

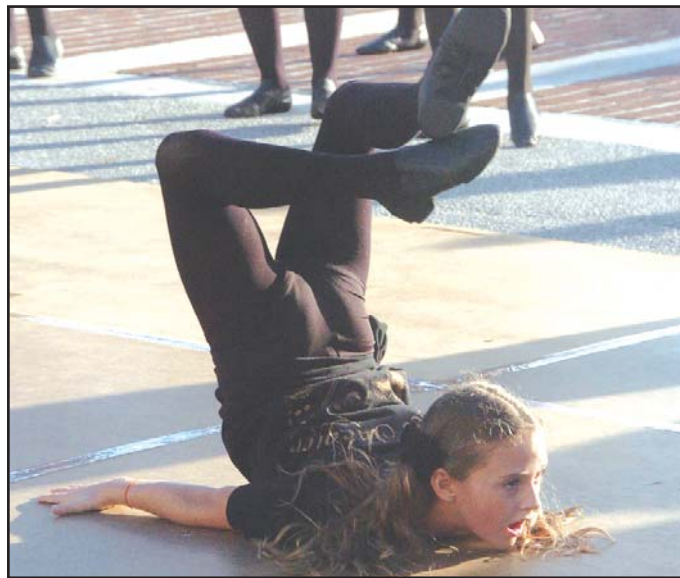
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Got a chiropractor?

Don't try this at home unless you really know how to do it. Zoe Akins, 8, one of the students of the Dance Theater in downtown Titusville, performs before the Dance Theater's ribbon cutting during the Titusville Street party Aug. 1.

Police enforce speed limits

By D.D. Remini

School has begun and that means lower your speed and watch out for the little ones or you'll face a hefty fine.

"We believe a strong presence of law enforcement in our school zones will bring awareness to the reduced speed zones of 15 miles per hour," said Lt. Todd Hutchinson, Titusville Police Department spokesman. "Motorcycle officers, as well as crime suppression officers in both marked and unmarked cars, will be assigned to school zones throughout the city every day for the first two weeks of the school year."

Warnings will be issued the first week of school, but after that citations will result as the police have a zero tolerance toward speeding and other violations in school zones.

Fines will be expensive. "For example, if a driver is stopped for going 30 miles per hour in a posted school zone of 15 mph, he faces a fine of up to \$334," said Hutchinson. After the initial two-week crack-down, officers will conduct periodic details at each school zone throughout the year.

"We urge drivers to be extra patient for the first couple of weeks. Traffic will be slower and heavier around our schools."

Police are enforcing the state bicycle helmet law which requires riders under 16 years old to wear a helmet.

Local senior golf pro to visit troops in Iraq

By Susan Walden

Titusville resident and golf pro Larry Laoretti received an interesting phone call he just couldn't pass up.

The Great Outdoors restaurant and golf course co-owner was invited to entertain the American troops in Iraq Aug. 20-31 with a few other celebrities.

"I thought it was great idea," he said. "I'm very excited to meet the troops."

Laoretti, who in 1992 won the U.S. Senior Open, knows all too well how a visit from home makes all the world of difference to a servicemember.

"I was in the Navy in Guam and I'll never forget Bob Hope. It was so nice to have entertainment come to see

Officials scramble to transition space jobs

By I.J. Stagi

With the Space Coast losing an estimated 6,500 space-related jobs when the shuttle retires, NASA Director Bill Parsons spoke to a crowded Titusville City Council Chamber on Aug. 13. Parsons said it was important to remember that there are still many shuttle missions before 2010.

"I have to remind people that we must stay focused and concentrate on the 10 missions we have left," Parsons said.

The shuttle program, which is scheduled to retire in 2010, is part of a transition period. The next phase is the Constellation Program scheduled to launch in 2014, however NASA has until 2015 to launch Ares I.

Job losses will result in what NASA calls the "gap" between shuttle retirement and Constellation launch.

NASA is working to minimize the job losses by looking toward commercial endeavors.

"There are challenging times ahead," said Congressman Tom Feeney-R.

Feeney conceded it will be impossible to save 6,500 jobs all at once and it will take everybody working together to save as many jobs as possible.

The gap is not the fault of NASA, Feeney said, but the vote of Congress, which cut funding for the shuttle program knowing the United States would have to rely on Russian spacecrafts.

"It was a horrible plan but the only one Congress was

willing to pass," he said.

To extend the shuttle program would take \$2.5 billion, which Feeney admitted, would be a "tough sell."

The current conflict between Russia and Georgia may bring Congress back to reevaluate the situation, he said, and that it is a strong possibility Congress may re-think extending the program.

"If the Russians suffer a problem, there will be no access to the International Space Station," Parsons said.

He conceded that there is not a lot of flexibility.

Congress just passed a bipartisan bill requiring local assistance for communities affected by shuttle retirement, and requires the White House to get involved in commercial launch opportunities. The bill also included the largest NASA authorization in history of \$2.4 billion.

