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Susan Walden

Officer TJ Wright helps Batman – Laquavis Brown, 6, lace through the aisles at Wal-Mart Dec. 13 during the Annual Gift Grab, sponsored by the Titusville Police Athletic League.

Gift Grab puts everyone in Christmas spirit

By Susan Walden

More than 100 children took Christmas into their own hands Dec. 13.

The tikes were given $75 each to buy gifts for their loved ones and toys for themselves at Wal-Mart.

The Annual Gift Grab, sponsored by the Police Athletic League, provides Christmas cheer for children less fortunate. With a cart and a sponsor to help them, the children went up and down the aisles with smiles on their faces.

But they weren't the only ones smiling. Their sponsors – police officers, firefighters, PAL members, other city employees, Kiwanis members, school teachers and more – can't seem to get enough of this event.

"This is my third year doing this," said Titusville Fire Department Division/Operating Chief Mike Woodward said. "It's so much fun. I love watching the kids as they do something for others – an opportunity they wouldn't be able to do without this event."

For Astronaut High students Samantha Klouda, 11th grade, and Shelby Hardy, a 10th grader, the Gift Grab is a good event for their school's Anchor Club. "This is a great way to help the community and it feels good to help out the community," said Klouda.

"It feels good to know these kids and their families will have a good Christmas," said Hardy.

Their teacher/Anchor Club liaison Robin Porta said it's the first time the club's done this project. "We will definitely do this again next year. This is great," she said.

The event originated by Earl Miller, whose son, Lee, a TPD officer, died of heart fibrillation several years ago.

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Artist thanks city with her painting

By Debi Fleming

Titusville transplant Connie Allen believes after every storm there is a rainbow. Experiencing her share of storms and rainbows since moving to town from Maine three years ago, Allen not only finds the rainbows but paints them as well.

An accomplished artist, Allen was recently honored to receive a first-place award for pastels in the Oncology on Canvas national art competition by talk show host Regis Philbin in New York City. Philbin presented Allen's award on Oct 22 which just happened to be her birthday.

The art competition is sponsored by Eli Lilly and Co. and included entries from over 600 cancer survivors, including Allen who found out she had cancer after moving to Titusville.

"Eli Lilly put out a call for entries from cancer survivors, and asked for artwork that reflected something from their experience with cancer," Allen said. "When I first found out I had cancer I was stunned, but I wasn't going to let a little thing like cancer get me down, so I got to work."

Ever the optimist, Allen's painting depicted four women, from curled up in a ball on the floor to dancing with joy. She entitled her work "Daisey and I," and painted alongside all the women in the painting were daisies in full bloom. Allen's biggest supporter and comforter during her treatments was her dog aptly named Daisey. The final daisy in the painting was closed up, because the real Daisey died the day before Allen's final treatment.

Because Philbin and his wife are very active in cancer research he was chosen to present the awards, "and both were very interested in my painting and what it represented to me," Allen said.

Winning first-, second-, and third-place artwork will tour the United States for two years and then each piece will be up for auction.

An honor closer to home came Dec. 9 when another piece of Allen's artwork was presented to the Titusville City Council as a way of saying "thanks" to the council for their support of the Titusville Art League, and providing the league the use of a building that suits their needs.

"A committee chose my piece of art to be given to the City Council," said Allen who has been chosen Artist of

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Cancer fight inspires Titusville artist

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the Month five times since she joined the league just a year ago. "I feel so blessed and honored to have been chosen. We lease the building from the city, and wanted a way to thank them, and felt a donation of a painting would be good. The artwork will hang somewhere at City Hall."

What has helped her see the rainbows through the storms in her life is her good attitude, Allen said. That, and an ability to reach out to others and help them even in her own time of need.

"I knitted myself through chemotherapy," Allen said. "I'd go for my chemo treatments and see people far worse off than I am. Because I'm an artist I love colors and I'd ask the others what colors they liked and I'd knit them hats. After a while the waiting rooms were infused with the colors of the rainbow from my hats. I must have knitted 40 or 50 of them."

Allen now teaches a dozen or so students at the league, finding she has a talent and a passion for teaching.

"I just love painting, but that's secondary," Allen said. "My greatest joy is in teaching and being blessed to be able to do things. I have my ah-ha moments when I create a piece of art and can't believe I created that."

Allen's advice for others is to get up each morning with a goal, "even if it's just to do something small," Allen said. "I paint every day and my goal is to be able to continue to teach people to draw and paint and open their eyes."

Titusville Art League president John Slater said the league purchased the piece from Allen for $100, but feels it will appreciated in value quickly.

For more information on the art league visit http://www.nbbd.com/godo/tal/.

Event provides kids opportunity to buy gifts for loved ones

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Tajaea Greene, 9, loads up her cart with goodies as TPD Officer Allan Watson helps.

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The policeman loved children, although he didn't have any of his own.

His father organizes and executes a memorial golf tournament in Lee's honor every April. It brings thousands of dollars that's used for this event and college and police academy scholarships. Wal-Mart also donates an undisclosed amount of money plus McDonalds coupons for the kids who work up an appetite after shopping.

"This is fun," said Kyle Skidmore, 10. "I got everything I need for me and my family," he said as he picked up a shiny toy race car – his new favorite toy.

The children were grateful, like Quentin Bessent, 11. "This is a good opportunity because I didn't have the money to buy anything for my family and now I do."

New Mayor Jim Tulley said the Gift Grab pulls the community together. "We're not so different than other cities as we help one another," said Tulley.

"A lot of people in Titusville don't know about this event, but in my first two weeks as mayor I can say this is very special."

