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*** PSJ Christmas Parade Results! ***

The 30th annual Port St. John Christmas Parade took off under overcast skies, but the weather was cool and felt like winter time (in Florida, anyway). Best Overall was won by Brevard County Sheriff's Office with a dazzling display of holiday spirit and creativity.

The Space Coast Vipers Marching Band, always a favorite of the crowd, rocked the whole mile but were beat out for top Marching Musical honors by the carolers of 1st Baptist Church of PSJ.

Space Coast HS ROTC unit put on a great show and as always, looked extraordinarily sharp doing it. In fact, Space Coast High School has never been as well represented as in this year's parade. The band, cheerleaders, football, baseball-softball, basketball and soccer teams came out and looked great.

There were amzing floats, (some had snow!), lots of music, terrific costumes and lots of candy for all the youngsters along the entire route.

Our Grand Marshall this year was the Over 25 Club, a group of volunteers who have worked 25 or more PSJ Christmas parades. Most of us have



always worked in the staging area and follow the parade. This was the first time we were able to watch the parade.

As always, a VERY BIG THANK YOU goes out to Parrish Medical Center, Happenings, Higginbotham Companies, CarePlus Health Plans, FPL, Maureen Rupe, Freedom Air Conditioning, Allstate Insurance, All Air and Heat, Inc., Liberty Title, Community Educators Credit Union, Shipping Depot, Domino's, Space Coast Panthers, Port St. John Auto Repair, Friends of the Library, First United Methodist Church of Port St. John,

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Please remember these businesses and people who give back to make our community a wonderful place to live.

And of course, a BIG THANK YOU to the Christmas Parade Committee and our newest volunteers, many of whom miss the parade every year working at Challenger 7 Elementary staging the entries to create the parade. YOU ARE AWESOME!

~ Randy Rodriguez

Brevard County Sheriff

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Christmas Parade Winners:

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2nd Place Creativity
1st Place Spirit
2nd Place Spirit
1st Place Theme
2nd Place Theme
1st Place Musical:

2nd Place Musical SCHS Viper Band 1st Place Marching Non-Musical:

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PSJ Community Center Schedule - January, 2020

The center is open Mondays–Thursdays from 10 AM to 8 PM, Fridays from 9 AM to 6 PM, Saturday 10 AM-2 PM Schedule is subject to change. For latest information or to register, call 633-1904.

Mondays - Fridays

Seniors at Lunch, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Winter Break Camp, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., January 2nd - 7th

Mondays

20th - Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Billiards, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 p.m.

Tuesdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Game Room/Computers, 6-8 p.m. Billiards, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. 13, 27, Girl Scout Troop 1902, 4-5:15 p.m. 13, 27, Girl Scout Troop 276, 6-7 p.m.

Wednesdays

1st Center Closed for New Year's Holiday

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Billiards, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Dreamweavers, 1-3 p.m. Zumba (Adult Class), 6-7 p.m.

Thursdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Billiards, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Fridays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Game Room/Computers, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Billiards, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturdays

Outside Basketball, 10 a.m - 2 p.m. Game Room/Computer, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Winter Break Camp - Come join us for Winter Break Camp 7a.m. to 6 p.m. at Port St. John Community Center. January 2nd - 7th. Campers will participate in arts & crafts, indoor games, movies and weekly special events. Camp fees are \$90 per week or \$30 per day, discounts may apply. Field trips & activity fees are additional cost. For more information contact the Port St. John Community Center (321)633-1904.

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Parks & Recreation Meeting

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, January 9th, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Brevard Room at 518 South Palm Avenue in Titusville. The public is invited to attend.

The Brevard Room is located in a building on the north side of the parking lot behind the Brevard County Government Center-North.

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Good Day! by Maureen Rupe Liquid Natural Gas by Rail?

I was just told in the last few days that the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), under the Department of Transportation (DOT), along with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), wants to change Hazardous Regulations to allow the transporting of Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) by rail car. I searched the internet and found this has been posted in the Federal Registry since October 24th, and comments had to be submitted by December 24th. The U.S. Railcar specification design is for a capacity of 30,000 gallons of LNG.

The immediate thought is, "Oh No! What happens if there is an accident?" Well, the more I looked into it, I found it is happening all around us.

An Angus Natural Gas article from 11/10/17 stated Florida East Coast Railroad had 24 locomotives (all long distance) running on LNG. "We just completed implementing the largest rail LNG project in North America," FEC chief executive James Hertwig said this week at the Natural Gas for High Horsepower Summit in Jacksonville,

Florida. "FEC has been permitted to carry up to 10 ISO containers filled with LNG per train and hopes to increase that limit over time," Hertwig added.

The story even mentioned the LNG plant that is planned just north of PSJ. It stated, "American LNG Marketing is building another small liquefaction facility in Titusville, east-central Florida, also along the FEC system. The Hialeah and Titusville facilities both tie into the nearby Florida Gas Transmission system."

The following is taken directly from the Department of Energy's website:

"Today, the United States is the world's largest producer of natural gas. Natural gas is a vital energy source for the U.S. and for the world. Natural gas supplies nearly 1/3 of the United States' primary energy and is the primary heating fuel for approximately half of U.S. households. While the majority of natural gas is delivered in its gaseous form via pipeline in the United States, the growth in the international market for natural gas has given rise to the use of natural gas in a liquefied form, or LNG.

LNG Basics

Liquefied natural gas (LNG) is natural gas that has been cooled to a liquid state, at about -260° Fahrenheit, for shipping and storage. The volume of natural gas in its liquid state is about 600 times smaller than its volume in its gaseous state. This process makes it possible to transport natural gas to places pipelines do not reach."

There are currently 3 LNG plants in Florida; two in Jacksonville and one in Miami. All are relatively new. The oldest is New Fortress in Miami. According to their website it states, "Constructed in just one year, our Miami liquefier was commissioned in 2015. The facility was the first privately owned LNG plant in Florida and the first to export LNG from the continental United States to a non-FTA country. The 100,000 gallon per day plant is optimally located to supply LNG to transportation, commercial and industrial users in South Florida and the Caribbean."

According to the Jacksonville LNG website, their engineering was approved to start constructions in late 2016, and they said in a news release, "May 23, 2019 – JAX LNG, a liquefied natural gas facility located at Dames Point in Jacksonville, Florida, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony



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May 16 to signify the official startup of the newly constructed plant."

The second Jacksonville LNG plant, Eagle, according to a news release on their website: "Eagle LNG Partners announces the official grand opening of its Maxville LNG facility, July 27, 2018, Jacksonville, FL. Eagle LNG Partners (Eagle LNG) announced yesterday the official grand opening of its Maxville LNG facility. The plant, which has been operating since early 2018, has a production capacity of 200,000 liquefied natural gas (LNG) gallons-per-day with a 1 million gallon storage tank. Maxville is built to supply Eagle LNG's Marine Fuel Depot - Talleyrand located on the Port of Jacksonville's (JAXPORT) Talleyrand Marine Terminal."

As for Port Canaveral, their website even talks about LNG: Port Canaveral is at the center point for the use of LNG as an aerospace and marine rial/opinion went a long way. fuel. The space industry has plans to power launch vehicles with LNG for space missions due to its high energy content and cryogenic properties. With that industry's future launch tempo expected to increase, fuel sources are needed nearby to support efficient refueling at

launch sites.

And, in the maritime industry, 80 new cruise ships are on order, of which 26 will operate on LNG fuel. As the world's second busiest cruise port, Port Canaveral must have a concept of operations ready to meet the LNG fueling needs of our cruise partners, in addition to the space industry.

As for the LNG power plant just north of Kings Highway and Orlando Utilities right of way, I found a January 11, 2015 Opinion by Matt Reed titled, "Reed: Worry about this fuel, Brevard." He warned of safety concerns and stated, "Key decisions are coming fast. The city's Planning and Zoning Commission will consider the permit at a public hearing Jan. 21. The City Council will hold a public hearing Jan. 27." I regarding tanker trucks of LNG on our roads and don't know what happened but suspect his edito-

fects this whole issue, but I found a July 2nd story in Space Coast Daily titled, "Rep. Bill Posey by Rail Tank Car." That article stated, "The vote took place on June 24 when the House consid-

ered HR Bill 3055 of the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020. It went on to say the Bill, along with the amendment banning LNG transport by rail car, passed, so I'm not sure how that affects the changes stated in the first paragraph, especially as it also stated, "Through Executive Order, the Trump administration requested the US Dept. of Transportation fast track approvals for rail freight systems applying to carry the highly volatile liquid gas."