Commercial, civil and military are an important combination for the future of KSC, said Steve Kohler, president of Space Florida. These workforce synergies will employ many who may lose their jobs when the shuttle is retired. Kohler said the U.S. Air Force announced a commitment toward licensing a launch complex on behalf of the state for commercial customers.

The EDC is currently trying to bring new companies to the area in hopes of securing new roles for workforce losing jobs. Frank Dibello, EDC consultant, said the role of KSC is changing and is a unique national asset.

"We will not make up 6,500 jobs by waving a wand, but we will do it bit by bit if we work together," Feeney said.

NASA is not only a jobs program, it is a national security program, he said.

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you and ask where you're from."

Forget bombs or stray bullets, he

said his only worry is the 115-degree heat.

The celebrity team will spread goodwill by dining

with the troops, visiting hospitals and maybe swinging the golf club a few times.

Schools launch electronic newsletter

Brevard Public Schools announces the launch of its new electronic parent newsletter, the Brevard P.A.R.E.N.T., a Publication Addressing Real Education News Today. This publication will be available on or around the 15th of each month, and address topics that concern parents including updates on school facilities, district budget, curriculum and policies, as well as provide parenting tips and resources.

"Educating students with excellence is our core mission and this cannot be accomplished without

informed and involved parents," said BPS Superintendent Dr. Richard A. DiPatri. "This newsletter will provide parents with the opportunity to learn the latest news and information from the district in a timely fashion."

Parents may subscribe to this publication and receive an e-mail announcing each edition by signing up at <http://districtcommunications.brevardschools.org/PN/index.htm>. The Brevard P.A.R.E.N.T. is available online at the district's Web site at www.brevardschools.org.

Police chief takes Harvard executive course

Cambridge, MA – Chief of Titusville Police Tony Bollinger completed Harvard University's Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government July 25. The program, offered at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, is a three-week course that focuses on the development of conceptual frameworks for addressing policy issues, explores the relationship between citizens and their government, and examines the ethical and professional responsibilities of leadership.

The tuition was paid through forfeiture funds and Chief Bollinger said the knowledge he gained will be taught to the police force.

"We are proud of the leaders who attend our Executive Education programs. They are a dedicated group of professionals who are committed to working for the public good across various sectors of society," said Harvard Kennedy School Dean David Ellwood.

"We are confident that they will help create effective solutions to public challenges and inspire others with their ideas and their talent."

"This class of participants was chosen

through a highly competitive application process," said Linda Kaboolian, Program Faculty Chair.

"They were a tremendously diverse group who brought a wide range of geographic, political, and cross-sector perspectives to the class. They experienced an intensive and challenging program that encouraged them to stretch beyond the boundaries of their everyday work environments and formed a network of lasting friendships and professional connections."

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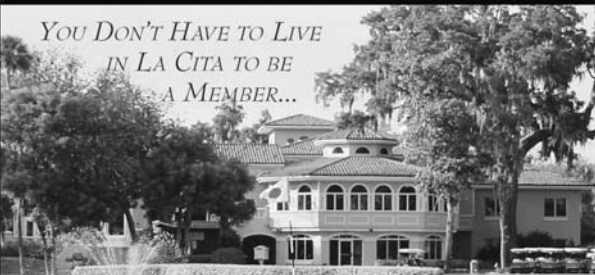
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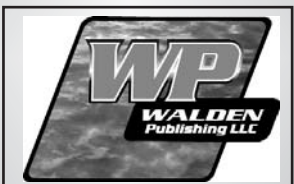
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School district mourns passing of retired superintendent

Brevard Public Schools is mourning the passing of Dr. Thomas McIntyre, a 30-year veteran educator in the district and Area I Superintendent. McIntyre, 56, died this morning at Holmes Regional Medical Center after battling cancer.

"Words are inadequate to fully convey the respect and admiration I have felt for Tom," said Superintendent Dr. Richard A. DiPatri. "His professionalism, his expertise, and truly, his heart for children, made him the consummate educator. To say 'we will miss him' does not do justice to this loss. Brevard's Space Coast has lost the light of one shining star today. Now, we must find our way forward in a world without that light, consoled by the memory of what Tom has meant to us all."

DiPatri announced that all schools and district work sites will join in a simultaneous moment of silence on the first day of school to honor McIntyre's memory. The observation will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 18.

"Tom embodied the best of what any parent would want in their child's teacher, coach, or principal," said School Board Chair Janice Kershaw. "His honesty, integrity, and sense of fair play were traits that made him an example to others. On behalf of the School Board, we extend our deepest condolences to his family, his

friends, and his colleagues. We were all blessed to have known and worked with Tom, and his absence will be felt throughout the community."

McIntyre had served as Area I Superintendent since 2003, responsible for the administration and supervision of 24 schools and more than 22,000 students in South Brevard. His tenure with Brevard Public Schools began in the spring of 1978 with a brief assignment as a physical education teacher at Palm Bay Elementary School. By the fall of 1978 he was working at Melbourne High School, teaching math, physical education, and coaching several sports. He next served as a dean and assistant principal at Melbourne High School (1986-88), Southwest Middle School (1988-90) and Stone Middle School (1990-91). McIntyre was appointed principal at Rockledge High in 1991 before returning to Melbourne High School as principal from 1999-2003.