Because there are so many children, it isn't easy finding more than 100 volunteers. But Toni Merritt says that's where the Titusville Sunrise Kiwanis comes in. "We supply the extra people," she said. Merritt is also a retired corrections officer. "I got into this several years ago; it's a great time coming here."

Once a volunteer helps with the event, it usually isn't their last time, said Lau, who holds a special place in his heart for the Gift Grab.

"After volunteering for this, you walk out of here on the clouds. This is what gives me the Christmas spirit."

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Opinions

This Christmas give thanks to our military men and women

My View

By Susan Walden

I boarded the plane, sat down and wondered what kind of person was going to sit next to me on my long flight to Hawaii.

For some reason, everyone talks to me on the plane – a phenomenon that has made me second guess why I changed my major in college from psychology.

Walking down the aisle toward me was a strapping young gentleman with closely cropped hair and a ball cap that read something about heroes but I didn't catch it.

He slid in to the window seat next to me, plopped down and we began small talk … which really wasn't so small as the hours ticked away.

Ironically we didn't exchange names but I learned a lot about him.

I was in the presence of a hero.

He is an Army soldier stationed at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. Returning from a short trip to see his relatives in Washington, D.C. and Houston, his hometown, the soldier was happy to be on the flight.

He was happy to be alive.

He returned from Iraq in July but should have been over there longer. The reason his deployment was shortened was because, as he put it, "I got blown up."

The soldier had been "blown up" not once, not twice, but three times.

As three times is a charm, the last time was the one that sent him to the hospital.

Call it good luck or bad luck, the soldier received shrapnel wounds on his leg and arms.

One of his comrades died when their Striker hit an improvised explosive device, another wasn't hurt and the third is still in a Washington, D.C. hospital with a serious leg and foot injury.

"He's had up to three operations in one week," my soldier friend said as he whipped out his camera and showed me the pictures of the foot that didn't resemble anything human.

The 24-year-old eagerly rolled up his pant leg and showed me his scars and said the bad one was high up on his arm and his sleeve was too long to roll up and show me.

The soldier told me how he desperately tried to call his mother before the casualty officer told her and scared her half to death. But because the next of kin had to be notified since his buddy died, other family members weren't to be told first.

His girlfriend, from Clermont, Fla., went "crazy," as he put it. I think that's why a few days ago she decided to move back to Hawaii to be near him.

He received the Purple Heart and wore the small medal version on his cap.

I asked him how he felt about the media. "Are they reporting the war accurately?" I asked. I always wanted to get a soldier's view on this.

"No. There are a lot of inaccuracies," he said.

He said there wasn't enough "good stories" about what the men and women in our armed forces were doing. The bad stories seemed to be the highlight of the news, he said, and many times he had no idea how they got the story.

These false stories scared his loved ones.

"I got a call one day from my girlfriend who was very worried because she said all these incidents had happened around where we were in Iraq and I told her it wasn't true because I would have known about it," he explained.

It confirmed my thoughts of how the "mainstream" media was molding and shaping our perceptions of the war the way they wanted it, not necessarily by the facts. The careless selection of facts, omission of valid information and pure tales are the biggest no-nos in the field of journalism and an unforgivable act that turns my stomach. Hearing that it scared a soldier's loved one really made me furious.

Just a mere 24-year-old – just three years older than my oldest son – and he already had come face-to-face with death.

He didn't brag about it; he shared his stories because of the camaraderie we ha – my husband, a retired soldier and me, a soldier's wife and prior civilian working for the Army and Air Force.

I told him funny stories of how I served as a federal civilian with the Army in Germany, going on live fire exercises and how I wanted to get that essential camera shot but being more of a Private Benjamin jumping out of my skin every few seconds.

I told him we're all proud of him and that he's a real hero.

He said a lot of people told him that but he said one of the most moving things anyone has ever said to me.

"No, I'm not the hero. It's those guys in World War II – like the ones who stormed Normandy, the brave ones in Pearl Harbor and in Viet Nam. Those are the heroes."

Soon after, he fell asleep and I felt like I wanted to protect him the way he was protecting me – maybe it was because I was a mother; maybe it was because he was a soldier. I made sure I didn't wake him so I strained my eyes to read instead of turning on my light. He stirred, looked at me, reached across and turned the light on for me.

"You don't have to do read in the dark," he said. I thanked him and began reading. After a few hours the lady in front of him, who had her light on and shade up decided she still didn't have enough light, although she could have done microsurgery. She turned around and even though she saw him sleeping she woke him and asked him to raise his shade.

I opened my mouth to protest but he was too quick for me. His eyes shot open and the soldier remained firm. "I'm trying to sleep. Can't you see that? You already have a light on and shade up."

In defiance, she pursued it asking him again.

This time I butted in like a momma bear. I said, "For gosh sakes lady, he almost died for you three times in war, what else do you want from him?"

I couldn't help it. It just came out. But, it needed to be said. She didn't ask again.

As many of us pause and think about our deployed troops, there are some who could care less, unfortunately.

Maybe you've never met a soldier. But in the last few days making my way across the country I've seen them in uniform clutching and hugging their loved ones as they get off or on planes. I've stood over the USS Arizona where over 1,000 sailors and marines died and are laid to rest there under the water in Pearl Harbor.

This Christmas, I ask that you and your loved ones take a minute to think about our troops. Or go the extra mile and find an organization that is sending comfort supplies to them and donate. If you can't find one, get your family, friends or school to show them you care.

They'd do it and more for you.

Editor's note: The word "soldier" not only is an Army troop but is a common word depicting all military branches of service – Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

The Beacon wishes you a blessed Christmas, Hannukah and Happy New Year!

