

HAPPENINGS

Weekly Edition

March 7, 2025

Parrish Healthcare and Junior Achievement Partner to Inspire Health Science Students



Parrish Healthcare's President and CEO, George Mikitarian, Junior Achievement alum and Hall of Fame Laureate, speaks with students.

In partnership with Junior Achievement of the Space Coast, Parrish Healthcare welcomed students from Cocoa High School for an engaging, hands-on learning experience led by Parrish Healthcare's Education Team. Designed to inspire future healthcare professionals, the event offered students a behind-the-scenes look at medical careers through interactive activities and guest speakers from multiple disciplines within the hospital.

The hands-on learning day was organized in partnership with Junior Achievement of the Space Coast to inspire and educate young minds about the healthcare industry. Parrish Care Partners generously shared their knowledge and experience, answering students' questions and offering advice on pursuing careers in medicine.

During the visit, students experienced a variety of activities designed to give them a firsthand look at various hospital operations. Activities included practicing CPR on interactive mannequins, understanding required personal protective equipment necessary prior to surgery, the proper process for putting on a surgical cap, gown and mask, and correct handwashing techniques.

Parrish Healthcare's President and CEO, George Mikitarian, a Junior Achievement alum and Hall of Fame Laureate himself, also had the pleasure of speaking with the students. "We're proud to support the next generation of healthcare professionals and look forward to this meaningful collaboration every year. Thank you, Junior Achievement of the Space Coast, for making these kinds

of opportunities possible for our next generation of leaders. It was a pleasure to share our passion for healthcare and provide students with an immersive experience that may impact their future career paths," said Mikitarian.

The event was well-received by students and teachers alike, who expressed their gratitude for the chance to learn directly from medical professionals. The visit also highlighted the importance of community partnerships that foster education and career development.

Rose Hudson, HOPE Project Manager for Junior Achievement of the Space Coast, notes the impact the day had on students involved. "The hands-on presentations from the hospital's Education Team were an impactful way to showcase diverse career paths within the medical field and highlight the importance of collaboration in the healthcare industry," said Hudson. "Providing students the opportunity to engage with industry professionals and gain real-world insights is exactly the kind of experience that helps them become future ready. Dr. George Mikitarian's advice on asking questions, communicating and adapting will no doubt inspire them as they begin launching their dreams."

For more information about Junior Achievement of the Space Coast and its programs, please visit spacecoast.ja.org. For additional information about Parrish Healthcare and other community outreach initiatives, please visit parrishhealthcare.com.



Sterile Processing Department Supervisor, Matt Dolin, teaches students about essential surgical instruments.



WAITRESS

MARCH 14–APRIL 13, 2025

Sara Bareilles’ uplifting and inspiring musical celebrating friendship, motherhood, and the magic of a well-made pie. *Waitress* features original music and lyrics by six-time Grammy nominee Sara Bareilles (“Brave,” “Love Song”), and a book by acclaimed screenwriter Jessie Nelson. Jenna, a waitress and expert pie maker, is stuck in a small town and a loveless marriage. Faced with an unexpected pregnancy, Jenna fears she may have to abandon the dream of opening her own pie shop...until a baking contest in a nearby county and the town’s handsome new doctor offer her a tempting recipe for happiness. Supported by her quirky crew of fellow waitresses and loyal customers, Jenna summons the secret ingredient she’s been missing all along — courage. “A delicious tale that’s not simply about getting Prince Charming but getting its heroine to take action and discover her worth!” — *Variety*

Titusville Playhouse

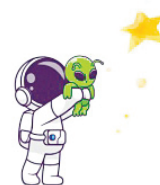
The Titusville Playhouse, Inc. is located within the Historic Emma Parrish Theatre 301 Julia St., (corner of Hopkins Ave. - US1 southbound), providing professional quality entertainment on the Space Coast. The MainStage theatre includes a 150 seat orchestra section and a 124 seat Balcony Section. Balcony seats are only accessed by walking up a flight of stairs. THERE IS NO ELEVATOR.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <https://titusvilleplayhouse.com/> or call 321-268-1125. Season tickets are available.

**Daylight Savings Time Begins
Set your clocks ahead 1 hour before
you go to bed on Saturday night.**



1-DAY EVENT SPRING BREAK BASH



Celebrate Spring Break with us at the Library!

Join us at the Port St. John Public Library for a fun-filled Cosmic Crafternoon with activities for all ages!

