



Weekly Edition

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Parrish Healthcare Recognizes Susan Munsey-Perry, RN, as Quarterly DAISY Award® Honoree



Parrish Healthcare recognizes Susan Munsey-Perry, RN, a maternity care nurse at Parrish Medical Center, as this quarter's DAISY Award®, an international recognition program that honors the extraordinary skill and compassion nurses provide every day.

Munsey-Perry has been an employee, referred to as Care Partner, at Parrish Healthcare for more than 27 years. Throughout her career, she has helped welcome thousands of babies into the world and has made a meaningful difference in the lives of patients and families through her compassion, kindness and dedication to exceptional care.

Munsey-Perry was nominated for the DAISY Award® by a patient she cared for who was recovering from surgery. In her nomination, the patient described the profound impact Susan had during such a vulnerable time. "Susan comforted me in a way I will never forget. She made me feel like I mattered and that she truly cared about my well-being. She was patient, compassionate and kind. What stood out the most was how she treated me as a person—not just a patient. She spoke with warmth, reassured me when I was anxious and made me feel safe during a very vulnerable time."

Lisa Dickerson, Parrish Healthcare's Chief Nursing

Officer, congratulates Munsey-Perry on being this quarter's honoree. "Susan's more than two decades of service to our patients and families is a remarkable testament to her dedication to compassionate, patient-centered care," Dickerson said. "The words of her nominator beautifully capture what makes Susan such a special caregiver—she sees and cares for the whole person. We are incredibly proud to recognize her as this quarter's DAISY Award® Honoree."

"Being nominated for a DAISY Award® is a testament to the extraordinary impact our nurses have on the lives of others," said George Mikitarian, President and CEO of Parrish Healthcare. "Susan's 27 years of loyal service to Parrish Healthcare represents a legacy of caregiving of helping families welcome a new baby into the world and of caring for patients during some of their most vulnerable moments."

In addition to honoring Munsey-Perry, Parrish Healthcare also congratulates each of this quarter's DAISY Award® nominees. "Each nomination tells an impactful story of compassion and healing," continues Dickerson. "We are continuously grateful for the dedication our nurses demonstrate every day in service to our patients, families and the North Brevard community."

This quarter's DAISY Award® nominees include Alyse Boguszewski, Shannon Burdine, Tiffani Chew, Sara Curran, Anna Derby, Jacque Duniho, Aaron Edwards, Ariana Else, Heather Focht, Cristina Garcia, Sarah Givens, Nicole Groditski, Kevan Holland, Em'Jza Jefferson, Melissa Kuebler, Jodi Lowe, Benjamin Luman, Andrew Martin, Sarah Martinez, Brandi McMahon, Alecia Miller, Hailee Moody, Joshue Morrison, Kaitly Neal, Renee Roncone, Tabatha Rosa, Stephanie Schlingman, Laetitia Schultheis, Sarah Schultz, Leah Seitner, Rebecca Singleton, Sarah Streat, Michael Swain, Stephan Thomas, Krystal Valdes and Ellen Weeks.

For more information about Parrish Healthcare's DAISY Award® program, or to submit a nomination, please visit parrishhealthcare.com/daisyaward.

Announcing our Fall Vendor Fair!

First United Methodist Church of Port St. John will be hosting a Fall Fair on Saturday, September 26 from 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

If you are a vendor or a food truck, please visit our website, fumcpsj.org, to apply.

Contact the church office at fumcpsj.com for more information or if you have questions.

Space Still Available in the Florida Master Naturalist: Environmental Interpretation Course

Are you passionate about Florida's natural resources?

The Florida Master Naturalist Program's Environmental Interpretation Module is designed for nature enthusiasts, volunteers, educators, guides, and anyone passionate about Florida's environment. Through classroom learning, hands-on activities and field experiences, you'll gain the skills to communicate conservation messages and help others connect with Florida's incredible ecosystems. This in-person course will take place on:

- Friday, September 25 at the UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County Office
- Saturday, September 26 at the Barrier Island Center at Doc Ehrhart Sanctuary
- Friday, October 2 at the UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County Office
- Saturday, October 3 at Sam's House at Pine Island

Registration fees start at \$250 per person. Space is limited and registration closes at 10 a.m. on September 21. For course details, including the agenda and registration information, visit conference.ifas.ufl.edu/fmnp/I26-07inperson.php.

Not familiar with the Florida Master Naturalist program? Watch this short video about the program on our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgbuPo5vS-U.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 321-633-1702 or email Brevard@ifas.ufl.edu.

For more of our classes and programs, visit: eventbrite.com/o/ufifas-extension-brevard-county-18496539748.

The University of Florida is committed to providing universal access to all of our events. For disability accommodations such as sign language interpreters and listening devices, please contact the UF/IFAS Brevard County Extension Office at brevard@ifas.ufl.edu or 321-633-1702 at least 2 weeks in advance. Advance notice is necessary for some accessibility needs.