Kiwanis Club gives 198 dictionaries to elementary students

By Susan Walden

Christmas came a little early for third-graders in Oak Park Elementary School Dec. 12.

Members of the Sunrise Kiwanis Club presented 198 dictionaries to the students for them to keep.

"I never had a dictionary, so this is really neat," said Brianna Bouchez, 8 years old. She said the number one wish on her Christmas list is a Nintendo, but said she was still happy to have the dictionary.

Classmate TyRonne Davis, 10, was all smiles as he clutched his dictionary. "I feel good. I'm going to use this for stuff I don't know. It's something I can keep," he said.

The dictionaries were designed by teachers and include more than just the definition of words; they also provide the student information on countries, planets, maps and more.

Providing dictionaries to elementary students is a nationwide program of Kiwanis, according to Ivan Briggs, president of the Titusville organization. "It encourages the children to use better English and to use the dictionary."

Oak Park instructor Rachael Breckenridge, a varying exceptionalities teacher, is happy to get the books and said that third grade is a great age to get the dictionaries.

"The best part is that they get to keep them. Dictionaries are expensive and some – especially low income families – don't have one," she said.

"Skills can be reinforced at home."

Susan Walden

Oak Park Elementary third-graders Brianna Bouchez, 8, and TyRonne Davis, 10, accept new dictionaries from Titusville Sunrise Kiwanis Club secretary Toni Merritt, left, and teacher Rachael Breckenridge Dec. 12. The club provided 198 dictionaries for students to keep.

Popular writer, publisher to present at upcoming birding festival

By Debi Fleming

Florida in January is a great place to be.

Great weather, great scenery, and for bird lovers, a great birding festival that brings in thousands from around the country each year.

In its 12th year, the festival will be held Jan. 21-26, at BCC Titusville, and is "the" premier birding festival in the country. Among those attending are world-renowned experts and authors in their particular fields who are conducting over 200 workshops, seminars and field trips at the festival.

One such presenter is Bill Thompson, the editor of *Bird Watcher's Digest*, a popular bimonthly magazine that has been published by his family since 1978. The author of two books that have been published this year, Thompson will conduct a field trip, a seminar and two workshops, in addition to visiting several area elementary and middle schools.

Bird watching began early in Thompson's life, really starting when as a youngster he saw a snowy owl in the front yard of his family's home in Pella, Iowa. With his mother, an avid bird watcher herself, Thompson joined a club that involved monthly field trips and soon Thompson was spotting and identifying birds right along with the adults.

"When my family started the *Bird Watcher's Digest* bird watching was just becoming popular," Thompson said. "We started knowing nothing about running a magazine but have learned a lot and now have a circulation of between 50,000-55,000."

Mark your calendar!

What: Space Coast Birding & Wildlife Festival
When: Jan. 21-26
Where: BCC Titusville

Interested in helping the younger generation develop a love of bird watching, Thompson wrote *The Young Birder's Guide to Birds of Eastern North America* as an engaging, colorful guide that is aimed for those in the 8- to 12-years-old range.

"In this book I attempt to give kids a cool entry into nature," Thompson said. "Kids nowadays aren't getting out much into the natural world, and it's hard to expose them to nature beyond organized sports.The book includes 200 species of birds that are most common in the eastern US, one per page. I've also included one really cool fact about each bird that the kids will really like."

In Thompson's second book he served as a writer and editor in bringing together two of Roger Torey Peterson's birding guides into one publication, *The Peterson Field Guide to Birds of North America.*

"In this second book I worked mainly on the texts," Thompson said. "I'm coming down to the festival mainly to promote by two books, which will be for sale at the festival and for sale now in major bookstores and from the magazine's Web site."

Thompson's articles on birds and birding have appeared in many books and periodicals. A full listing are included on the magazine website at www.birdwatchers-digest.com

Presentations Thompson will be making at the festival include:

✍ Pelagic Birding Offshore New Smyrna Beach from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan 26

✍ Roger and Us: Inside the Making of the "Peterson Field Guide to Birds of North America from 3:35-5 p.m. Jan 23. Book signing will held after the presentation.

✍ Secret Life of Ducks Workshop form 8 a.m. – noon Jan 23, 24 & 25

✍ No Child Left Inside: Using Birds to Reduce Nature Deficit Disorder form 12:30-2:30 p.m. Jan 24

For more information on the Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival visit, and a schedule of presentations visit www.nbbd.com/fly

Brevard County Schools rated second nationally in number of certified teachers

Among the top 10 districts in the nation for the number of National Board Certified Teachers, Brevard ranks second in percentage of NBCTs.

Also, for the seventh year in a row, Brevard County has the highest percentage of NBCTs among the ten largest districts in Florida. Of all 67 districts in Florida, BPS is second only to Wakulla County in percentage of NBCTs. Wakulla County, a much smaller district, has 13.1 percent NBCTs to Brevard's 12.9 percent. According to National Board data, BPS ranks 10th nationally in total number of NBCTs.

With 91 new NBCTs in 2008, Brevard now has certified 695 NBCTs since 1999 with currently 632 actively teaching, equating to 12.9 percent of its eligible teachers. This is a 1.2 percent increase from last year, and it greatly surpasses the Florida NBCT average of 7.8 percent. Among the top 10 districts in the nation for the total number of NBCTs, Brevard follows only Wake County, N.C. and is tied with Charlotte-Mecklenburg, N.C. in the percentage of teachers earning NBCT status.

"National Board Certification is the highest form of professional development for teachers and we are proud of those teachers who have completed this rigorous process," said Superintendent Dr. Richard A. DiPatri.