Friends of the Port St. John Library will be hosting Spring Break Bash on Saturday, March 15, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The event will include:

- Blacklight Dance Party! (All ages)
- Space-themed Poetry Workshop (ages 12+)
- Constellation Process Art (ages 5 & under)
- Rocket Craft (ages 6-11)
- Face Painting & Glittery Fairy Hair (All ages)

There is something for everyone of all ages. Come for the crafts and games, stay for the fun at the Port St. John Public Library, 6500 Carole Ave., Port St. John.

Meanwhile, In Outer Space...

SpaceX’s Starship Flight 8 exploded 10 minutes after taking off Thursday night, sending flaming debris across the night sky. SpaceX lost contact with Starship 8 before it was able to deploy its test satellites, which were set to occur at the 17-minute mark. Before the explosion, SpaceX completed its third-ever catch of its Super Heavy booster, equipped with 33 Raptor engines, which returned to the Texas launchpad where the so-called “chopsticks” mechanical arms grabbed the reusable, powerful booster.

Last Sunday, March 2, the Blue Ghost lander built by Firefly Aerospace soft-landed on the moon in the near side’s Mare Crisium (“Sea of Crises”) region. If all goes according to plan, Blue Ghost and its payloads will operate on the lunar surface for one lunar day - about two Earth weeks. The solar-powered lander will shut down shortly after the sun sets over Mare Crisium.

Resilience, a lander built by Tokyo-based ispace, launched on the same Falcon 9 and is functioning well on its longer, looping trek to the moon. It will attempt touchdown on June 5, ispace announced on March 3.

Intuitive Machines’ Nova-C lunar lander (Athena) has landed in Mons Mouton, a lunar plateau near the Moon’s south pole. Mission teams believe the spacecraft landed in an incorrect orientation that could prevent it from fully completing its mission. Until Athena’s cameras can return images, the lander’s orientation remains unknown. It is planned to hunt for lunar water using PRIME-1, (“Polar Resources Ice Mining Experiment 1”), a deep-digging drill and a mass spectrometer. It also carries a hopping spacecraft called Grace designed to explore a crater near the landing site and MAPP, a small rover from Lunar Outpost.

Parrish Healthcare Open Interviews & Job Opportunities Also for Healthcare Workers Affected by Rockledge Hospital Closure

Parrish Healthcare recognizes the dedication and expertise of the health care professionals affected by the planned closure of Rockledge Hospital. Parrish Healthcare is hosting several hiring events for those seeking immediate employment opportunities.

Parrish Healthcare hosts open interviews every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Parrish Medical Center; 951 North Washington Avenue, Titusville.

- Registered Nurses
- RN Clinical Coordinators
- RN Charge Nurses
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Medical Assistant
- Emergency Medicine Technologist
- Respiratory Technologists
- CT Technologists
- EKG Technologists
- Quality Improvement
- MRI Technologists
- Radiology Technologist
- Phlebotomist
- Identity Access Management Analyst
- Paramedic
- Sterile Processing Technician
- Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist
- Athletic Trainer



For additional information regarding open positions within Parrish Healthcare, please visit parrishhealthcare.com/careers.

Be a Part of Something Special. Be a Parrish Care Partner!

Ink and Ivy Book Club

Come join us at The Plant Shack on the last Tuesday of each month, at 7 p.m. to discuss that month's selection. We can't wait to support this awesome new locally owned business, too! Join us as we meet each month to discuss a diverse range of books covering different genres, cultures, periods, etc., courtesy of the Friends of the Port St. John Library. All are welcome!

The Plant Shack & Beer Garden is located at 5800 N. Highway 1, Port St. John, 321-208-8001. They also have:

Boutique Store · Beer Garden · Wine Bar
See their events page on Facebook.

Celebrate International Women's Day at Downtown Art Gallery!



Join us at Downtown Art Gallery on Saturday, March 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. as we honor International Women's Day with a special celebration of our talented women artists. Enjoy a live art demonstration by Diane DeShong Cannon, sip on refreshing mimosas and immerse yourself in a showcase of inspiring artwork created by the incredible women of our gallery. This is a wonderful opportunity to support local female artists, engage with the creative community, and celebrate the power of women in the arts.

Downtown Art Gallery is located at 400 Orange St., Titusville. For more information, visit our Facebook page or call us at 321-268-0122.

Come celebrate creativity, empowerment, and artistic expression with us!