Parrish Healthcare Open Interviews

Parrish Healthcare hosts open interviews every Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Parrish Medical Center, 951 N. Washington Ave., Titusville.

• Registered Nurses (RN)

- Emergency Department, Med/Surg
- Charge Nurses
- Cardiac-Pulmonary Rehabilitation
- Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist
- Rapid Response
- Discharge
- Labor & Delivery

• Medical Technologists

- CT/MRI
- Radiology

• Surgical Scrub Techs

• Nursing Assistants

• Medical Assistants

• Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (CVIS)

• Paramedics

• Pharmacists

• EMTs

• Surgical First Assistant

• Sterile Processing & Transport Technician

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!

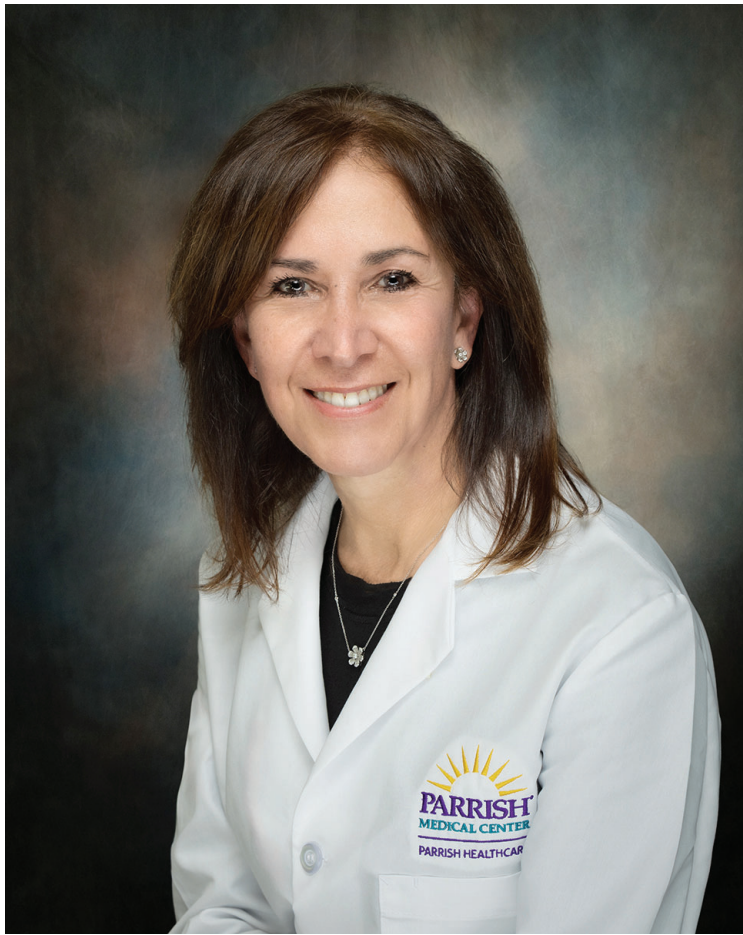
Job Seekers – Career Services Overview

We assist job seekers! No matter where you are on your career journey, we can help at no cost to you. Whether you are entry level, a CEO or somewhere in between, our experienced team of career advisors will work with you using a wide range of services to develop a customized plan to meet your career goals. Learn more about all of our services, in-demand careers, training, workshops, special programs and resources at careersourcebfv.com/job-seekers/career-services-overview, including:

- Job Readiness Skills
- Job Search Assistance
- Employment Counseling and Career Planning
- Resume Development and Interview Preparation
- Hot Jobs and Labor Market Information
- Skills Assessment and Employer Referrals
- Education and Training Opportunities
- Career Workshops & Job Fairs
- Employ Florida online employment tools



Parrish Medical Group Welcomes Board-Certified Radiation Oncologist Ana Botero, MD



include osteoarthritis and arthritis, plantar fasciitis, Dupuytren's disease, keloid scars and tennis or golfer's elbow. Dr. Botero is also well-versed in external beam treatments utilizing Electrons, 3D Radiation Therapy Planning, Intensity-Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT), Surface Guided Radiation Therapy (SGRT) and Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy (SBRT).

Dr. Botero completed her education in General Surgery at the Instituto de Ciencias de la Salud (CES) in Medellín, Colombia and her education in Radiation Oncology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. Throughout her career, she has provided compassionate, personalized cancer care for patients across South Florida with Memorial Healthcare System and Baptist Health and has spent more than 25 years presenting internationally on the latest advancements in radiation therapy.

For individuals seeking expert, personalized radiation oncology care, Dr. Botero is currently accepting new patients at Parrish Healthcare Center North Titusville, located at 490 North Washington Avenue, Titusville. To schedule an appointment, please call 321-268-6111, extension 3177, or fax referrals to 321-225-4060. To learn more about Dr. Botero, please visit parrishhealthcare.com/botero.