"The support of the School Board and the Brevard Federation of Teachers for this program is what makes our district stand out above the rest." Additionally DiPatri stated, "Our legislators started this program 10 years ago to improve teacher performance and it has been wildly successful. When cutting programs, legislators should look at keeping the best and I hope that National Board Certification is at the top of the list."

Operation Medicine Cabinet yields 13 pounds of medicine

By D.D. Remini

Titusville Police Department's war on the abuse of prescription drugs was successful Dec. 13.

The first of its kind in Brevard County, Operation Medicine Cabinet netted 13 pounds of pills as well as two large paper bags brimming with an assortment of medication – from liquid to pills.

The police set up a table in the entry of the Miracle City Mall in Titusville and collected unwanted and expired prescription medications from Titusville citizens. In return, those who dropped off medicine received a $5 gift card to a few of the area's drug stores

"Prescription drug abuse is on the rise with teens," said Corp. Carolina Johnson, who went with Detective Shawn Anderson to Drug Enforcement Agency school and learned how this effort is successful.

"They think, 'it's prescription so how can it be bad,'" she said. But, it's like playing Russian roulette with their lives. Some even have "bean" or "bowling" parties in which teens bring whatever they can find in their family's medicine cabinet. They mix the toxic batch in a bowl and take the medication like popping M&Ms.

Anderson said another benefit of Operation Medicine Cabinet is that many people don't know what to do with their old prescriptions. "Flushing them down the toilet isn't good because it can contaminate the water supply," he said.

In just the first 15 minutes, the officers collected 100 medicine bottles. The day's catch also included Oxycodone, Xanax, Valium, Soma, Tramadol and a nebulizer machine.

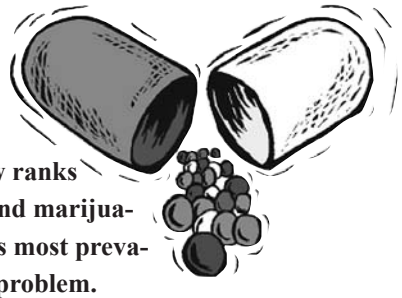
"The community's response was overwhelmingly positive and sets the tone for future events like this," said Assistant Chief John Lau. "We will definitely hold this event again and it will be bigger and better."

Federal guidelines urge Americans to:

- take unused, unneeded or expired prescription drugs out of their original containers.
- Mix the prescription drugs with an undesirable substances, such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter and put them in impermeable, no-descript containers – empty cans or sealable bags.
- Throw these containers in the trash.
- Return unused, unneeded or expired medication to pharmaceutical take-back locations that allow that public to bring unused drugs to a central location for safe disposal.

Fast facts

✔ Some of the most dramatic increases in first-time prescription drug abuse are among 12- to 17-year-olds nationwide.



✔ Past year abuse of prescription pain killers abuse now ranks second only behind marijuana as the nation's most prevalent illegal drug problem.

✔ Approximately 6.4 million Americans report non-medical use of prescription drugs.

✔ Approximately 60 % of people who abuse prescription painkillers indicate tha they got their prescription drugs from a friend or relative for free.

✔ Where to get help: www.painfullyobvious.com; npin.org; www.pta.org/commonsense;www.drugabuse.gov/parent-teacher.html.

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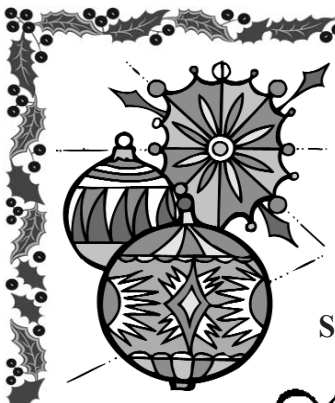

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Keep Fido healthy during season with SPCA's advice

Everyone loves treats for the holidays and it's easy to want to give your pet a treat as well, but many "yummies" can hurt or kill them.

The SPCA of Titusville has these helpful hints to keeping your pet healthy during the holiday season:

➔ Keep your kitchen and dining area safe by following these warnings, courtesy of the S.P.C.A. of North Brevard, Inc., for a safe holiday with your dog or cat.

Dangerous foods

➔ Chocolate are hazardous, actually poison to your pet. Dark chocolate is the most dangerous.

➔ Keep platters of turkey and roast bones secure as these can puncture throats, intestines and stomachs.

➔ Alcohol can poison an animal, especially small ones.

➔ Grapes and raisins can cause kidney damage and renal failure. Pets can suffer pancreatitis, resulting in hospital care or death, due to rich foods – turkey skin, gray, table scraps and meat fats.

➔ Don't feed Fido or Fifi cookie dough because it contains yeast, which can ferment when ingested and turn to alcohol.

Dangers around the house

➔ Guests from out of town staying in your home might not be aware of dangers of medicines left unattended in the reach of pets. Treat it like you would with small children in the house – out of reach.

➔ Candles and other flames should be monitored at all times, as these can be knocked over by a friendly tail or paw, resulting in burns and damaged carpets, furniture and homes.

➔ Betteries bought for toys and electronics are very corrosive if the casing is chewed on and opened, causing severe ulcers in the mouth and intestinal tract.

➔ Plants can be notorious evils to our pets. Poinsettia, mistletoe and even the preservatives used in the Christmas tree water can mean a sudden trip to your veterinarian or local emergency clinic.

➔ Keep cloth watch over electrical cords, glass ornaments, icicles and ribbon. Many pets find the lights and shiny objectws too much to resist. Electrical shock can cause nasty burns of the mouth and even death. Glass ornaments when chewed can cut the mouth, throwat and stomach, while ribbons and plastic icicles from the holiday tree can cause impactions in the intestinal tract resulting in blockages.