"All of us who have had the privilege and pleasure of working with Tom over the last 30 years—whether employee or community member—have suffered a great loss today," said Deputy Superintendent Lee Berry. "Tom's dedication and commitment to his family and to his career are an example for all of us to strive for in our lives. I will treasure his friendship and professional asso-


ciation for the rest of my life."

McIntyre received his bachelor's degree from Southwest Missouri State University in 1974 and his master's degree from Southeast Missouri State University in 1978. He earned his doctorate in education from the University of Central Florida in 2000.

McIntyre always said that he enjoyed seeing students succeed. His biography on the district Web site contains the following quote: "There is no moment that is more satisfying than when you see the reaction of a student who has accomplished a goal. The look on their face makes everything that you have had to do worthwhile."

McIntyre is survived by family including his wife, Mary; and children Sean, Patrick, and Eric. Final arrangements have not been announced. In lieu of flowers, McIntyre's family requests that donations be made to the Brevard Schools Foundation for the creation of an endowed student scholarship fund. Contributors should make checks payable to the "Brevard Schools Foundation" and write "McIntyre Endowment Fund" in the memo area. Donations may be mailed to: Brevard Schools Foundation, 2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940.

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Opinions

Are you a good example of your bumper sticker?

My View

By
Susan
Walden



Got a bumper sticker?

A Christian fish? The outline of the kid that urinates on symbols? "My other car is a broomstick?"

What if we walked the walk? What if we tried to be the citizen that our vehicle – our advertising sign in our car or yard – says we really are?

I have two signs on my van that make a statement. One is "My karma ran over your dogma" and the other says, "Be an angel, practice random acts of kindness." Being kind on the road is not easy sometimes, but I tell you I really am trying to do this ... for many reasons. One reason goes back to the karma bumper sticker. It's a witty saying but also has

several meanings, one of which is that I'm a firm believer that you get what you give. Be a jerk, others will be a jerk to you – tenfold. Bless others and you will be blessed – tenfold.

But if we really practice what our vehicle signs preach, some of you would be sick little puppies. That kid with the spiked hair that urinates on Ford and many other signs ... well, there's a law against doing such things so you can't do what your sign says.

If your other car is a broomstick, I'm really happy for you because you don't have to pay these terrible gas prices. I'd like a solar-powered broomstick. Many people say I have a broomstick when they get mad at me, but maybe I should really look into an alternative ride.

There's one bumper stickers that says, "Look out! I drive just like you!" I believe our driving habits are getting worse, so the bumper sticker is probably true. So, when you see one of these laugh, then get the heck out of their way.

"Beer: Now cheaper than gasoline, so don't drive ... drink." OK, that one's not bad and after a really lousy day, it sounds pretty good actually as long as you stay away from your car keys.

This one is a little disturbing. "If the

screams from my trunk bother you, turn up your radio." This probably goes with the arm that sticks out of the trunk. Have you seen those? The first time I saw one I almost went off the road before realizing it was a joke. I'd get far away from these guys. They are sick and are brothers with this guy: "Suffer insanity? I enjoy it." And my favorite crazy one: "8 out of 10 voices in my head say don't shoot." OK then, I'm moving into the other lane now.

"Shh! I'm listening to a book." What? You pompous library-lover you – pay attention to the road; can't you hear me honking and screaming at you? Just kidding – that wouldn't be good for my karma.

"Everyone is born right-handed, only the gifted overcome it." Now this guy has serious issues with his kindergarten teacher who yelled at him because he wanted to write left-handed. People who clearly state on their vehicle that they have issues are giving you a clear warning. He's just looking for a fight. Don't you hear him rev that motor at the light?

Back to the fish. Got one on your bumper? Act it.

Unfortunately many don't. You see the fish symbol on their car as they just

about side-swiped you, gave you the finger as they were passing and cut in front of you. Yeah, nice. I can't see Jesus doing that though.

Around town there are a lot of "Talk to God" signs in the yards of people's homes and businesses. This is a great campaign and makes you think about God, which is terrific. However, once you put that sign in your yard it's like the fish on your bumper.

You cannot talk the talk without walking the walk.

It's like the neighbor who puts the "Talk to God" sign in his yard but never talks to his neighbors. He never comes to the door when you knock on it in the seven years you've lived next to him. He does missionary work too but when you need help, he's never there. When you have no electricity or water for a week because of a hurricane but he has these things and knows you and your family are suffering, he doesn't help. He's eager to call the police on his neighbors or talk about them behind their backs but can drive off in his fish-stickered car passing his Talk to God sign when he backs out of the driveway happy as a clam.

Yeah, if everyone walked the walk.

The oil standard of trade must one day change



Living in today's world it is impossible to ignore the importance that gasoline and all the other petroleum products have become to our economy and way of life. It is an essential commodity and an absolute necessity if we wish to live with any kind of normalcy. Without all of the products that are derived from oil and coal our world quite simply would not be the same.