Even if Representative Posey has a ban on rail cars, it will probably be transported by truck or barge, so no matter what, the following questions need to be asked:

- 1. What are the federal and state regulations highways?
- 2. What are the federal and state regulations I don't know how Representative Posey af- regarding LNG tankers on the tracks through our communities?
- 3. How many LNG trucks and rail tank-Votes to Ban Transport of Liquefied Natural Gas ers will move through our communities daily, weekly, monthly?

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Good Day!, cont.

4. Who has calculated the Exclusion Zones for thermal radiation and flammable vapor-gas dispersion for the Titusville LNG plant? Even if the Titusville plant is not opened, LNG is going to be transported over our roads or rail. We need to see Exclusion zones to protect our citizens.

5. Who has done an Environmental Impact Statement analyzing the effects of this much LNG in our communities?

I am still tracking down the status of the LNG plant just north of Port St John. Has construction been just paused or has it been stopped? I will let everyone know what I find out.

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Elimination and Rollback of Federal Regula-

I keep hearing about the current administration's elimination or rollback of regulations as a good thing. Most regulations are put into place to protect us - either our health or our quality of life - even down to whether we are paid for all the time we work? I found an article in the New York Times by Nadia Popovich, Livia Albeck Sep. 12, 2019. I didn't list all of them, but some are of concern:

Air Pollution and Emissions

1. Canceled a requirement for oil and gas companies to report methane emissions.

2. Revised and partially repealed an Obamaera rule limiting methane emissions on public lands, including intentional venting and flaring from drilling operations.

3. Loosened a Clinton-era rule designed to

luters.

4. Stopped enforcing a 2015 rule that prohibited the use of hydrofluorocarbons, powerful greenhouse gases, in air-conditioners and refrigerators.

5. Repealed a requirement that state and regional authorities track tailpipe emissions from vehicles traveling on federal highways.

6. Reverted to a weaker 2009 pollution permitting program for new power plants and expansions.

Infrastructure and Planning

43. Revoked Obama-era flood standards for Ripka and Kendra Pierra Lous, last updated on federal infrastructure projects, like roads and bridges. The standards required the government to account for sea-level rise and other climate change effects.

> 44. Relaxed the environmental review process for federal infrastructure projects.

> 45. Revoked a directive for federal agencies to minimize impacts on water, wildlife, land and other natural resources when approving development projects.

46. Revoked an Obama Executive Order pro-

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moting "climate resilience" in the northern Bering Sea region of Alaska, which withdrew local waters from oil and gas leasing and established a Tribal Advisory Council to consult on local environmental issues.

Toxic Substances and Safety

a pesticide linked to developmental disabilities in children.

67. Narrowed the scope of a 2016 law mandating safety assessments for potentially toxic chemicals, like dry-cleaning solvents and paint strippers. The E.P.A. will focus on direct exposure and exclude air, water and ground contamination.

Water Pollution

71. Scaled back pollution protections for certain tributaries and wetlands that were regulated under the Clean Water Act by the Obama administration.

72. Revoked a rule that prevented coal companies from dumping mining debris into local streams.

73. Withdrew a proposed rule aimed at reduc-66. Rejected a proposed ban on chlorpyrifos, ing pollutants, including air pollution, at sewage treatment plants.

> I didn't list them all, but I couldn't find many that, although they would help business, would not also hurt our overall quality of life.

Reference:

https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/ climate/trump-environment-rollbacks.html

Happy Holidays to everyone!

Cheerio. Maureen Rupe rupe32927@earthlink.net

Monthly Business Roundtable

The Port St. John (PSJ) Startups & Founders Club normally meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Business owners and entrepreneurs are welcome to attend. The group shares information on new business opportunities and ways to improve on existing businesses.

The hot topics for the January meeting will be ideas for new events for the Port St. John community. You don't need to know how to shoot the fireworks, just be willing to help with the event and the fundraising.

There is no fee to attend. New members and curious residents of Port St. John are always welcome. The January meeting will likely be moved to Wednesday, January 8th, 8:00 AM at Port Java in Fay Plaza, 4795 Fay Blvd.

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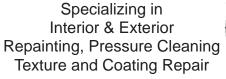
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Rase's Room

~ Rose Padrick rosepadrick@gmail.com Not New Stuff

Most of what we read (my prose included) at this time of year includes the word 'new' multiple times.

New diets (UGH!). We feel so noble and purposeful at the big midnight. I have learned however, the next days and weeks have a way of sliding us off our self-erected pedestals.

While not as prevalent as in years past, getting used to writing/typing the numbers comprising the new year's date is still a pain, as is trying to remember exactly what it is we want to begin anew. Organizing our lives? Job? Yard work?

I have always absolutely resolved to have my resolutions etched in steel until the third time that co-worker stuck a hat pin in my last nerve. I do have to take the credit for the most creative have changed the time, the day, which movie to non-apologies ever invented, though.

All I can say about the myriad of new diets that I have attempted is the Big Guy did not give this human mouth the ability to utter the words, "Thank you very much, dear daughter, but I do not want that dark chocolate Dove ice cream bar. Please help yourself." The words this mouth IS able to utter should she or any family member find my secret freezer hiding place and actually reach for that brown shiny wrapper are not fit for this family paper.

Maybe we should make that something new out of something old?

Traditions are wonderful, and I have said many times making new traditions with the ones you love makes everything so much more special.

But teaching old family habits to the youngest members is even more so.

Explaining our family usually has a Thanksmas in a park because there are so many people in our family to love them (and give gifts) that we can't fit in anyone's house brings a smile to less-than-teen faces. Those same smiles fade fast New Year, New beginnings, New resolutions, at the mention of the habit of making various older family members aware of school grades – especially those under C's. I'm never sure if they have learned to see through this Grammy's scowl, but I'm thrilled to be such an important part of their lives. (And hope they remember when they become rich and famous so they can afford an elderly lady's condo in Hawaii.)

> Having a ladies' afternoon out whenever possible has become more than a habit also. Arranging those precious hours has become a real pain in various areas of the body also.

> By the time we've made twelve phone calls, watch and where to have lunch twelve times we are pretty much tired of each other already. But doing the same thing with the same love ones is familiar and comforting, I thank The Big Guy for the aggravation and pray for many more opportunities to be aggravated.

> Certain parts of yard work have become sort of tradition for me. Every spring I promise myself and other plant lovers in the family that I won't plant anything... and every spring I make the mistake of dropping into the hardware store just to buy mulch... and every spring I come home with six packs of tomatoes, lettuce, eggplant and whatever else happens to be on sale. Then every summer I accidently forget, or don't have time to water, weed or do any of the exercises neces-



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sary to prevent the plants from withering, turning black and falling over.

Children's laughter makes the world go around – even if said child is pointing at dead vegetables at the moment. And Grammy's laughter ain't so bad either, especially when said Grammy is pointing at the hoe and shovel said child will be using momentarily.

Walks on the beach, S'mores in the back yard, helping with secret Christmas gifts for parents, finding a way to get around parents rule of not allowing Grammy to pay for help with yard work, dinners of Pigs in the Blanket made by the under 21 crowd, Marco Polo in a sixteen foot above ground pool - one of us swimming with one arm due to a broken collar bone, not getting caught underhanding a chocolate donut after a pre-teen unfinished dinner... are all old stuff.

The new part is that I am resolving to continue to make my heart swell by doing each one... getting caught notwithstanding.

And invite every Grammy and Grampa to enjoy their swollen hearts just as much.

Tips for Being #CyberAware 1. Secure Your Device

We all know how important passwords are; we have them for every tool we use. Depending on what you use your phone for, you could have all of your credit card information, your passwords and banking information stored and easily accessible on your device. It's more important than ever to keep your device secure. Phones offer security settings such as face recognition, touch ID, pass codes, etc. It's important to know what security features your phone has and utilize them.