➔ Remember to keep candy up high and trash can lids tightly closed.

➔ Look around your house and see what might be enticing and dangerous to our four-legged family members and make it a safe happy holiday for all.

Christmas dinner offered

The North Brevard Coalition of Human Services presents its 10th annual free community holiday dinner Christmas Day, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Gibson Community Center, 835 Sycamore St., Titusville. Community members receive a bountiful meal, a visit from Santa, children's games and gifts, carriage rides, enjoy music and more.

Last year exceeded all expectations with more than 139 volunteers and 176 on-site guests, with take-home meals and meals delivered to the homebound totaling more than 400 served.

Give blood

Florida's Blood Centers and the Florida Association of Food Banks are working together to give life, food and hope. From now until Dec. 31, FBC blood donors will receive a $10 Publix gift card. They can keep the cards for their own holiday food expenses, or they may return them to FBC, which will donate them to the food bank in the donor's community. The cards will go to families who need help during the holiday season.

F-86 Sabre jet on loan at museum

The Valiant Air Command announces that a world famous F-86 Sabre jet is now based at its Titusville Warbird Museum. This particular F-86 was built in 1953 and initially served in the U.S. Air Force before being transferred to Argentina where it served from 1960 until 1988. At that time it was purchased and lovingly restored by Tom Righetti, who has since passed away. The aircraft is now owned by his wife and is flown to many airshows around the country by Dale Snodgrass. The Valiant Air Command is honored to have this F-86 loaned to us for public display

The North American F-86 Sabre was arguably the most successful and elegant American fighter of the 1950s. F-86 pilots established a kill ratio of nearly 10:1 over the MiG-15 and it became known as the MiG killer. Of the 40 American pilots who earned the designation of ace during the Korean war, all but one flew the F-86 Sabre. So come out and see this truly magnificent machine and veteran of the Korean War.

The Valiant Air Command is located at the Space Coast Regional Airport at 6600 Tico Road in Titusville. The Web site is www.vacwarbirds.org or call 268-1941.

Order your sea oats

Beachside residents are encouraged to order early this year when purchasing sea oats for dune planting through the sixth annual bargain sea oats sale offered by Brevard County's Natural Resources Management Office and Keep Brevard Beautiful, Inc.

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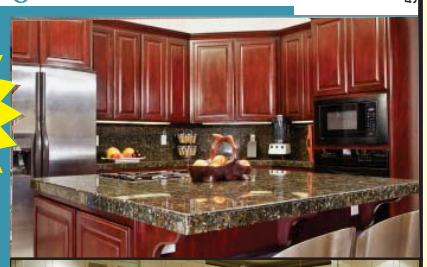

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The North Brevard Senior Center, a non-profit organization serving the social needs of seniors in northern Brevard County, holds the following events.

Jan. 8: Free Ladies Billiards Lessons every Thursday at 7 p.m. at North Brevard Senior Center, 909 Lane Ave., Titusville. (Center donation $1 members, $2 non-members required.) Taught by billiards professional. Info: 321-268-9126.

Jan. 12: Bunco at 7 p.m. at North Brevard Senior Center, 909 Lane Ave., Titusville. Cost $3 members, $4 non-members. Info: 321-268-9530.

Jan. 17: Ballroom dancing at 7:30 p.m. at North Brevard Senior Center, 909 Lane Ave., Titusville. Music by "Len Bentley". Door prizes. Cost $8 person includes snacks and setups (BYOB). Info: 321-631-0368.

Jan. 29: "Vicki Lawrence & Mama" – A Two Woman Show. The trip is planned by The North Brevard Senior Center (Titusville) to the Lakeland Center. Cost is $87 person and includes round-trip bus, matinee seats in the orchestra section, great buffet dinner in Lakeland, and all taxes/tips. Call Pat at 321-638-0835 for reservations.

Safari guide to talk at lunch

"Jungle" Jim Greene, a third generation Florida native who leads eco-tour guided safaris on the St. John's River, will be the featured speaker at the Jan. 8 brown bag lunch at Lori Wilson Park in Cocoa Beach.

Greene will speak on the topic of crocodiles and alligators, including the latest research findings on crocodilians, the habits and activities of our native alligators and crocodiles, their importance to Florida's ecology, the present pollution problems and what should and shouldn't be done around alligators and water.

The Central Area of Brevard County Parks and Recreation offers a series of brown bag lunches at Lori Wilson Park, Kelly Slater pavilion, 1320 N. Atlantic Ave., Cocoa Beach, beginning at noon on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. There is no cost to attend.

For additional information, call the Nature Center at 321-455-1385.

Computer enthusiasts meet

The Titusville Computer Club will meet for the General Membership Meeting, with a Q & A session Jan. 8, 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 414 Pine St., Titusville, in the Fellowship Hall on Palm Ave.

Everyone is welcome. For further information call 267-3746

Come to exhibit

The North Brevard Heritage Foundation holds an exclusive premier of the preservation as an art form exhibition Jan. 16, 6-10 p.m. at the Royal Oak Country Club. The exhibit features art, artifacts, photographs ad other materials that focus on, and creatively interpret, the foundation's preservation efforts at the historic Pritchard House and Brevard Heritage Park. Objects found at the structures, such as the 1891 Clifton Schoolhouse, the Hutcheson Barn and the Mims Train Depot will be incorporated into the exhibit. The event also includes a fund-raising silent auction, entertainment and heavy hors d'oeuvres provided.