It is the standard that the world's economies rest upon. I am not going to get into a silly lecture or a debate about the "evil" oil companies, nor will I waste one moment attempting to demonize an industry that has played such an important role in our nation's security and eco-

nomie growth. If oil wasn't the most important standard of trade in the world today, it would by necessity be something else.

The most unsettling thing about our world's oil dependency is not the global environmental impact, but the likelihood of a devastating world war breaking out over the control of this resource.

What would happen if the oil standard of trade was to change too abruptly or if the oil availability becomes scarce or dries up completely?

I believe economies would collapse and millions upon millions of people would die of starvation. These two things alone should warrant the gathering up the world's greatest economic minds to come up with some clear cut strategies to balance out this potentially catastrophic and life threatening situation.

We are going to have to face the reality that we must change this standard in the not so distant future, so it would be best for everyone on this planet that we make the necessary preparations for that change today to ensure a peaceful transition and allow ourselves the time to allot the necessary means to a strategically well defined end.

Most people do not realize that to make any sizable

oil purchase in the Middle East today, all the nations of the world must trade their nation's native currency into U.S. dollars to complete the transaction. This is all fine and good until one realizes that if the standard of currency was to switch from the U.S. dollar to let's say – the euro, our nation would stand to lose our current economic position in the world. This change alone could quite possibly throw our nation into the worst economic depression it has ever experienced.

I know to many this sounds absurd, and very few realize just how close we have come to this type of situation arising in pre-war Iraq; The fact that some foreign nations including the European Union, Iran, Russia and China are considering similar trade initiatives should make every one in this nation shudder.

People can say what they will about our nation. However, if our ability to independently secure our republic, our economic sovereign status, and position in world leadership is threatened; for the sake of freedom, worldwide human rights, and the future of democracy, we will have little choice but to fight.

Whatever spin anyone wants to put on the current

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District honors 8 math teachers

VIERA—Eight Brevard Public Schools teachers have been honored as district winners of the PRISM (Promoting Regional Improvement in Science and Math) Outstanding Mathematics Teacher Award, recognizing their excellence as math educators. Robin Blake, Atlantis Elementary; Michelle Braun, Christa McAuliffe Elementary; Judy Coleman, Satellite High; Sombat DeBoer, Endeavour Elementary; Charles Gardner, DeLaura Middle; Robin Hurley, Enterprise Elementary; Lisa Maines, Quest Elementary; and Annie Nery, West Shore Junior/Senior High were honored this week at a special dinner. Each winner received a plaque and a \$250 honorarium.

"I commend each of these teachers for their outstanding performance," said Superintendent Dr. Richard DiPatri. "They are leading the way in our mathematics classrooms, finding new and exciting ways to engage our students in this critical subject area."

The teachers were selected from a pool of applicants from each Brevard Public School. From the eight district winners selected, Blake and Gardner were selected as district representatives for the regional PRISM Outstanding Mathematics Teacher Award Program which is scheduled for Sept. 25 in Orlando. Blake and Gardner are each eligible for another monetary honorarium from the Central Florida PRISM Coalition and for funding to attend the Florida Council for Teachers of Mathematics State conference. Its mission is to recognize, support and foster outstanding teaching and learning of science and math in Central Florida.

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Middle Eastern conflicts cannot take away from the most obvious cause of Middle Eastern turmoil; World economics and social freedom.

Our partnership in the Middle Eastern economic machine is voluntarily shared one barrel of oil at a time. This has been this nation's foreign policy and will remain so until every U.S. dollar driven drop of crude oil is gone. Anything that stands in the way of this end, other than a complete change of the energy standard is a threat to peace in that region of the world.

I realize this is not the most environmentally friendly foreign policy, but until change comes, and the kings and princes of this world pave the way to a lasting, stable, and enduring standard of world trade; We will continue the oxymoronic tragedy of killing each other to keep the peace.

I hate the fact that this is where we are today concerning this resource, knowing that there will continue to be more war and bloodshed until agreements are made, boundaries are observed and strong alliances between honorable men and nations are sealed. We can only hope that once the leveling of ground is complete, that we all can come together in peace and rebuild the lives of those that have been unjustly caught up in the process.



Courtesy of Stetson University

Stetson University students learn about the Green Bikes project at its launch at the end of last school year. Students can "check out" a bike for a week for free instead of driving their car or walking for miles on and off campus.

Titusville college student helps Stetson go green

By Susan Walden

Students at Stetson University in Deland are going green like their school colors.

Titusville native Drew Glasnovich, a senior at the college, and some of his classmates created Green Bikes, a free bicycle rental program in which students can check out a bike for a week instead of driving or walking for miles on and off campus.



Glasnovich

"There were a few reasons to start the program," said the student government president who interned with Titusville City Manager Mark Ryan over the summer. "It's an environmental (concept) and it just fits well." Glasnovich said there are students, especially from other countries, who don't have vehicles and others who hop in their cars on campus and drive to class only to have a tough time finding a parking space. "Sometimes you have to go off campus two or three miles to Wal-Mart or a grocery store and it's difficult if you don't have transportation, so these bikes will help."