Florida Master Naturalist Program Coastal Systems Course is Open for Enrollment

Do you want to become a Florida Master Naturalist? Then consider joining us for our next core course! This course provides instruction on the general ecology, habitats, wildlife and conservation issues of coastal systems in Florida.

The mission of the Florida Master Naturalist Program (FMNP) is to promote awareness, understanding and respect for Florida's natural world among Florida's citizens and visitors. FMNP participants will increase their knowledge of Florida's natural systems as well as the plants and animals that depend upon those systems. We hope to initiate, what is for many, a life-long process of learning, observation and sharing with others.

This course meets in person at various locations and runs from March 14 to March 29. The registration fee starts at \$350 per person. Registration ends at 10 a.m. on March 10. To register and learn more, please visit: <https://loom.ly/xk76WAg>.

If you have any questions, please call us at 321-633-1702 or email Brevard@IFAS.UFL.edu.



LIBRARY HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.
9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Wednesday, 12-8 p.m. and Sunday, 12-5 p.m.

Youth Services

STEAM Time - Every Tuesday afternoon from 4:30–5:30 p.m. in the meeting room for children ages six through twelve. We have activities centered around science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. This event requires parent or adult supervision at all times.

3/11— Magnetic Tiles

3/18— Sphero Car Coding

3/25— Lego Building Contest: Racecars

Read Your Way to K: Baby Story Time - 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. every Friday in the meeting room. We invite babies, young toddlers, and their caregivers to join us for stories, songs, and activities. This storytime is for babies ages three and younger and always requires parent or adult supervision.

Read Your Way to K: Toddler Story Time - 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. every Friday in the meeting room. We invite babies, young toddlers and their caregivers to join us for stories, songs and activities. This storytime is for toddlers ages three to five and always requires parent or adult supervision.

Sensory Sundays - Every Sunday from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., children can join the library staff for sensory bin activities. This event is for ages six and up and always requires parent or adult supervision.

3/9— Fairy Art

3/16— Flamingo Hand Painting

3/23— Planet Sponge Painting

3/30— Doily Daisies

Teen Art League - On March 8th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Teens ages 13 and up can join other creative-minded individuals for some time to chill and work on their personal art projects. The library will provide various art supplies, but you can bring your own. Try new projects with staff:

3/8— Photography and Scrapbooking

Saturday Craft Crew - Saturday, March 22nd from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Join us on Saturdays for a fun, hands-on craft time designed for kids ages four and up. We'll explore a new project or activity each week, helping kids get creative with colorful materials and exciting themes! It's the perfect way to start your weekend with a splash of imagination and fun!

3/8— Fairy Puppet

3/22— Flamingo and Turtle Mosaic

3/29— Space Rocket Craft

Family Programs

Family Spice Travelers Spice Club - Friday, March 21st at 3:30 p.m. This is a family event. Come to the meeting to pick up a spice kit and share food, recipes, and cooking

adventures. It's fun for the entire family.

Escape Room - March 23-25, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Erin go Bragh! Use the luck of the Irish to unlock clues, solve puzzles and find gold (chocolate) coins at the end of the rainbow! Please RSVP!

Game Day - Every Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Join us to meet other game enthusiasts for an afternoon of board, tabletop and card games in the main library area. Use one of the library-provided sets, or bring your own! All ages are welcome to this family-friendly event.

Spring Break Bash - March 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Blast off into a day of fun at our Spring Break Bash! This family-friendly event has something for everyone, with a variety of activities designed for all ages.

Glow-in-the-Dark Dance Party (All Ages)

Space-Themed Poetry Workshop (Ages 12+): Explore the wonders of the universe through creative writing in this out-of-this-world workshop!

Constellation Process Art (Ages 5 & Under): With this hands-on art activity, little ones can create their own sparkling night sky.

Rocket Craft (Ages 6-11): Kids can build and decorate their very own rockets!

Face Painting & Glittery Fairy Hair (All Ages)

Printmaking Class - March 19, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Collagraph and monotype printmaking class using found materials, trash, and used teabags. Ages 16+. Dress to get messy. Register at the reference desk

Adult

Community Advocate - Mondays, March 17 and 31, from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. The community support advocate assists with housing, SNAP, social security, healthcare and insurance, and senior resources.

Friends of the Port St John Library

2-DAY EVENT

 **Book & Bake Sale** 

Friday, March 14 - Saturday, March 15
10:00 - 4:00 each day

Cupcakes

Cookies

BOGO books!
DVD's & CD's - 4/\$1

and other treats!

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