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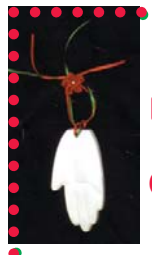

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Do some genealogy

The Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution hold a free genealogy workshop for Jan. 3, 10 a.m. - noon at the Central Brevard Public Library, 308 Forrest Ave., Cocoa. Anyone interested in finding a Revolutionary War patriot and membership in the Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution is welcome.

Guest speaker is Debbie Duay, Ph.D. and professional genealogist, who has more than nine years of experience in teaching and helping people with their family history. Over 70 people have become members of the DAR and SAR with Debbie's help. In addition to Duay, members of the local chapters of the DAR and SAR will be available to give more information on finding patriot ancestors and becoming members of the DAR and SAR. For more details, call 773-6271 and 632-5663.

Garage sale held

The Merritt Island/Beaches Area of Brevard County Parks and Recreation will host a Community Garage Sale Jan. 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kiwanis Island Park gym, 951 Kiwanis Island Park Road in Merritt Island.

Garage sale tables may be rented for $15 each; browsing is free.

For additional information, call 321-455-1380.

Beds, volunteers needed

B.E.T.A. of Titusville, Inc. Titusville's only crisis pregnancy center, has launched its annual "Crib for a Bed" campaign. Each year, during the holiday season, B.E.T.A. urges those whose babies have outrown their gently used cribs to donate to the B.E.T.A. Center.

Less fortunate mothers and dads yearround visit B.E.T.A. for free infant layette items, emergency diapers and formula, maternity clothes and baby equipment.

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Windover site to be discussed

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program sponsors a coffee for the public on Jan. 12, 10 a.m. in the Hannemann Room at the Titusville Library, 2121 S. Hopkins Ave. Dr. Rachel Wentz, an anthropologist with the Florida Public Archaeology Network, will bring us the story of the Windover Farm project.

The Windover site was first discovered in 1982 during construction within the Windover Farms suburban housing development. It represents the largest sample of its antiquity in North America. The well-preserved remains of over 168 individuals were excavated and date to around 7,000 years ago.

The excavation of Windover spanned three field seasons (1984-1986). One of the most fascinating aspects of preservation from Windover was the recovery of human brain tissue from over ninety crania. The state of preservation at Windover has permitted cellular and molecular analyses and provides a rare glimpse into the lifestyle of the people of Florida's Archaic period. Along with exceptionally preserved skeletal remains were beautifully crafted artifacts buried alongside many of the individuals. These included bone and wooden tools, ornamental shells, and beautifully woven textiles, which were wrapped around the individuals before they were placed in the pond.

This presentation will examine the life and death of people from Windover. Dr. Rachel Wentz specializes in bioarchaeology – the examination of health and illness through the analyses of human skeletal remains in archaeological contexts. Her research has shown that the people from Windover suffered from many forms of illness and injury, including fractures, infection, arthritis, and nutritional deficiencies.

Library holds programs

The Titusville Library holds ongoing children's program: Family Story Time, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. (All Ages); Toddler Story Time, Wednesdays, 10 a.m. (Ages 2-3); Preschool Story Time, Wednesdays, 11 a.m. (Ages 3-5)

Infant Story Time; Thursdays, 9:15am (Ages 1 month-walking)

Pre-Toddler Story Time; Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. (Ages walking-2 years); Holiday Paper Craft, Mondays, 6 p.m. (Ages 6-9); Holiday Paper Craft, Mondays, 7 p.m. (Ages 10-up); Puppet Club for Teens, Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. (Ages 13-up); Manga Drawing, Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. (Ages 10-up.

The Titusville Public Library is located at 2121 S. Hopkins Ave. For information and to register, call 264-5026 and ask for Youth Services. All programs are free.

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Signed
Someone threw Mama from the train

Dear Connie Control,

Hey! Hairspray is for controlling the hair, not daughters. Now listen, if you have your mom's best interest at heart, I would say that you pleasantly take her on a shopping spree and happen to stop by your salon to pick up a gift certificate for a girlfriend.

Invite her to walk in with you and see how she feels about the atmosphere. Introduce her to your stylist if possible; if she is impressed she might change her mind.

Her reaction will be clear enough. If not, you saved your stylist from a real pain in the wrist. If she doesn't want to participate in her own recovery then so be it. Let her walk around with that frog fur on her head. Tell everyone she is a little touched, and it will be just fine. You can say her medication is causing it.

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Parents may subscribe to this publication and receive an e-mail announcing each edition by signing up on the district Web site at www.brevardschools.org.

Veterans can now salute flag

Here's some great news for veterans from Army Echoes Magazine (Sept. – Dec. 2008 issue). Congress has put "Still Saluting" into law for retired veterans. The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act (Public Law 110-181) changed Sect. 9, Title 4, U.S. Code, covering "Conduct hoisting, lowering or passing of the flag." Veterans now can also salute the flag (not putting your hand over your heart) during a ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in review.

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Program helps people

Park Avenue Baptist Church offers Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered program to help people overcome hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meetings are held every Thursday night at the House of Ashkelon, 1651 S. Park Avenue from 6:30-8:30 with childcare available from 6:15-8:45 p.m.

For more information call 269-6702.

Have a food addiction?

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Everyone is welcome. Contact Diane at 266-1910.

Group meets

The Central Brevard Multiple Sclerosis Self Help Group meets every second Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. in the Central Brevard Library, 308 Forrest Ave., Cocoa. All family members are welcome. For more info and to verify the next meeting day, call 636-0235 or go to www.cbmsgroup.org.