The program, which has been in the making since he was a freshman, launches this school year with 15 freshly-painted green bikes. Most good ideas take time to develop and this one was no exception. They students had to build a budget from the student government, get an OK from the university plus go through legal channels, then get the used bikes and fix them.

"We found out that there are bikes stored on campus no one was using, so the plan went on from there. We have 30 bikes in stock so far, but 15 are up and running," said Glasnovich, an Astronaut High graduate and political science major.

The bikes were in the campus safety department basement, some from the late 1970s. "At the end of the year, some people just don't want their bikes and they leave them on campus." Some of the bikes were in such

bad shape that they couldn't be salvaged.

Students are liable for damages while the student government pays for the upkeep of the bikes, said Glasnovich, who doesn't consider himself an environmental fanatic, but a conscientious one. "I think our generation is serious about our environment. I make sure I use fluorescent light bulbs and I recycle. I think the students will appreciate the Green Bikes because it helps the environment, saves gas, provides transportation and gives us piece of mind that we are environmentally conscious."

The students will be working with the Deland Police Department to register the bikes. The bike concept has been used on campuses and cities throughout the United States. "Eckerd College in St. Petersburg began their program yellow bike program in 2004 and have over 120 bikes. Some cities, such as Tampa and Little Rock, Ark., began a similar program but between the thieves and the vandals, the brakes were put on the project within a year.

Stetson's Green Bikes dovetails with the university's new recycling program called Stetson Recycles that was also created by students last school year.

"I think that Green Bikes makes sense on many levels," said Kevin Winchell, Stetson's coordinator of Bonner Scholars Program and Community Outreach who worked on the Green Bikes program before graduating in 2007.

"It is great for the environment, it reduces traffic congestion, it is healthy and it is fun. College campuses are often where social change begins, and I think that programs such as Green Bikes will help usher in a new era of community stewardship toward our environment."



OUT AND ABOUT



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Promoting Teamwork within our Community to solve problems



Walter Kiely

Students of the Dance Theater in downtown Titusville perform before the school's ribbon cutting during the Titusville Street party Aug. 1. Front to back Is Cenzey Scherer, 6 years old, Zoe Akins, 8, Mikaela Greenhalgh, 11 and Courtney Scherer, 14.



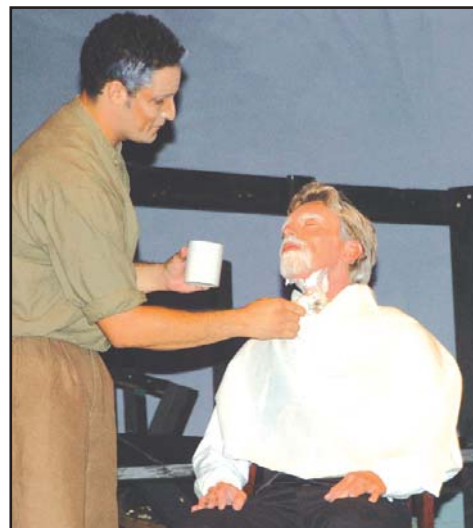
From left, Drs. Ravi Rao, Surya Rao, Biju Mathews and Kiran Modi celebrate the grand opening of the new Parrish Medical Center's Catherization Lab expansion at a grand opening for VIPs Aug. 13. The expansion of the hospital's heart program now allows physicians to perform life-saving emergency coronary angioplasty and stenting.



The Elks Lodge 2113 in Titusville boxed and shipped 43 goodie boxes to troops overseas Aug. 10. Tanya Anderson, in the red shirt, is the chairperson of the committee.



Left, members of the Elks Lodge 2113's square dance club in Titusville twirl at the Elks Hoedown Dance Aug. 2. Right, Sweeney Todd (Martin Lebron) gives Judge Turpin, (Jeff Ferguson), a close shave during the play "Sweeney Todd" playing at the Emma Parrish Playhouse now through Aug. 30.



Rep. Tom Feeney talks to Elaine Shelton and her son Zachary during the Titusville Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Driftwoods at Royal Oak Country Club on July 13.

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I just cut off the top of a pineapple we ate and placed it in water until it grew roots and I planted it," he said.

Nearby stands a banana tree with green banana bunches waiting for nature to turn them yellow. "Oh yea, I almost forgot about those," said Elizabeth.

Bamboo trees, avocado, fennel, waterfalls and loads of plants that attract butterflies are just a small portion of what the King's backyard has. Those who want to take in the nature around them can climb up the stairs to an open tree house complete with table and chairs.

Although it's been an ongoing project (that's the beauty of it, Ed says), he doesn't see it ending yet. He's preparing to put in a small pond near a small patio he just constructed out of ... yes, more items people didn't want — a glass table and four chairs and a marble-like floor.

"It would have been tens of thousands of dollars for us to make a garden like this if I'd bought these things," he said.