2. Research Apps Before Downloading



When downloading an application to your phone, it's important to know what kind of information it obtains and what that information is utilized for. If you care about your data security, make sure you read the app's privacy policy. When you look into the privacy policies of certain apps, you'd be surprised what data is collected and doesn't need to be.

3. Caution When Using Public WiFi

Restaurants and businesses offer free WiFi for their customers...that's great! But, did you know that when you connect to those public wireless networks, anyone could potentially see what you are doing while connected? Checking your account balance? Someone may be able to see your account number. Shopping online? Someone may be able to see your payment information. Just be aware of the potential harm when logging on to public WiFi. Additional tip: Disable WiFi and Bluetooth when not in use to avoid automatically connecting without being aware.

4. Keep Your Device Up-To-Date:

Your mobile device is as vulnerable as your computer; it's important that you stay up-to-date with software and apps to ensure you are best defended against viruses, malware, and other online threats.

5. Delete What You Don't Use:

We're all guilty of it; we have a handful of apps that we downloaded on our phones and never use. There are apps for airlines, hotels, attractions, etc. What you don't realize is that the majority of your apps are continuously collecting data and eating up both storage and battery life. Delete them! You can always download them back again if you need them in the future.

- Thanx to Launch Federal Credit Union





District 1 December Update

Top Ten Highlights from Last Three Years

As my third year comes to an end as your Commissioner, I would like to share some highlights of things we have been able to accomplish.

Roads - We resurfaced 35 miles of 375 roads in District 1. Thank you, Public Works.

Parks - Sway fun wheel chair glider; 11 Exofit exercise stations; Fit in the Park Guide System; kitchen upgrades; fencing installed around playground; picnic tables; covered pavilions coming soon.

Boat Ramp Repairs - All boat ramps are up and running except for a couple that are waiting for permits. Thank you, Parks & Recreation.

Libraries - Over \$1 million in library renovations.

Lagoon - North Brevard projects include Living (oyster beds), muck removal, septic to sewer conversions, baffle boxes and new storm water ponds.

Space - New companies up and running - SpaceX, Blue Origin, Firefly Aerospace, Moon Express and One Web.

Companies expanded - Boeing and Lockheed.

Tourism - USSSA (girls sports).

Housing - Willow Creek, Antigua Bay, River Palms Condominiums, Park Preserve, Luna Trails, South Carpenter Estates, La Hacienda at La Cita, Panther's Ridge, Hickory Ridge, Grissom Ridge, Summer Breeze, Adamson Creek, Forest Trace, Indian River



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Landings, Fox Lake Hammock, Brookshire Subdivision, Brooks Landing, Riverwalk Apartments, Solamere Grand; for a total of 2,550 new residences.

Community -

- Gave away over 300 coats to children in the district.
- Port St. John Small Area Study, and
- new Scottsmoor Small Area Study underway
- Sixteen covered bus stops and expanded routes.

New Hotels - Courtyard by Marriott, Extended Stay, Hyatt Place, Townplace Suites by Marriott.

Rita Pritchett County Commissioner District 1



Post 359 - American Legion Riders presents

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Monthly Tax Update

Wow!!! You're in for a real surprise again with the new Form 1040. The Form 1040, as we have just learned, the new form is no longer. Recent legislation has changed it again and removed some of the schedules added in prior years. So be alert to these new changes.

Now, I want to review the important changes for the 2019 tax filing season. The tax rates remain the same, except the brackets amounts have changed. The capital tax gains and qualified dividend rates will remain unchanged at 0%, 15%, and 20%, with an additional Medicare rate of 3.8%, and all these are based on total other income amounts.

The Standard Deduction increases to \$12,200 filing Single, \$24,400 filing Married Filing Joint, and \$18,350 filing Head-of-Household. You'll receive an additional deduction for being over 65 or blind of \$1,650 filing Single and \$1,300 for each, filing Married Filing Jointly.

Maximum aggregated contribution to your \$15,000. Traditional or Roth IRA is \$6,000, with a \$1000 Catch-up provision.

The Child Tax Credit and Other Dependent

WINTER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Noon to 4 pm, February 22nd in the gardens at Unity on the Space Coast, 2000 South St., Titusville.

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The cost is \$15, children 10 and under are free! Tickets are available at http://unityonthespacecoast.rsvpify.com.

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Credit was expanded and increased. For item- PTIN preparers have differing levels of skills, izers, the Medical Expense Deduction is now subject to 10% of your adjusted gross income not being deductible. Remember, it was 7.5%.

Total state and local taxes, whether it's real estate or sales taxes, are limited to a maximum of \$10,000.

Mortgage interest is reduced from interest on qualified home loans from \$1,000,000, is now limited to \$750,000.

Casualty and Theft Losses are limited to losses from federally declared disaster areas and personal theft losses are no longer deductible.

divorce proceedings executed after December 31, 2018, unless a pre-2019 decree is amended, and the new agreement expressly provides the pre-2019 rules apply.

The Estate Tax exclusion for decedents is increased to \$11,400,000.

The Annual Gift Tax exclusion remains at

And the Health Insurance Penalty is reduced to \$0 for 2019.

Next, let's talk about who prepares your taxes. Did you know anyone can be a paid tax return preparer as long as they have an IRS Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN). However, these

education and expertise. Also, they may prepare your tax return, but they can't represent you in audit or any inquiry by IRS unless they prepared the return. You may pay more for an Enrolled Agent, CPA, or an Attorney, but it's worth it in the long run. Their continuing education requirements can be invaluable. If you want, at irs.gov, there is a "Directory of Federal Tax Return Preparers with Credentials and Select Qualifications" where it can help you find preparers in our area who currently hold professional credentials recognized by the IRS, or who hold an Annual Filing Season Alimony is no longer deductible for final Program Record Completion. You can also check with professional organizations where many tax preparers are members. It is in your best interest to learn about your tax preparer's credentials and qualifications before your appointment and make sure you're comfortable to trust them to prepare your tax return. Remember, you are ultimately responsible for the return, not your preparer or friend.

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



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Titusville Fire Department Supports PMC's Cancer Care Program

Titusville's Fire Department presented Jess Parrish Medical Foundation (JPMF) with \$3,000 in support of cancer care programs at Parrish Medical Center (PMC). During the month of October, as part of nationwide and local efforts to raise breast cancer awareness, Titusville's Fire Department showed their support by going pink for the cause. Department members sold and wore pink-themed T-shirts in October in place of their uniform shirts in observance of breast cancer awareness month.

For the fifth year, Titusville Fire has generously given back to JPMF and supported PMC's cancer care program. "Giving back to the community is gratifying for the department," said Gregory Sutton, battalion chief. "To know that we are personally making a difference in the lives of those in our community that need the vital services provided by PMC's cancer care program means so much. We look forward to developing bigger and better ways to increase awareness and our fundraising efforts as we help advance the great work Parrish is doing to pro-

vide healing care for those dealing with a breast cancer diagnosis. Adam and Tiffany at Printboy, our local printer, and everyone that purchased T-shirts helped make this donation possible. We are grateful for the enormous support we have received from the community."

"Jess Parrish Medical Foundation is proud of our unique community partnership with Titusville Fire Department to fight breast cancer in North Brevard. They have been unwavering in their commitment to help advance PMC's vision of Healing Families—Healing Communities®," said Tanya Abreu, Executive Director, JPMF.

As a breast health navigator, I have witnessed first-hand the impact Parrish's cancer care program has on the patients and families we serve," stated Shannon Luker, PMC breast health navigator and oncology program coordinator. "We are grateful to Titusville Fire Department for their generous gift and continued support in the fight against breast cancer. They are a shining example of how our community is stronger when working together. Together, we are making a difference

Titusville's Fire Department presented Jess vide healing care for those dealing with a breast in the lives of our patients and their families rrish Medical Foundation (JPMF) with \$3,000 cancer diagnosis. Adam and Tiffany at Printboy, throughout their cancer journey."

For more information, please contact Jess Parrish Medical Foundation at 321-269-4066 or visit parrishmedfoundation.com.