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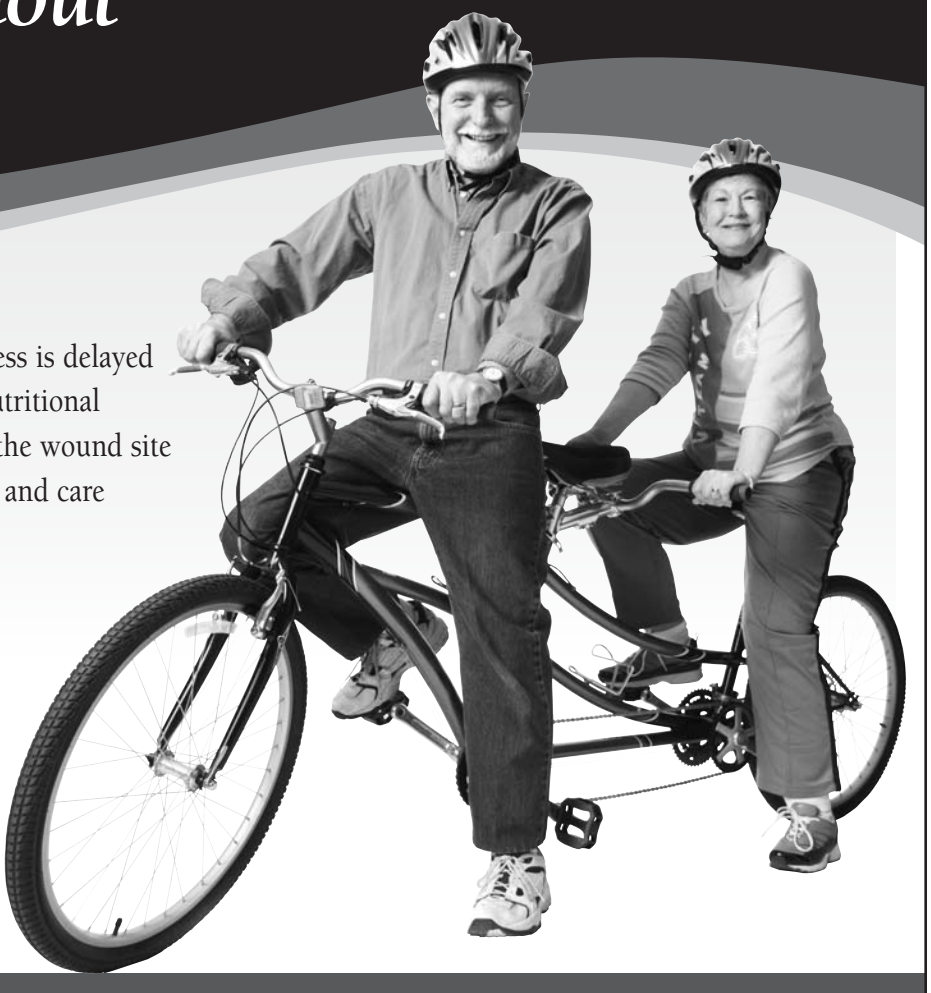

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The next meetings are the 12th, 14th, and 28th. Loving childcare is always provided. Infants are welcome in the meetings. Call Linda at 383-8293 for more information.

Moms meet

The Merritt Island Mothers of Preschoolers meet on the first and third Monday of each month, 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 65 Needle Blvd., Merritt Island.

MOPS meets the needs of children from birth to kindergarten. Mothers enjoy conversation, refreshment, activities and speakers while their children are cared for in a preschool atmosphere in a nursery.

Call Amy at 720-7472 for more information.

OA gets together

Overeaters Anonymous meets at the Port St. John Library Saturdays at 9:15 a.m. and Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Call Dianne at 266-1910 for more information.

Teens have fun

The Teen Warehouse is a place for teens in grades 7-12 to hang out with friends and have a safe, fun time at Tom Statham Park Community Center, 7101 South U.S. Highway 1, in Bellwood, south of Titusville. The center is open Mondays through Thursdays from 4-8 p.m. and on Fridays from 4-9 p.m., with Saturday activities as announced. There is no fee for drop-in activities, however, fees may be charged for special events as announced in the future.

For more information on teen activities sponsored by Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department in North Brevard, call 264-5105.

Vets get help

Veterans who've served in Iraq, Afghanistan and have medical problems that require care by the Veterans Administration or have service-connected disabilities that might qualify for compensation, should contact the Disabled American Veterans, Inc., Chapter 109. The DAV chapter Service officers stand ready to help, located at 435 N. Singleton Ave.

They are available Monday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tuesday noon – 4 p.m. and Thursday, 1-4 p.m. No appointments are necessary. Call 269-0109 for more information.

Drivers needed

The American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program seeks volunteer coordinators throughout the county to coordinate transportation schedules for cancer patients undergoing treatment. Many patients have no alternative way to get to their treatments. The program offers patients free rides.

For more information on how to help, call 433-3109, ext. 115. Training is provided.

Legion members meet

The American Legion Post 1 meets the third Monday at 7 p.m. 1281 N. U.S. 1, Titusville, (321) 269-9959.brevard County Knitters get together on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 780 E. Merritt Island Causeway, Merritt Island. Call 784-8697.

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The condition called Raynaud's syndrome is a more serious matter. This is a disorder to which the arteries do not dilate properly to let blood get to the extremities. Attacks are episodic and as with Raynaud's disease, seem to be brought on by cold temperatures.

Raynaud's disease can be kept under control by wearing warm socks and gloves and avoiding irritants like smoking. Those with Raynaud's syndrome, however must avoid the cold. In extreme cases, surgery may be recommended.