The Kings were wise inside their home as well. Tired of their old wooden kitchen cabinets and not being able to afford new ones, Ed revamped the doors, cutting them and filling them in with slices of wood and fiber-glass rice paper. Inside they lined the cupboards with Christmas lights, which uses less electricity, giving the



King has picked up coquina rock and many plants and shrubs from various locations, such as the Mockingbird Way Mulching Facility on South Street in Titusville.

kitchen a rich look with a homey, inviting glow. "You should see this kitchen at night," Ed said. "It gives us good light instead of turning on the overhead light."

The Kings find lots of bargains at the SPCA Thrift Shop on Garden Street. Most of their kitchen came from the store. Since they had to replace their bigger appli-

ances, they went to a few scratch and dent stores and picked up a microwave convection (that saves energy), gas convection oven, refrigerator and exhaust fan for the stove for under \$1,500. "That's how much just the refrigerator would have cost retail," Elizabeth said.

They read their mail thoroughly, especially specials and rebates offered through Florida Power and Light. "We've saved quite a lot on that. They have vouchers to correct problems, they'll come out and do assessments; it really saves money," said Elizabeth. The Kings have also saved money on their energy bill by putting in solar tube lights. Sometimes it's as easy as making sure the ductwork is clean and air is flowing properly. "Having an assessment or getting someone to clean or fix your ductwork pays off in the long run," said Ed, who says they've cut their electric bill in half.

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County surplus sales, thrift shops instead of paying retail is the way to go, say the Kings.

"It's just lazy to hop in a car and go out and buy full price," Ed said. "There are so many easy ways to save money and make your home look good inside and out."

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Citizens Academy students get close look at government

By Debi Fleming

Many people grumble about how their tax dollars are being spent, not knowing exactly where the money goes, or who is overseeing expenditures. To help inform and educate the public, applications are now being accepted for the fall session of the Brevard County Citizens Academy.

The academy is a free eight-week program that begins Sept 3 and will provide participants with information about county departments, services and programs.

Both day and evening sessions are scheduled for residents' convenience, with morning sessions meeting from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays and evening sessions meeting from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays. There are also three Saturday morning tours: of the wastewater treatment plant in Viera, the landfill in Cocoa, the Brevard County Jail in Sharpes and Country Acres Children's Home in Titusville.

"The Citizens Academy is an eight-week program which provides participants an opportunity for a 'behind the scenes' look into county government," said Carrie

Cotter, Administrative Assistant to the county Manager. "The academy is open to any citizen interested in learning about county government and seeing firsthand how their tax dollars are spent. Many of the academy participants are surprised by all their tax dollars support. It's just a great learning experience."

According to Cotter a wide variety of people have gone through the academy, from retired school teachers to snowbirds wanting to know more about the area they call their "home away from home" for several months each year to retired military personnel and homemakers.

The academy is offered twice a year, in the spring and the fall and typically fills up fast. Each session is limited to 20 participants, and there is usually a waiting list.

Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce Information Specialist Carol Wilson and her husband John recently went through the academy this spring and felt they gained much from the experience.

"My husband and I wanted to make ourselves more aware of what's in our county and how our tax dollars are spent," Carol Wilson said. "Plus, being at the Chamber of Commerce I get a lot of phone calls with citi-

zens questions and this was a good way to get a broader understanding in order to be able to answer those questions.

"After going through the academy I feel much better about where my tax dollars are going. We got to see so many parts of the county I didn't even know about. It was time worth spending to find out how the county is run, and generally get to know about the different departments."

Representatives are brought in each week to discuss the various county departments and each session covers a series of topics related to county government services such as transportation, public safety, the budget, recreation, solid waste management and utilities services. The program emphasizes audience interaction and provides an opportunity for the public to get answers to their questions and meet county officials.

The academy is offered free of charge and is recommended for those 18 and older.

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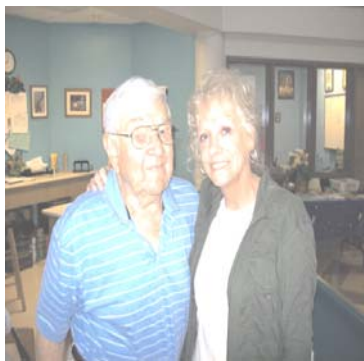
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New organization needs your help

Titusville has a new nonprofit organization and everyone is invited to be a part of it. It's called the Titusville Maritime Foundation and its purpose is to educate and promote Titusville's Indian River for recreational and cultural preservation. It nonpolitical, just a way for residents to enjoy and appreciate the river and learn more about it.

Events planned are the Titusville Maritime Festival in March, a Titusville Birthday Bash (including a reenactment of Col. Titus's card game), a blessing of the fleet and a Christmas Festival of Lights on the river. These are just a few of the ideas being tossed around.

The foundation needs people who are interested in history, educators, the scouts, families, you name it - let's have some fun.

Our next planning meeting is Aug. 28, 7 p.m. at the Titusville Library. For more information, call Susan at 258-7827.

School board meets later

The Brevard County School Board has rescheduled its Aug. 26 meeting at 5:30 p.m. The meeting is now set for Aug. 25, at 9 a.m. The location remains the same: the Board Room at the Educational Services Facility, 2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera.

Feeney speaks at Republican Club

The North Brevard Republican Club holds its regular monthly meeting Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Royal Oak Country Club in Titusville.