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. The next show will be held on Sunday, January 26th, 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.



Magic Dove Awards 2019 Magician of the Year

On Sunday, December 8, 2019, Magic Dove awarded two first place winners in their annual Magic Dove Magician of the Year contest. Todd Bogue of Port Orange won for the adult division. Justin Cowgill, a student at Rockledge High School, won the title in the youth division, and Megan Waryk, aka Marvelous Megan, won in the junior division, which marks her to be the first person to win this title 3 times.

Second place winners were Dr. Chad Lau, of Viera (adult division), Conner Harrell of Palm Bay (youth division), and Carter Concannon of Rockledge (junior

division).

"Our little monthly contest has grown into an amazing event and we couldn't be more excited," stated Dr. Dan Ezell, owner of Magic Dove Magic Shop—the sponsor of the event. "Each year it keeps getting bigger and better," exclaimed Ezell.

The first-place winners qualify to enter the Florida Magician of the Year Contest held in January each year at the Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse. "This year will be the 3rd year that we have partnered with The Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse for the Florida Magician of the Year Contest," said Ezell.

Magic Dove Magic Shop opened in 2006 in Cocoa Village offering magic tricks and supplies for beginners and professionals. Magic Dove is not only the host of the Magician of the Year contest, but also host to the world's largest youth magic club (Society of Young Magicians).

The Florida Magician of the Year qualifying contests are held monthly on the second Sunday at 2 pm at Magic Dove Magic Shop in Cocoa Village. The next monthly contest will be February 9, 2020 at 2pm, since the month of January is reserved for The Florida Magician of the Year Contest.

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Left to right: Carter Concannon, Megan Waryk, Justin Cowgill, Conner Harrell, Todd Bogue

2019 Magic Dove Magician of the Year Winners



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

days at 5 PM, Tuesdays and Fridays at 6:00 PM meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 PM at 4797 Curtis Blvd. (St. Patrick's Church).

Overeaters Anonymous meets in PSJ on Saturdays at 9:30 AM at the PSJ Library. Visit oaspacecoast.org for other meeting locations.

Nar-Anon: Support group for those affected by someone else's addiction, meets on Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00 PM at St. Patrick's Anglican Church, 4797 Curtis Blvd. - www.naranonfl.org.

12-31 New Year's Eve 1-1 Happy New Year!

1-1 American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 359, General Membership Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 6 PM at the Post Home, 7260 S. US 1, just north of PSJ. Call President Valerie Helmer at 321-268-1632.

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

Important Phone Numbers

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1-9 Canaveral Groves Homeowners, Inc. meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Room of Discovery Christian Church, 3925 Grissom Pkwy. in the

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

1-12 Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group meets on the 2nd Sunday each month (except Mother's Day & Nov.), 2 PM, Cocoa Library.

1-12 Word Weavers Space Coast, a critique group for Christian writers, meets the 2nd Sunday at 2:00 PM at the Central Brevard Library in Cocoa. Visitors are always welcome. Email angelagardnerwrites@gmail.com for info.

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

1-14 Orthodox New Year

1-15 American Legion Post 359 meets at the Post Home at 7260 S. US 1 in Bellwood, (2 miles north of PSJ), 6:00 PM. All Legionnaires and new members are welcome. The Post meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Please contact the Post at 268-1632 for assistance with your membership or information.

1-17 PSJ Business Connections Luncheon, sponsored by the Titusville Chamber of Commerce, meets on the 3rd Friday of the month at 12:00, PSJ Library on Carole Ave. Call Dennis

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Alcoholics Anonymous meets in PSJ on Sun- 1-7 Compassionate Friends Support Group 1-20 Moonport Modelers RC Club meets at 6:30 PM, 3rd Monday each month at the N. Brevard Library, 2121 S Hopkins Ave., Titusville. For more info, call Wayne Mendez, 505-2361.

1-20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 1-21 National Hug Day

1-28 Moonlight Ouilters Guild meets at the North Brevard Library in Titusville, 2121 Hopkins Ave. on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Meet and greet & refreshments at 6:15, meeting at 6:30 usually followed by show and tell or a guest speaker. Call 321-720-6232 or 321-720 1584 for more info.

1-25 Chinese New Year!

Congratulations to:

Brandi McGann turns more beautiful on the 1st.

Nathan Weimer turns **12** on the 1st. **Brandon Crissman** turns **44** on the 1st. Angie Crissman dances till dawn on the 3rd. Haley Higginbotham turns 20 on the 4th. Karissa Davis turns 24 on the 4th. Brittney Parks turns 27 on the 4th. Craig Taylor turns 39 on the 4th. Michelle Parks turns cuter on the 5th. Lisa Sarivola turns more lovely on the 5th. **Tom Hunt** turns wilder on the 5th. Carl Anderson IV turns 19 on the 5th. **Lucha Hunt** parties wild on the 6th. Natalee Prentis turns 26 on the 7th. **RaeLvnn Weathers** is the queen on the 12th. Michael Cox turns 16 on the 14th. Mark Walters turns 22 on the 16th. Jack Woerner turns 23 on the 22nd. Makylie Taylor turns 13TEEN on the 24th. Joe Casey is the Big Cheese on the 25th. **Brittanie Grenet** turns prettier on the 31st.

37th anniversary on the 29th. The Christmas Parade Committee for a Great Job on Dec. 21stth. Well done, team!! We have lots of room for more good news.

Rob & Cheryl Wratchford celebrate their

Dylan Carmichael turns **14** on the 31st

Email inputs to happenings1@att.net

The Perks, Perils and Possibilities of Homeschooling

Homeschooling is a life of adventure and learning. It's a commitment to our children and a potential sacrifice to ourselves. It's controversial for some and a given for others. So, what are some of the perks, perils and possibilities of homeschooling?

The perks of homeschooling are numerous and can be lifechanging. Take, for example, a child who no longer requires medication simply because he or she receives the one-on-one attention that he or she needs. Or, consider the home educator who realizes that he or she not only loves their children, but also really likes them and enjoys spending time with them! For people to discover that they like someone, they must first spend time getting to know them. How many parents can spend the unhurried, stress-free time to get to know their children? Homeschooling allows it.

Home educators realize another perk – we learn right alongside our children. At Classical Conversations we like to say that we are redeeming two generations as we teach our children. This is because we re-learn things we forgot long ago, and we learn new things that we were never exposed to in our educations. And finally, we realize that we love teaching our children, even those subjects that we struggle in.

A peril that homeschoolers face is when family, friends and coworkers think they are crazy for homeschooling. This can be exasperated when a parent decides to leave a good, well-paying job to be a stay-at-home parent and educator. Our world measures success largely by income or job status. Those who temporarily forego double incomes and careers for a more traditional family life often encounter shocked expressions and questions of sanity from well-meaning, but ill-informed people. Homeschoolers don't want to miss out on the most important and influential years for their children. We know that we can continue our careers once our children graduate, but we can never retrieve lost time and opportunities with our kids.

Other "perils" are when families learn that they can survive with one income and that the "sacrifice" endured by parents who put their careers on hold is not a sacrifice at all. Some parents switch to part-time work or reduce their hours and get the best of both worlds.

Perhaps the greatest benefits of homeschooling lay in its possibilities. A popular fallacy says that homeschoolers are unsocialized. Nothing could be farther from the truth. In fact, in a homeschooling community your family's social network will exponentially grow. Homeschoolers love to gather together and at Classical Conversations we meet once a week to learn, to socialize, and to encourage each other. Sprinkled within our other school days are field trips, study groups and play dates. Homeschool families do life together!

Another possibility and benefit are that your family will grow closer as you spend more time together. Quality family time leads to greater trust, fun and conversations in a relaxed atmosphere. This affects the here and now. An even greater possibility and impact is that your decisions and actions today have lasting impacts on your family and its future generations. Homeschoolers know that decisions made today for greater family closeness and a quality education have lasting benefits.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact us at www.classicalconversations.com.

