used to transmit emergency information, such as inclement weather warnings, school closings and other pertinent information. So are they good or bad?

The FCC bans text messages sent to a mobile phone using an auto-dialer unless the consumer has given consent to receive the message or the message is sent for emergency purposes. However, illegitimate companies and scammers tend not to heed these rules. Spam robotexts are potentially more dangerous than robocalls because malicious links can be clicked on directly via text. Responding, liking or clicking on the contents of the text will show the scammer that the phone number is active, making the targeted user vulnerable to more frequent scam messages. Avoid becoming a victim by doing the following:

- Avoid answering texts from unrecognized numbers.
- Do not click on links in text messages from unknown numbers as they often contain malware or lead to malicious websites.
- Consider downloading text and call blocking apps to further prevent these scam texts from reaching a mobile phone. Be sure to do research the apps before downloading to ensure that the app is legitimate.
- Know suspicious text messages from a five to six-digit short code telephone number may be a scam, unless the sender has registered the number in the U.S. Short Code Directory and the content of the message matches the registrant.

Certified Nursing Assistant Training Program



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Do you wish you had a rewarding career where you could make the world a better place? Nursing is a meaningful career path with strong job growth. Seniors in nursing homes and long-term care facilities and residents of all ages right here in Brevard County need care from Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs), and there are jobs waiting for those with training. That's why we are offering a unique program with scholarships for CNA training.

Nursing is a lucrative career path with job security. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, CNA employment is expected to grow by 8% from 2020 to 2030, and employment of Registered Nurses (RN) is projected to grow by 6%. This means that more jobs are being created in healthcare with a major surge in senior care, everyday. By starting your career as a CNA, you can earn skills and experience to progress into other nursing jobs, such as Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or Registered Nurse (RN). Plus, you can start your career with just weeks of training!

How does the CNA training program work? We know that balancing work and family responsibilities can make starting a new career seem overwhelming. That's why we'll be with you every step of the way and will connect you to services you may need to help you succeed, such as housing, transportation, childcare support, career guidance, and more!*

Once you've completed the CNA training program, you will be connected to rewarding jobs in the healthcare field. After you get a job, career advisors will work with you to help you succeed in your job, and develop career goals, and plans to reach your goals.

After completing one year of employment as a CNA, you may be eligible for a scholarship to achieve your Registered Nurse (RN) license or pursue other free healthcare job training for other specialties such as Medical Technician, Patient Care Technician, Administrator, and more.

Ready to get started? Visit <https://careersourcebrevard.com/career-services/education-and-training/certified-nursing-assistant-training-program/>.

* Eligibility is based on household income and/or employment at time of application.

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