The speaker is Rep. Tom Feeney, Dist. 24 congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives. Members and guests are invited.

Call Shirley at 264-2634 for more information.

Join the Garden Club

The Titusville Garden Club meets for its new season Sept. 3 at 5275 Sisson Rd. The social is at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10 a.m. followed by the program at 11 a.m. in which Maureen Phillips from the city's Water Management Office will speak.

The public is invited and light refreshments will be served.

Learn English

Free English classes are held at First Baptist Church of Merritt Island for the non-English speakers living in the community. Classes are for all levels and include reading, writing and citizenship. Classes begin Sept. 2 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Crossroads Building at 140 Magnolia Ave., Merritt Island

Nursery is provided for childcare. Call 453-2144, ext. 512 or 635-9595 for more information.

Come to open house

An open house will be held at Isaac Campbell, Sr. Community Center, 701 South Street, Titusville, on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The community is invited to attend this free event to learn about upcoming programs and activities offered at the center. There will be an opportunity to sign up for activities and refreshments will be provided.

Contact Tommy Lee at 321-264-5040 for further information on this and other recreational activities sponsored by Brevard County Parks and Recreation in the Titusville area.

Elvis enters the building

Elvis is coming to the Elks Lodge on SR 405 in Titusville Sept. 6 at 8 p.m.. JJ James will do a tribute to Elvis to raise funds for veterans, the Elks' therapy van program and Florida youth camp.

The event is open to Elks members and guests. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. For tickets and more info, call Joanie at 264-8744.

The Central Brevard Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals invites all administrative support personnel to its monthly meeting Sept. 9, at 5:30 p.m. at Courtyard by Marriott, 3425 N. Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach. Topic is "The Skeleton Within" by Bridget Griffin, operations manager at Parrish Health & Fitness Center. This 60-minute program focus-

es on the skeleton and the ability to affect the health of your bones. Guests are welcome. Optional dinner is \$12. Reservations must be made by Sept. 5. It can be made through the chapter Web site at iaapcentralbrevard.homestead.com. For additional information, contact Charlene Spangler at crscps@bell-south.net or 321.639.1780. Regular chapter meetings are the second Tuesday of each month.

State rep holds open houses

State Rep. Sasso, D-Cocoa Beach, will be hosting an Open House at his Cocoa Beach Office on the last Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. - noon at 32 North Orlando Avenue, Cocoa Beach, next to Roberto's. All constituents are welcome.

He has scheduled a series of town hall meetings for his constituents.

Merritt Island: Aug. 28, 6-8 p.m. at the Merritt Island Public Library

Sasso wants to meet with residents to hear about their concerns and suggestions for improving the community.

If residents have a specific concern, call his office at (321) 449-5111.

BCC offers class for seniors

The Brevard Community College Melbourne Campus "Seniors in the Workplace I and II," classes provide how to instruction for senior citizens returning to the workforce in today's whirlwind of employment and careers.

Today's economy is forcing more seniors to return to the workforce, and session one addresses the pros and cons of working during the "golden years" of life Sept. 8 - 11, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 3865 N. Wickham Road. The cost is \$75.

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Sept. 6, 9 a.m. – Acrylic painting, fees are \$10, registration is required.

Sept. 8, 2-3:30 p.m. Master gardener Nora Drown is available to answer your questions about gardening. This program is on the second Monday of each month and is free.

Sept. 12 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sept. 13 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Book sale.

Sept. 23 12:30-1:30 p.m. Introduction to E-Bay. Registration is required; fee for materials is \$5.

Sept. 23 6-7:30 p.m. Basic outboard motor maintenance. This is an introductory class on outboard engines and their upkeep. Registration is required. Fee is

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Classes are held at the Adult Ed. Center, 800 Lane Ave., Titusville. Cost is \$35 for seven weeks of classes. Register in the classroom or call Kathy for sewing at 383-1292 or Rosemary for cushions/upholstery at 267-8839.

Cruise In features cool cars

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Join photo club

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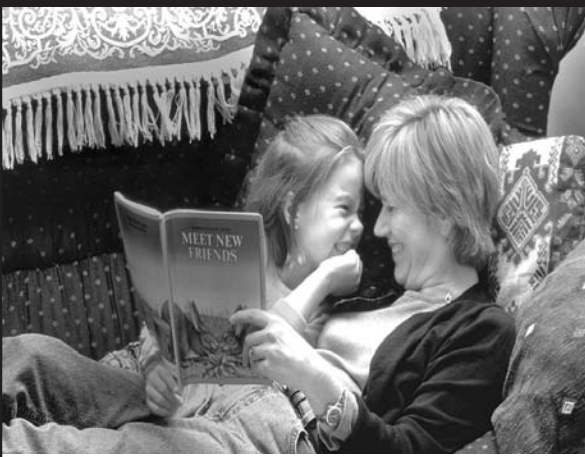
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Organization meets

Overeaters Anonymous (struggling with food addiction) weekly meetings are Monday, 7 p.m. at Hope Community Fellowship Church, 29029 Cheney Hwy, Titusville (Big Book meeting) and Saturdays, 9:15 a.m., Port St John Public Library, 6500 Carole Ave., Port St John (beginner's/discussion meeting). No dues, fees or weigh-ins. Everyone is welcome. Contact Diane at 266-1910.