Talk with your podiatrist about these conditions and about other ways to avoid cold feet.

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ABELL Dennis, 90, of Titusville, died Dec. 14. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

AUSTIN Julius, 73, of Titusville, died Dec. 13. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home in Cocoa.

BALES Karen, 42, of Titusville, died Dec.18. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

CERATTO Dorothy, 86, of Titusville, died Dec. 14. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

CIRALSKY Catherine, 70, of Titusville, died Dec. 9. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeal Home in Titusville.

COFIELD Michael, 47, of Titusville, died Dec. 13. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

CONRAD Walter, 78, of Merritt Island, died Dec. 13. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home in Cocoa.

DOTTS Willie Earl, 61, of Titusville, died Dec. 19. Arrangements by Lewis-Ray Mortuary in Titusville.

DUNK Jennie, 85, of Titusville, died Dec. 16. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

FAIR Lowell, 70, of Merritt Island, died Dec. 16. Arrangements by Funeral Solutions in Cocoa.

FORD Horace, 81, of Titusville, died Dec. 15. Arrangements by Florida Memorial Funeral Home in Melbourne.

FROST Harold, 84, of Titusville, died Dec. 18. Arrangements by Funeral Solution s in Cocoa.

GALLOWAY Kenneth, 25, of Titusville, died Dec. 5. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

GORE Josephine, 79, of Titusville, died Dec. 10. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

GRODHAUS Mary, 86, died Dec. 1. Arrangements by Brownlie Maxwell Funeral Home in Melbourne.

GUILLEN Michael, 36, of Port St. John, died Dec. 6. Arrangements by Newcomer Funeral Home in Titusville.

HITCHCOCK Wayne, 75, of Titusville, died Dec. 19. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home in Cocoa.

HUFF Donald Ray, infant, of Titusville, died Dec. 4.

KELLER Vivian, 88, of Merritt Island, died Dec. 11. Arrangements by Wylie Baxley Merritt island Funeral Home.

LOWE Anna, 62, of Titusville, died Dec. 13. Arrangements by Newcomer Funeral Home in Titusville.

NATTILE Alice, 86, of Mims, died Dec. 14. Arrangements by Lewis-Ray Mortuary.

OSTEEN Cathie, 66, of Titusville, died Dec. 9. 'Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

PAGE Jane, 68, of Port St. John, died Dec. 15. Arrangements by Funeral Solutions in Cocoa.

PREISS Fred, died Dec. 16. Arrangements by Wylie-Baxley Funeral Home in Merritt Island.

OWEN Lonnie, 73, of Mims, died Dec.2 Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

REID Barbara 67, of Merritt Island, died Dec. 15. Arrangements by Arthur Frey Funeral Home in South Sterling, PA.

RUGHE, Max, 88, of Merritt Island, died Dec. 15. Arrangements by Davis Seawinds Funeral Home in Melbourne.

SCHAAF Richard, 80, of Mims, died Dec. 17. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

SEILER Madelyn, 84, of Merritt Island, died Dec. 6. Arrangements by Beckman-Williamson Funeral Home in Cocoa Beach.

SIMMS Robert, 79 of Titusville, died Dec. 19. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

SMITH Claudette, 69, of Merritt Island, died Dec. 10. Arrangements by Wylie Baxley Funeral Home.

STEVENS John, 92, of Titusville, died Dec. 6. Arrangements by North Brevard Fueral Home in Titusville.

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YARBOROUGH Lona, 86, of Merritt Island, died Dec. 17. Arrangements by Florida Memorial in Rockledge

December 4, 1921 – December 17, 2008
Carl Henry Miller

Carl Henry Miller, 87, of Huntsville, formerly of Orlando and Titusville, Florida, died Wednesday. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Mary Jane.

Survivors include daughter, Carla King and husband, Ben; two grandchildren and their spouses, Rogers and Erika King and Bradley and Robert Fogelman and two great-grandchildren.

Carl graduated from Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa and joined the U.S. Navy. He served as a pilot in World War II stationed in the Pacific. He was an insurance agent in Orlando and a member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, the Committee of 100, the Orlando Country Club, the Optimist Club, The Citrus Club and the University Club. He was a past president of the Insurance Association of Orlando and a member of the Bahia Shrine Temple, F.&A.M. Lodge #293 and the Scottish Rite, all of Orlando. After moving to Titusville in 1990, he belonged to St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, LaCita Country Club and was president of the Village Grove Association.

A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Monday at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Orlando. Laughlin Service Funeral Home is assisting with local arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 117-A Longwood Dr., Huntsville, AL 35801, The Huntsville Museum of Art "Sellars Collection", 300 Church St., Huntsville, AL 35801, or a charity of your choice.

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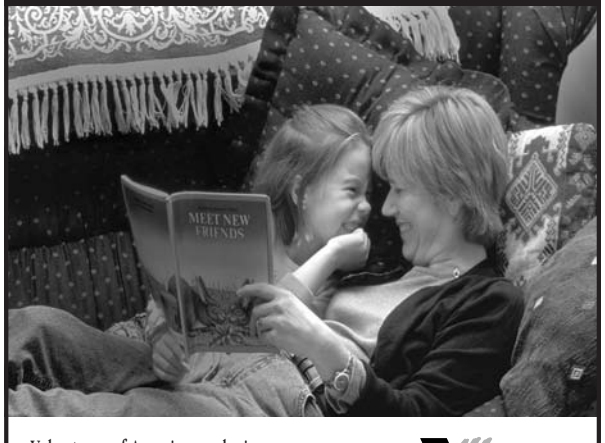

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