~ Traci Robinson

Parrish Medical Center Offers Free Community Support Groups

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

- · AWAKE Sleep Disorders Support Group Celebration: Monday, January 13, 5-8:30 p.m., Titusville Playhouse, Inc., 301 Julia St.
- · Caregiver Academy: Thursday, January 9, 10-11 a.m., Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- · Diabetes Support Group: Thursday, January 9, 3:30-5 p.m., Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- · Diabetes Community Education Class: Thursday, January 9, 3:30-5 p.m., Parrish Medical Center, 951 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- · MAK Gathering (Moms and Kidz) Support Group: Mondays and Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., The Children's Center, 5650 S. Washington Ave., Titusville
- · Parkinson's Support Group of North Brevard: Thursday, January 16, 2-4 p.m., Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- · Pulmonary Hypertension Support Group: Tuesday, January 14, 3-5 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, Merritt Island
- · Stroke-Heart Survivors Group: Tuesday, January 21, 2-4 p.m., Heritage Hall, 931 N. Washington Ave., Titusville
- · Parrish Partners Cancer Support Group: Monday, January 20, 4-5:30 p.m., Parrish Medical Center, 951 N. Washington Ave.

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



Jess Parrish Medical Foundation Raises More Than \$129,000 at Treasure Island Gala Benefiting The Children's Center

efit gala Treasure Island was a tremendous success, raising more than \$129,000 in net proceeds to benefit The Children's Center. Presented by the law firm of GrayRobinson, P.A., and Laura and William Boyles, the event was held in October at Cruise Terminal One in Port Canaveral.

More than 350 enthusiastic guests donned mermaid and pirate inspired attire and enjoyed an evening of swashbuckling elegance, signature cocktails, a tropical island inspired dinner and treasure hunting at the silent auction. Sherriff

Wayne Ivey emceed the live action and paddle raise in support of The Children's Center to fund current and future needs and help bring the center into its 20th year of providing access to services, guidance and support for children and their families.

"It is gratifying to know that our investment is providing access to high-quality care that develops Strong Families for Life and will continue to provide future generations of our children with a safe place to learn, grow and reach their full potential. It is a privilege to be a part of such a worthwhile event for the community of North Brevard," said William Boyles,

shareholder at GrayRobinson. P.A. and gala presenting sponsor."

Abigail Thompson, the event's keynote speaker, shared the story of her daughter Mylah's autism diagnosis and the families' experience working with The Children's Center. "My husband and I often wonder where we would be today without The Children's Center. There was never a moment we questioned whether Mylah was receiving the care she needed. They exceeded our expectations in providing Mylah the absolute best care," stated Abigail.

Mylah shared center stage with Sheriff Ivey and bloodhound Junny, spokesdog for the Brevard County Sheriff's office, during a one-on-one interview. Mylah, who loves to dance, captivated the audience with her favorite dance steps.

Holly Carver and Laura Anne Pray were co-

Jess Parrish Medical Foundation's annual ben- chairs for the event. Gala committee members included, Judy Allender, Winnie Brewer, Kelley Broome, Mary Coleman, Lauren Coyne, Carlos Diaz, Lori Duester, Voncile Franklin, Betty Greene, Samantha Guyre, Nadine Itani, Jessie Kirk, Elizabeth Kump, Melissa Lugo, Christina Morrison, Susan Morse and Dr. Tanya Taival.

> One thousand pieces of gold were at stake in the Hooks 'n Tails costume contest, a highlight of the evening. Taking home the honor of Best Mermaid and Pirate were Becky Walters and Rick Wrubel.



Treasure Island was an enormous success thanks to the dedicated committee of local community members.

We are overjoyed by the tremendous support we have received for Treasure Island, and are thrilled to have so many organizations and community partners joining us to make a difference in the health of our community," said Judy Allender, event underwriting chair.

Event partners included Shores of Plentylevel sponsors: Injury Centers of Brevard, OMNI Healthcare, Susan Morse and Daniel Levy/UBS Financial Services and Zumpano Patricios. X Marks the Spot-level sponsors: Allender & Allender P.A./Port Commissioner Jerry and Judy Allender, Coastal Ambulance Services and Bob and Jessie Kirk/Kirk Management L.L.C. Pirate's Cove-level sponsors: Berman Hopkins CPAs,

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The Sellers Family, TD Bank, USI Insurance Services, The Watauga Company, Whittaker Cooper Financial Group and Marilyn J. Wright. In-kind event sponsors include Stina Bee Marketing. In-kind media sponsors include Brevard Business News, FLORIDA TODAY, Space Coast Daily and Space Coast LIVING. Other generous sponsors were recognized at the gala.

"On behalf of the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation board of directors and staff, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who supported our 2019 gala and contributed to its success. We have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support which will impact children and their families in our community for generations," said Jessie Kirk, chair, JPMF board of directors.

For more information about Jess Parrish Medical Foundation or how to get involved or support the foundation, visit www.parrishmed-foundation.com.

Tax-Aide Program Needs Volunteers



The Tax-Aide program needs volunteers to assist taxpayers with the free preparation of income tax returns.

We need Tax Preparers and Client Facilitators (sort of a receptionist).

All volunteers receive training for these positions and support in a welcoming environment. Those doing tax preparation attend training sessions in tax law and computer tax preparation. They will prepare a few practice returns and take a test to be certified as a tax preparer by the IRS. Training is held in January and returns are prepared from February 1 through April 15.

The Tax-Aide program, which is sponsored by the AARP Foundation and the IRS, helped over 2 million people of all ages and income last year, and recently celebrated 50 years of service to taxpayers. This was achieved with the help of thousands of volunteers.

To continue giving this valuable service, we need more volunteers. This year there will be Tax-Aide sites at the PSJ Library if we have enough volunteers.

If you are interested, please contact Jennifer Ward by email at ward638@gmail.com.

Public Notice

The American Police Hall of Fame in Titusville, FL will be constructing a heliport for helicopter tours beginning first quarter of 2020.

For more information, please contact Mr. Shepherd at (321) 264-0911.

Young Eagles Flight Rally

Kids 8 to 17 will take to the air on January 25th as the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 724 hosts a Young Eagles Flight Rally at the Merritt Island Airport, 900 Airport Road, Merritt Island.

"The Airplane rides are FREE," said Don White, Chapter Coordinator for the event. "We hope to build a one on one relationship between the pilots and the young people, thus, giving the new generation a chance to learn more about the possibilities that exist in the world of Aviation while enjoying the thrill of flying."

Pre-registration is REQUIRED. A parent must register their kid(s) at: http://YEDAY.org and fill out the registration form and then click on the SUBMIT button for this event. When you arrive at the airport the registration form will be printed out for the parent to sign.

Anyone without access to a computer will be able to register online when they arrive at the airport or can use a computer at a public library.

A Parent or Guardian must accompany the young folks and sign the registration form.

The flights are an average of twenty minutes, depending on the type of airplane. Following the flight, each young person (Young Eagle) will receive a certificate making him or her an Official Young Eagle Flight Member and a personal Flight Log Book from Sporty's Pilot Shop. Their names will also be entered into the "Worlds Largest Log Book." This book is on permanent display at the EAA Air Adventure Museum in Oshkosh, WI.

All Pilots and Airplanes are certified by the FAA and are also insured.

Want more information? Phone 321-266-7410 (Don) and leave a message.

Port St. John Public Library

6500 Carole Ave., Port St. John Lena Penna, Director (321) 633-1867

January Calendar of Events

Mon., Tues., Fri., 9 am - 5 pm; Wed., 12 - 8 pm; Thurs., 10 am - 6 pm; Sat., 10 am - 2 pm No Storytime sessions on Nov. 28 and Nov. 29. January 1st - Library is Closed.

The library will be closed for approximately two weeks beginning on January 13th for the installation of new flooring. Items may still be returned in the outside book drop during the closure.

Adult Programs:

Master Gardener. Mondays, 2-4 pm

SHINE – Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders. Tues, 12-3 pm. Counselors assist seniors and the disabled with Medicare and Medicaid questions. Call for an appointment time 321-222-7981.

Infant Laptime: Tuesdays, 9:15-10:15 am. Fingerplay, songs and free play. Ages 3 months - 24 months.

Brick by Brick: Lego freeplay. Thursdays, 3:30 pm.

STIR: Story Time for Independent Readers: Thursdays, 3:30 pm. School aged kids.