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Bill lived part-time in northern Wisconsin beginning in 1956 when he opened Camp Buckatabon, a boys and girls summer camp in Conover. He moved to the north full time in 1970 when he began teaching in Presque Isle. Within a few years, Bill became the District Administrator for the newly formed North Lakeland Elementary School.

Known as a good friend and mentor to many people, he was always the teacher, even in retirement as a part-time fishing guide. Bill always worked to make things better; he was unassuming and humble enough to clean the fish or the school hallways, even when he was the boss. He constantly worked to expand the scope of the North Lakeland School, introducing an Outdoor Education program, a Reading Program that became a model for the state, Adult Education programs, a Senior Citizen Program, and much more. Bill helped start the popular World Championship Musky Classic and worked for many years to help make it a success. In retirement, he served on the Vilas County Board of Adjustment and on the Board of Directors for Camp Manitowish as well as committees for the Catholic Diocese of Superior and various State Appointed Committees.

Bill is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jean Ann (Geis) Sherer, and sons John Sherer (Bozeman, MT), William Sherer (Boulder Jct.), Timothy Sherer (Indianapolis, IN), Joseph Sherer (Mesa, AZ), Thomas Sherer (Afghanistan), and daughter MaryAnn (Sherer) Collar (Appleton, WI). He is also survived by grandchildren Lisa (Goodell) Anderson, James Goodell, Briana (Sherer) King, Bridget Sherer, Brenna Sherer, Marissa Sherer, TJ Sherer, Katie Collar, and Ben Collar, and great-grandchildren Michael Anderson, Lauren King, Samuel Anderson, and Preston King. He loved them all deeply and cherished days fishing with the grandkids, and hunting with his sons.

Please send all memorials to the World Championship Musky Classic Scholarship Fund - this fund benefits area youth from the North Lakeland School district.

A Memorial Service was held at Bolger Funeral Home in Woodruff, Wisc., Aug. 14 from 4-8 p.m.

BARIC John, of Titusville, died Aug. 14. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

BULLARD Rhetta, 81, of Titusville, died Aug. 10. Arrangements by East Coast Cremation in Rockledge.

CARDINAL Christopher, 55, of Mims, died Aug. 12. Arrangements by Wylie Baxley Rockledge Funeral Home.

DOWLING David, 51, of Port St. John, died Aug. 13. Arrangements by East Coast Cremation in Rockledge.

FARRELL Dan, 86, of Port St. John, died Aug. 14. Arrangements by Funeral Solutions in Cocoa.

FREESE Daniel, 45, of Titusville, died Aug. 9. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

GEISLER George, 81, of Titusville, died Aug. 11. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

GRAY Barbara, 46, of Merritt Island, died Aug. 5. Arrangements by Stone Funeral Home in Cocoa.

HAYDEN Byron, of Titusville, died Aug. 12. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

HICKS Florence, 89, of Titusville, died Aug. 13. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in

Titusville.

KELLY Evelyn, 80, of Titusville, died Aug. 9. Arrangements by Newcomer Family Funeral Home in Titusville.

KINCH Robert, Sr., 76, of Titusville, died Aug. 8. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

LEDFORD, Ray Jr., of Titusville died Aug. 12. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

MARSHALL Sr. Michael, 64, of Titusville, died Aug. 10. Arrangements by Newcomer Family Funeral Home in Titusville.

MARTIN Henry, 83, of Merritt Island, died Aug. 8. Arrangements by

MEYER Eugene, 76, of Merritt Island, died Aug. 13. Arrangements by Funeral Solutions, Cocoa.

PENT Virginia, 91, of Titusville, died Aug. 6. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

PERKINS Denny, 65, of Titusville, died Aug. 14. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

PITTS William, 76, of Titusville, died Aug. 10. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

POWELL Ralph, 84, of Titusville, died Aug. 8. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

PRICE Charles, 78, of Titusville, died Aug. 7. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

RATLIFF Edward, 71, of Titusville, died Aug. 6. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home, Coca.

REASONER Jimmie, 77, of Merritt Island, died Aug. 1. Arrangements by Wylie-Baxley Funeral Home in Rockledge.

RIGNEY Jack, 81, of Merritt Island, died Aug. 12. Arrangements by East coast Cremation in Rockledge.

SENN Sandra of Merritt Island, died Aug. 14. Arrangements by Beckman-Williamson Funeral Home in Cocoa Beach.

TARR Millie, 94 of Titusville, died Aug. 12. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

WEST Albert, 80, of Merritt Island, died Aug. 7. Arrangements by East Coast Cremation, Rockledge.

ZABIEGALSKI Edwin, 88, of Merritt Island, died Aug. 5. Arrangements by Wylie Baxley Merritt island Funeral Home.

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- 6: Keep enough supplies in your home to meet your needs for at

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