Parrish Healthcare and Parrish Medical Group (PMG) welcome board-certified radiation oncologist, Ana Botero, MD, to the North Brevard community. Dr. Botero joins Parrish Medical Group with more than 25 years of experience providing comprehensive, patient-centered cancer care. Fluent in both English and Spanish, Dr. Botero is committed to developing personalized treatment plans that combine advanced radiation therapy techniques with the latest technology to deliver highly precise, effective cancer treatment.

Radiation oncology is a medical specialty that uses high-energy radiation to treat cancer and shrink tumors. Alongside surgery and chemotherapy, radiation oncology works by damaging the DNA of cancer cells so they can no longer grow and divide.

Dr. Botero treats a wide range of cancers including breast, prostate, lung, head and neck, endocrine, gastrointestinal, gynecologic, skin, thyroid, brain and metastatic (cancer that has spread from where it first started to a new part of the body), among others. Her areas of expertise include complex radiation therapy planning, stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS), image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT), brachytherapy and low-dose radiation treatments for benign conditions. Benign conditions Dr. Botero treats

HAPPENINGS of **PORT ST. JOHN** Inc.

HAPPENINGS was born in June, 1990 as a one page paper to cover news in the Port St. John and Canaveral Groves areas that seemed to never be covered by the Florida Today or the Titusville paper. We had youth sports, community events done by the PSJ Jaycees and elementary school events.

Then the Port St. John Christmas Parade was born. Three years later six community groups banded together to bring Community Blast, (later Thunder Over the Indian River), as a community celebration for Independence Day. The PSJ Home Owners Association and the PSJ Seniors groups joined forces and brought us a Community Center, Fay Lake Wilderness Park and the Sports Complex in Canaveral Groves. City water arrived. A grocery store arrived. Then another plaza arrived. We kept on growing.

HAPPENINGS went to full color and added a website in 2005. It's past time for an update. Our new website and our new Facebook site launched last month. Visit www.happenings.net on your computer or on your phone. Check us on Instagram, too.



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Port St. John**

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.

Tabletop Game Night: Wednesdays, 5:00-7:00 p.m. The library provides a variety of board games and card games for all ages. Simply visit the Youth Services Desk to borrow a game, then settle in and play at the library. Bring your family, invite your friends or meet new people while enjoying an evening of fun, friendly games. No registration required; just drop in and play!

Kids' Dice & Dragons: Sundays, 1:00 & 1:30 p.m. A staff-led, tabletop role-playing adventure where players create characters, roll dice and collaboratively tell a fantasy story for children ages 8-12. Space is limited; kids will be split into parties of 5 for 30-minute sessions. Adult supervision required at all times.

Family Movie Night: Mondays, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Have fun watching G or PG-rated movies. All ages welcome. Adult supervision required. Adults are also welcome to stay and enjoy some popcorn and a fun, family oriented movie. Wear something comfortable!

- 8/24 Lady and the Tramp (1955)

- 8/31 Spider-Man Across the Spider-Verse (2023)

Sensory Playtime: Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. A sensory-friendly play event for ages 3 and up, featuring hands-on activity bins with kinetic sand, rice, beans, and more. Adult supervision required.

Read Your Way to K:

Little Laptime: Mondays, 9:30-10:00 a.m. Short stories and nursery rhymes for babies ages 1 and under. Adult supervision required.

Little Movers & Groovers: Thursdays and Fridays, 9:30-10:00 a.m. A fun movement program for toddlers five and under. Adult supervision required.

Toddler Story Time: Thursdays & Fridays, 10:30-11:00 a.m. For children ages 3-5. Adult supervision required.

Playdate: Thursdays & Fridays, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For babies and toddlers five and under. Adult supervision required.

FAMILY EVENTS

Bedazzle Bling-out!: Wednesday, August 26, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Ages 12+. In this program we will use shiny beads to bling-out bookmarks. Bring a bookmark.

TEENS

Teen Dice & Dragons: August 23, 3:00 - 4:45 p.m. A staff-led, beginner-friendly tabletop role-playing

adventure where players create characters, roll dice and collaboratively tell a fantasy story. This event is for ages 13-17. Adult supervision required.

ADULTS

Adult Dice and Dragons: Sunday, August 30, 3 - 4:45 p.m. Role playing adventures with characters and dice.

Yarn Group: Fridays in August, 1 - 3-30 p.m. Yarn Group of PSJ Library is a group of adults who enjoy knitting and crocheting. They are happy to help you learn. All levels are welcome. They meet every Friday and donate projects.

Community Support Advocate will be at the PSJ Public Library Monday, August 31, 1:30 - 5 p.m. The community support advocate assists with housing, SNAP, social security, healthcare and insurance, and senior resources. Appointments and walk-ins are accepted. See Reference Desk for details.

Experimental Aircraft Meeting

Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 724 holds regular scheduled gatherings for fun and fellowship on the 2nd Wednesday of each month - September 9th - at 7:00 p.m. in the club house on Merritt Island Airport.



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

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

For more information, call 321-514-9456, email watersdwayne@yahoo.com, or visit the website at www.eaa724.org.

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