Story Time: Fridays, 10:30 am. Ages 2-5.

Overeaters Anonymous: Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 am.

Meetings and Events:

Jan. 8, 6:30 pm. Bookworms Book Club. Jan. 13-25. Library is Closed.

We are hoping to be a location for the free AARP Tax Preparation beginning in February, 2020, but they are in need of volunteers! It has been a few years since they have been able to have a regular presence here. They usually are in Cocoa and Titusville libraries and one of the Titusville Community centers and maybe a week here, so we are hopeful.

Do you want to be of service to your community? Consider becoming an AARP Taxaide volunteer. The program helps thousands of residents with income taxes each year throughout Brevard county, including here at the library.

Please email Jennifer Ward at ward638@ gmail.com to find out more about this wonderful service and how you can help.

Car Radios

Seems like cars have always had radios, but they didn't. Here's the true story:

One evening, in 1929, two young men named William Lear and Elmer Wavering drove their girlfriends to a lookout point high above the Mississippi River town of Quincy, Illinois, to watch the sunset. It was a romantic night to be sure, but one of the women observed that it would be even nicer if they could listen to music in the car.

Lear and Wavering liked the idea. Both men had tinkered with radios (Lear had served as a radio operator in the U.S. Navy during World War I) and it wasn't long before they were taking apart a home radio and trying to get it to work in a car.

But it wasn't as easy as it sounds. Automobiles have ignition switches, generators, spark plugs and other electrical equipment that generate noisy static interference, making it nearly impossible to listen to the radio when the engine was running.

One by one, Lear and Wavering identified and eliminated each source of electrical interference. When they finally got their radio to work, they took it to a radio convention in Chicago. There they met Paul Galvin, owner of Galvin Manufacturing Corporation. He made a product called a "battery eliminator," a device that allowed battery-powered radios to run on household AC current.

But as more homes were wired for electricity, more radio manufacturers made AC-powered radios. Galvin needed a new product to manufacture. When he met Lear and Wavering at the radio convention, he found it. He believed that mass-produced, affordable car radios had the potential to become a huge business.

Lear and Wavering set up shop in Galvin's factory, and when they perfected their first radio, they installed it in his Studebaker.

Then Galvin went to a local banker to apply for a loan. Thinking it might sweeten the deal, he had his men install a radio in the banker's Packard. Good idea, but it didn't work. Half an hour after the installation, the banker's Packard caught on fire. (They didn't get the loan.)

Galvin didn't give up. He drove his Studebaker nearly 800 miles to Atlantic City to show off the radio at the 1930 Radio Manufacturers Association convention. Too broke to afford a booth, he

parked the car outside the convention hall and cranked up the radio so that passing conventioneers could hear it. That idea worked! He got enough orders to put the radio into production.

That first production model was called the 5T71. Galvin decided he needed to come up with something a little catchier. In those days many companies in the phonograph and radio businesses used the suffix "ola" for their names -Radiola, Columbiola, and Victrola were three of the biggest. Galvin decided to do the same thing, and since his radio was intended for use in a motor vehicle, he decided to call it the Motorola.

But even with the name change, the radio still had problems. When Motorola went on sale in 1930, it cost about \$110 uninstalled at a time



when you could buy a brand-new car for \$650, and the country was sliding into the Great Depression. (By that measure, a radio for a new car would cost about \$4,000 today.)

In 1930 it took two men several days to put in a car radio. The dashboard had to be taken apart so that the receiver and a single speaker could be installed, and the ceiling had to be cut open to install the antenna.

These early radios ran on their own batteries, not on the car battery, so holes had to be cut into the floorboard to accommodate them. The installation manual had eight complete diagrams and 28 pages of instructions. Selling complicated car radios that cost 20 percent of the price of a brand new car wouldn't have been easy in the best of times, let alone during the Great Depression.

a couple of years after that. But things picked up in 1933 when Ford began offering Motorola's pre-installed at the factory. In 1934 they got another boost when Galvin struck a deal with B.F. Goodrich Tire Company to sell and install

them in its chain of tire stores. By then the price of the radio, installation included, had dropped to \$55. The Motorola car radio was off and running. (The name of the company would be officially changed from Galvin Manufacturing to "Motorola" in 1947.)

In the meantime, Galvin continued to develop new uses for car radios. In 1936, the same year that it introduced push-button tuning, it also introduced the Motorola Police Cruiser, a standard car radio that was factory preset to a single frequency to pick up police broadcasts.

In 1940 he developed the first handheld twoway radio - The Handie-Talkie - for the U. S. Army. A lot of the communications technologies that we take for granted today were born in

Motorola labs in the years that followed World War II.

In 1947 they came out with the first television to sell under \$200. In 1956 the company introduced the world's first pager. In 1969 it supplied the radio and television equipment that was used to televise Neil Armstrong's first steps on the Moon. In 1973 it invented the world's first handheld cellular phone. Today Motorola is one of the largest cell phone manufacturers in the world. And it all started with the car radio.

Whatever happened to the two men who installed the first radio in Paul Galvin's car?

Elmer Wavering and William Lear ended up taking very different paths in life. Wavering stayed with Motorola. In the 1950's he helped change the automobile experience again when he developed the first automotive alternator, replacing inefficient and unreliable generators. The invention lead to such luxuries as power windows, power seats, and eventually, air-conditioning.

Lear also continued inventing. He holds more than 150 patents. Remember eight-track tape players? Lear invented that. But what he's really famous for are his contributions to the field of aviation. He invented radio direction finders for planes, aided in the invention of the autopilot, Galvin lost money in 1930 and struggled for designed the first fully automatic aircraft landing system, and in 1963 introduced his most famous invention of all; the Lear Jet, the world's first mass-produced, affordable business jet. (Not bad for a guy who dropped out of school after the eighth grade.)

On The Road With Rose

~ Rose Padrick

Obloy Family Ranch

Old professor Harold Hill may have had trouble in River City, but us Islanders have old time entertainment right here in Merritt Island!

Barely hidden from the view of the going and coming of Space Center workers who are moving us ever forward almost at light speed sits a wonderful venue for family entertainment of almost all kinds. A very pleasant step back to a more relaxed time, there are no gut wrenching two story drops nor two-legged talking mice to be found, but plenty of adorable four legged animals of all kinds.

Situated off North Courtenay Pkwy. just a mile or so north of the Barge Canal, (keep an eye out for the old pick-up with the sign in the back and turn at Gator Drive), the Obloy Family Ranch is located on a historic property dating back to the 1890s when oranges were king in Brevard County. The original owners grew mostly navel oranges, then spread out to begin one of Florida's first gator ranches. Some of the pens still remain as part of the wildlife conservation area.

In 2015 the Obloy family purchased the property and completed the circle back to conserving wildlife. They began the difficult and tedious process of transforming the overgrown and marshy land into what it is today and will be in the future.

There is a wildlife sanctuary and farm including a petting zoo offering 30 of the cutest and calmest animals to ever vie for a human touch. From skyscraper height camels to the perky little sun conure, all are tame and eager for interaction with little ones. My friend's four-year-old niece was disappointed there were no unicorns but was assuaged by the gentleness and 'twerky' (her word) ears of the beautiful little zebra. Food for the animals can be purchased at the Country Store.

Horseback riding is led by an experienced guide and lasts 45 minutes. Ten year olds and up can ride their own horses. The horses are trained to handle inexperienced riders on the trails meandering through old Florida scrubland.

The monster truck careens through mud bogs daily. There are adventure train rides for the little ones and arrangements can be made for field trips of all kinds encompassing the whole ranch

or just parts.

freshwater ponds for fishing, constructed an outdoor party hub and more, up to and including Bodacious, the mechanical bull.

I attended a family member's wedding and reception in the barn recently and was most pleasantly impressed. The barn is new, squeaky clean and air conditioned, strictly for human occupation. The animals have their own barn... sans the party lights.

Our 12 tables - seating 8 to 10 each - were Music will be provided by not crowded at all, taking half of the floor space, leaving the rest open to serve food to the left and for dancing to the right. Dinner was excellent, accompanied by wine from their own winery. The hayloft accommodates a DJ and equipment with room to spare, and acoustics are great. The water wheel, lighted arches and fire pits set the mood wonderfully.

Much more info is available on their website https://www.obloyfamilyranch.com or pick up the phone, 321-848-2486 and speak with Eric, Amanda or any of the family members.

Most of all, just relax and enjoy... and please The Obloy family has restored and restocked let me and Journey know if there is a Unicorn sighting.

Martin Andersen Senior Center Dances

Martin Andersen Senior Center will host a Singles/ Couples Ballroom Dance on Saturday, January 11th. Janice and Rene.



MASC will also host a Singles/Couples Ballroom Dance on Saturday, January 25th. Music will be provided by Steve.

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

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



A toll-free resource of the Florida Department of Transportation (standard mobile phone minutes, text message or data charges may apply)

Plan Ahead for Amaryllis Blooms All Winter Long

~ By Melinda Myers

Let amaryllis fill your home with flowers for the holidays and keep the blossoms coming all winter long. When you plant several differ-

ent types of amaryllis bulbs, from both the southern and northern hemisphere, you can be sure to get a long-lasting, colorful show that will brighten your mood and surroundings throughout the winter months.

Kick off the holiday season with amaryllis bulbs that are imported from growers in Peru. As we enter autumn, it's springtime in South America, and these bulbs are eager to start blooming. Pot them up

before early November for flowers in December.

Amaryllis varieties grown in the southern hemisphere include deep red Mandela, frosty white Denver, coral-pink Bolero and two-tone Charisma. Combine these impressive blossoms with greens, poinsettias, candles and other holiday décor, or give them as living gifts to friends, family and neighbors.

Most amaryllis bulbs that are grown in the

U.S. are imported from Holland, and their natural bloom time is January through March. Exactly when the flowers will open is impossible to predict. The best strategy is to choose a number of different varieties and plant them 3 to 4 weeks apart during November, December and January.

This way you will always have flowers coming into bloom.

Plan a winter filled with amaryllis blossoms by referring to Longfield Gardens' article, longfield-gardens. com/article/When-Will-Your-Amaryllis-Bloom, for insight on when different amaryllis varieties will bloom.

Start your indoor flower display with an early bloomer such as Evergreen, which is always quick to break out of dormancy. Its flowers have narrow, lime/chartreuse petals on 20-inch

plants. Enjoy the impressive display as each bulb produces 2 stems with 4 to 6 blooms.

Minerva's extra-large, cherry-red flowers have a white star in the middle and an apple green throat. They are eye-catching from afar and spectacular up close. Apple Blossom is a long-time favorite with snow-white petals brushed with pink and a lime green throat. Or grow a double amaryllis such as Double King with layers of

burgundy-red petals and up to a dozen flowers.

Enjoy some of the more unusual amaryllis colors and flower styles by planting varieties such as Naranja, with its tropical red-orange blossoms or Sweet Nymph, a romantic double amaryllis with stunning, coral-pink petals. Add elegance to your indoor garden with Picotee. Its 8" flowers are white with a thin red line around each petal.

As winter turns to early spring, celebrate with an explosion of indoor blooms from Red Pearl, Spartacus and other proven performers. The velvety, burgundy-red flowers of Red Pearl have a deep maroon throat that sets off the glittering gold stamens. Spartacus turns heads with its crimson petals and bold white stripes.

Display your amaryllis on a mantle, kitchen counter or entryway table where you can watch the amazing show as the first sprout appears, followed by buds and the spectacular trumpetshaped blooms. Amaryllis are also beautiful, long-lasting cut flowers.

For best selection, order your bulbs early and store them in a cool, dry, dark place until you are ready to plant. Once you pot up the bulbs and place them in a warm, bright location, flower buds should appear in about 6 to 10 weeks.

Protect yourself from the winter blahs by investing in amaryllis. You can count on their big flowers and bright colors to lift your spirits and ease your way to spring.

Note: Melinda Myers has written numerous books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Her web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)

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

Our next meeting will be January 13th. Our speaker will be Marge Clericuzio who will bring us up to date on the latest changes to fling our income taxes. No reservations required.

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





Walter Butler Community Center - January, 2020 Bernice G. Jackson Park, 4201 North US Hwy. 1, Sharpes

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

Mondays

20th - Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Open Computer Lab, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. Pickleball, 11a.m.-2 p.m.

Kids in Motion, 3-6 p.m.

Chess Club, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Tuesdays

Introduction to Computers Class 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Pickleball, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

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

Lego Club, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Wednesdays

1st - Center Closed New Year's Day Holiday Pickleball, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. Kids in Motion, 3-6 p.m.

Volleyball, 5:30-8 p.m.

Thursdays

Introduction to Computer Class 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Pickleball, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Open Computer Lab, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. For more information, contact Jared Lewis at Kids in Motion, 3-6 p.m.

Fridays

Open Computer Lab, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Pickleball, 11 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

Kids in Motion, 2-6 p.m.

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

Saturdays

Open Computer Lab, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Basketball League Games, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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

4-H Junior Master Gardner Program

The Junior Master Gardner Program engages participants in novel, hands-on group and individual learning experience that promote a love of gardening, develop an appreciation for the environment, and cultivate the mind.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays 3-4 p.m. For more information, contact the Walter Butler Community Center (321)433-4448.

Winter Break Camp

Come join us for Winter Break Camp 7a.m. to 6 p.m. at Walter Butler Community Center January 2nd – 7th. Campers will participate in arts & crafts, indoor games, movies and weekly special events. Camp fees are \$90 per week or \$30 per day, discounts may apply. Field trips & activity fees are additional cost. For more information contact the Walter Butler Community Center (321)433-4448.

Next Level Basketball League

A basketball league composed of area elementary schools. Each team will be made up of boys and girls in the 5th and 6th grades. January 11 thru February 29, games played each Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Cost is \$275 per team. For more information contact the Walter Butler Community Center at (321)433-4448.

Sharpes Community Brunch

Hosted by The North Cocoa Civic League every third Wednesday of the month, 10:15-11:30 a.m., this event is free.

321-412-0577 or the Walter Butler Community Center (321)433-4448.

playing techniques and teamwork. This class focuses on teaching beginners how to properly bump, set, spike and more.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays & Thursdays 5-8 p.m. For more information, contact the Wal- www.eaa724.org. ter Butler Community Center (321) 433-4448.

Word Weavers

Do you enjoy writing? If so, then join our Creative Writing Group.

- A place to share your writing
- A place to receive feedback
- A place to give feedback
- A place to be encouraged
- A place to meet new people
- A place to have fun
- A place to network

The group meets on Mondays, 9:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Port St. John Library. Writers and potential writers ages 18-118 are encouraged to attend. All levels are welcome!

For more information, call 321-720-3881.

Experimental Aircraft Meeting

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724, Merritt Island (EAA724) will hold their next meeting on January 8th in the club house on Merritt Island Airport at 7:30 pm.

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

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

For more information, visit the website at

- Dwayne Waters, President

Meet your neighbors and stay informed of Events & Community Happenings! CANAVERAL GROVES HOMEOWNERS INC.

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. Mail to: CGHI, P.O. Box 675, Sharpes, FL 32959

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

SLEEPY Hollow



Fruit From The Groves

The Canaveral Groves Homeowners meeting was held on December 12th at Discovery Church on Grissom Parkway. A Deputy Sheriff from West Precinct informed the group of the stepped up traffic enforcement in the groves. This is due to the high number of traffic violations including speeding in the Groves.

One of the things that was also suggested is, if you hear a neighbor's alarm going off, look out the window to see whats going on. If you see something suspicious like a vehicle you don't recognize or a person running away, call the Sheriff's Office right away and give them the information.

Most of the time calling the Sheriff's Office and giving them the information is faster than waiting for the alarm company to respond, thereby making it a quicker response.

The Deputy also informed us that there have been changes to the Boy's Home on Vancouver Street. If you see one of the boys walking around between 10 pm and 6 am, the Sheriff's Office needs to be called since the Home does have a curfew placed on it.

Virgin Train has had many updates that are listed on the the Canaveral Groves Community Facebook page and have been on the news. Pine Street has been marked and a power company has done some line work in the area of the Pine St./528 bridge making way for the train. Some of the southern counties are trying to place restrictions on Virgin Train that may help improve safety. Please stay updated.

At the January meeting, there will be elections of officers for the year 2020. These are required by state law since Canaveral Groves Homeowners Association is an approved association through the State of Florida and the federal government.

It is an all volunteer association, however the members dues are \$15.00 per year. Applications are in the Happenings newspaper or available at any meeting. The last few years we have been

unable to do fundraisers for several reasons therefore dues are very important in order to keep the association viable.

I have been working with Brevard County Commissioner Prittchett's office and Brevard County Road and Bridge about the number of accidents on Adamson Road at Coconut. There are going to be changes to that area in the next few months. Some of the changes will include a lit sign, the road being painted, a curve put in and possible rumble strips to help remind people to slow down. These will improve the safety of the turn, however nothing is foolproof when people A (Hospital Insurance) and Part B (Medical Inspeed and are distracted by cell phones, etc.

Discovery Church on Grissom Parkway at 7pm. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Have a Happy and Safe New Year! Ed Silva, President

Canaveral Groves Homeowners Assn.

Medicare **A Simple Explanation**

By Blanca Taylor Social Security Public Affairs Specialist



Social Security and Medicare are both programs that are household names, but do you know the true difference? Both programs help safeguard millions of Americans as well as improve the quality of life for their family and friends. While Social Security offers retirement,

disability, and survivors benefits, Medicare provides health insurance.

Medicare is our country's health insurance program for people age 65 or older and younger people receiving Social Security disability benefits. The program helps with the cost of health care, but it doesn't cover all medical expenses or the cost of most long-term care.

When you first enroll in Medicare and during certain times of the year, you can choose how you get your Medicare coverage. There are 2 main ways to get Medicare:

Original Medicare includes Medicare Part surance). If you want drug coverage, you can The next meeting will be on January 9th at join a separate Part D plan. To help pay your out-of-pocket costs in Original Medicare (like your deductible and 20% coinsurance), you can also shop for and buy supplemental coverage. Examples include coverage from a Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policy, or from a former employer or union.

> Medicare Advantage (also known as Part C) Medicare Advantage is an "all in one" alternative to Original Medicare. These "bundled" plans include Part A, Part B, and usually Part D. Part C plans may have lower out-of-pocket costs than Original Medicare. They also may offer extra benefits that Original Medicare doesn't cover — like vision, hearing, dental, and more.

> If you can't afford to pay your Medicare premiums and other medical costs, you may be able to get help from your state. States offer programs for people eligible for or entitled to Medicare who have low income. Some programs may pay for Medicare premiums and some pay Medicare deductibles and coinsurance. To qualify, you must have limited income and resources.

> You can learn more about Medicare, including how to apply for Medicare and get a replacement Medicare card, at www.socialsecurity.gov/benefits/medicare.

Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library & Reference

308 Forrest Avenue Cocoa, Fl 32922 (321) 633-1792 **ADULT PROGRAMS**

Let Ree show you how to make quality, ornate gift cards for any occasion at her Art Gallery Cards class on Mondays (except 1/20) at 11 am. A \$10 charge covers supplies and instruction.

Participate in the Watercolor Techniques class with Pearl Ollie on Tuesdays from 10 am 'til noon. All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$10, supplies included.

Be gently guided into poses that will give you more flexibility and relaxation at the Gentle Hatha Yoga class with Emily on Thursday mornings (except 1/2) at 10:30 am. Bring towel/yoga mouse usage, and the Windows operating sysmat. Cost is \$5.

Come out for Popcorn and a Movie on Thursdays this January (except 1/2) at 2 pm. We'll show the best in recent box office hits and classic films. FREE.

Join Jeanette in her Stick Fitness exercise class on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm! It's an upbeat, fun, energetic and rhythmic way to get in shape! Cost is \$5 per class. Bring a mat/towel.

Learn calming relaxation techniques at the Inner Peace Meditation class on Thursdays, January 9 & 23 at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$5.

Join Ed Maestro in the art of building mobiles on Monday, January 13 at 10 am! He'll show you how to create beautiful, colorful, eye-catching mobiles that will draw attention. No previous experience necessary. Cost is \$15, which includes supplies. Pre-register with Ed at 203-415-1868.

Experience deep peace and relaxation at the Japa Meditation session on Wednesday, January 14 at 11 am. Mala prayer beads will be provided to those who didn't receive one at previous sessions. FREE.

Learn the fundamentals of keyboarding, mouse usage and the Windows operating system at the Computer Basics, Part 1 class on Wednesday, January 15 at 10 am. This class is FREE. Please pre-register with Reference at 321-633-1792.

Join the monthly Mystery Book Club discussion where everyone reads a different book on a common theme. January's theme is Recent Award-Winners & Bestsellers. The discussion will be on Thursday, January 16 from 12:15 pm- 2:15 pm. Contact the Reference Desk at 321-633-1792 for further details.

Seniors can sharpen their driving skills at the AARP Smart Driver Class on Friday, January 17 at 9:30 am. Participants who successfully complete the class may be eligible for a discount on their car insurance. Cost is \$15 for AARP members, and \$20 for non-members. Pre-register with Ron Rafael at (321) 635-9189.

Hear the Jazzey Boys perform at our monthly free Sunday Concert on January 19 at 3 pm. They will play classic selections from the likes of Frank Sinatra, Ray Charles and others with a smooth jazzy flair!

Learn the fundamentals of keyboarding, tem at the Computer Basics, Part 2 class on Wednesday, January 22 at 10 am. This class is FREE. Please pre-register with Reference at is limited. What are you waiting for? Register 321-633-1792.

Join Normandie for the Bead Ladies Jewelry class on Thursday, January 23 at 12:30 pm. January's jewelry craft is 3 wire-wrapped pendants. The \$20 cost includes instructions and materials. For more information, and to pre-register, call Normandie at 321-225-1394.

Local author Marshall Frank will share insights from his latest book, A Boy Who Mattered: Examining the Roots of Drug Addiction, on Thursday, January 23 at 6 pm. The inspiration of the story is his own son—whose drug addiction of many years ended in his recent death at age 58 from an overdose. Come hear the story of a personal family struggle, and the hope the author offers to other families who may be dealing with similar situations. FREE.



Citizens Academy 2020

Get the Inside Scoop on Brevard County Government at Citizens Academy 2020. Come learn about your county in the coolest civics class you will ever take! Learn how Brevard County develops a budget, paves roads, trains employees, maintains parks, cares for our natural resources and so much more!

During class you will have the opportunity to ask staff and department directors about their departments -- what they do, how they get it done and what the future holds.

Citizens Academy 2020, sponsored by UF/ IFAS Extension Brevard County, is held at various locations throughout the County for nine Thursdays beginning Jan. 16 and ending on March 26. Classes begin at 9 a.m. and end no later than 2 p.m.

This cool class series is also FREE!! All we ask is that you register in advance, since our size now! Visit our Eventbrite website at www.eventbrite.com/e/brevard-county-citizens-academy-2020-tickets.

January Classes at Studios of Cocoa Beach

Begin the New Year by challenging yourself to learn a new skill. Uncover your creative abilities by taking a class at the Studios of Cocoa Beach, 165 Minuteman Causeway in downtown Cocoa Beach. January classes include:

Fabric Art Landscapes with Doris Hulse. Saturday, January 11, 10 am to 4 pm. If you like the look of art quilts but you don't sew, this is the class for you. Create a fabric collage with no sewing! You will fuse cut fabric and add details. Go home with a completed picture. Fee is \$65 plus \$15 supply fee. A materials list will be provided. Call Doris for details at 720-323-5127.

Mixed Media with Karol Bobb on Saturday, January 18, 10 am to 4 pm. In this class you will learn to combine materials like paper, cloth, found objects, paint and more to create a piece of art. You'll learn a variety of techniques plus the history of mixed media and the artists who pioneered this approach. Fee is \$65 plus a supply fee. Call Karol for details at 610-505-4023.

Register for classes at the Studios' website: www.studiosofcocoabeach.org.

Life Style

We believe every life is a colorful canvas styled with personality and heart.

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