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Susan Walden

**Trishtian Calvert surveys the debris on her property after a tornado struck her home April 14. Her neighbor's home next door was also hit, as well as the Frontenac Flea Market and other areas.**

## Quick storm leaves lasting problems

By Susan Walden

Chris Colon thought he'd have a nice day off from work but in a split second he was praying for his life.

Clutching his chair and screaming as if on a wild ride, the Hardeeville resident felt his mobile home shake and move as he heard a noise that sounded as if the world was being turned inside out.

The roof was lifting and the house was twisting and moving off its foundation.

"It happened in a split second. It was a scary moment," he said.

Although weather officials can't confirm it was a tornado April 14 that hit Colon's home, the Frontenac Flea Market and other residents' homes in the vicinity, many say it was.

"Our mailman was a few streets over and saw the tornado come down," said Trishtian Calvert, Colon's girl-

friend who lives with him. "He came by to see if we were OK." Calvert was at work at the time but came home quickly after Colon called her. Calvert had called him minutes before the tornado warning him of bad weather.

Like the Wizard of Oz movie, Colon opened the door after he heard it get quiet. His car, which was in the driveway pointing toward the home, had been lifted like a Matchcar and placed sideways in the driveway. His porch was gone and his shed to the right of the home



**The sign in front of Frontenac Flea Market and the rope shop was blown away.**

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## Pritchard House to open as museum

By D.D. Remini

The grande dame of Titusville is getting a facelift.

The Pritchard House, on the outskirts of downtown Titusville on U.S. 1, is in the midst of a historic restoration that will transform it to the way it looked when its original owner, Capt. James Pritchard, lived in it from 1891-1926.

"It's very exciting," said Roz Foster, North Brevard Heritage Foundation president and organizer of the restoration.

"The Pritchard House is the pearl of the city. It's one of the last examples of that era and it belonged to a very important man in our community."

Pritchard, a Confederate general and early pioneer of Titusville, organized the Indian River State Bank of Titusville, was the first real estate man in this section of Florida and gave Titusville its first light plant, which exists now as Florida Power and Light Company.

The outside of the home is the first to be done. Scaffolds encompass the exterior as workers re-roof, install new copper flashing, shore up porches and paint. Getting the exact colors of the house the way it was 100 years ago, wasn't an easy feat. Oral and written documentation presented varying accounts of the color. Fannie Budge Waters, who lived in the house as a small child between 1896-1910, recalled the house was painted white with various shades of green trim.

But Mary Shuster, Pritchard's granddaughter, remembers the house a cream or ecru color with russet brown trim and green shutters. Paint scrapes at random spots on the house, performed by the construction crew, revealed no white paint. It showed some of the trim a russet brown, green shutters with some mustard yellow trim and green on some posts. The mustard yellow was also shown on many of the fish scale shingles on the north side and second floor.

The 65 gallons of paint needed to bring the house

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# Virginia school superintendent to take DiPatri's job

School Board members unanimously selected Dr. Brian Binggeli as the new Superintendent of Brevard Public Schools April 21.

Binggeli will replace Dr. Richard A. DiPatri, who is retiring on June 30 after leading the district for eight years.

"The School Board had a tough decision," said Board Chairman Robert Jordan.

"We interviewed a total of five well qualified candidates. In the end, we chose the one that we thought was the best for our students, staff and community.

"Dr. Binggeli's proven track record and his enthusiasm for students will help continue BPS' tradition of excellence."

Following Dr. DiPatri's retirement announcement, the search process began by identifying the qualities that the Board and community expected in a superintendent. Utilizing the services of Ray and Associates, Inc., the district's position was promoted throughout the nation.

Forty-three quality applicants were screened, resulting in the selection of five candidates who were interviewed by the Board.

Following the interviews with each of the five candidates, the Board selected two finalists, Brenda Blackburn and Binggeli.

Binggeli and Blackburn met with the public on April 20 during a meet and greet event. The board conducted

additional interviews with the candidates before making its final decision.

Binggeli is currently the Cluster (Area) Superintendent of the 169,040-student Fairfax County (Virginia) School District, where he has served for the past three years. Prior to that, he was executive director of Curriculum and Instruction, after serving as the director of Middle Education for Spotsylvania County Schools in Fredericksburg, VA.

Binggeli received his PH.D. in Education Leadership and Policy Studies from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

# New Web site educates Floridians on mortgage fraud

Attorney General Bill McCollum recently unveiled a new Web site designed to help homeowners avoid mortgage fraud-related scams.

Myfloridalegal.com/mortgagefraud, provides consumers with easy access to current investigations, complaint forms and tips to identify and avoid foreclosure rescue fraud. Foreclosure rescue fraud, or fraud involving loan modifications related to foreclosures, is the complaint topic most commonly reported to the Attorney General's Office and involves the charging of an up-front fee for foreclosure rescue services before any services are

provided, if at all.

"Companies and individuals are taking advantage of our homeowners in these tough economic times by preying on their financial situations," said Attorney General McCollum. "If we can increase consumer education and empower people to spot scams and avoid them in advance, we can help decrease the number of victims targeted by this fraud."

Consumers can obtain information about active litigation involving companies the Attorney General has taken action against and can download affidavit forms to fill out if they have been victim-

ized by one of the companies on the list. Consumers can also access a list of investigations being conducted by the Attorney General's Mortgage Fraud Task Force to see if a particular company is currently being scrutinized.

The site also features answers to frequently asked questions, consumer tips, and a list of warning signs that a company or an individual might be engaging in foreclosure rescue fraud. Additional resources are also available, including a link to a new Florida Bar Web site containing information for attorneys and consumers on legal training, housing help

workshops and clinics being held in Florida, and information concerning the Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service and qualified legal aid agencies throughout Florida.

In 2007, Attorney General McCollum initiated an agency-wide Mortgage Fraud Task Force to address the issues of mortgage and foreclosure rescue fraud.

Since then, the Task Force has filed six lawsuits, has settled with seven companies, and is actively investigating more than 50 additional companies under the

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**Cleanup time**

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*Jim Herron, from left, Casey Crouch and Bob Socks haul trash to a truck at City Hall April 18 during Titusville Cleanup Day. About 200 picked up trash from around the city. Mayor Jim Tulley said the event was successful and wants to do it once a month, as well as starting an organization to plant trees for the city's better curb appeal.*

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# Popular flea market, businesses, homes hit



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**A small portion of the Frontenac Flea Market was hit by the storm April 14. People witnessed a funnel cloud in the area at the time of the incident. Various homes and businesses sustained damage.**

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was nowhere to be seen. Debris from the contents of his shed plus his neighbor's shed filled the side yard.

Luckily Colon's neighbors, Maynard and Ruth Rees, weren't at home because their house was also hit. "I'm glad we were gone. I would have had a heart attack," said Ruth Rees, who was at a church meeting and at the gym. The Rees' shed sat near Colon's backyard in a twisted mess.

Indicative of a tornado, Colon's neighbor's home and yard across the street just yards away was untouched.

"This is our first house. We've only had it a year," said Calvert, as she picked up pieces of debris. "Now what do we do?"

Instead of lending aid, "looky Lou's" drove past in cars. Some asked if they could have aluminum and any other items. "Can you believe these people?" asked Calvert. It prompted the couple to spray-paint warning signs on wood - "Keep Out" and "Stay Away."

On the front door still tacked to the wood is another sign - a cross. "It didn't move even when the tornado sucked everything up and away on the porch," Calvert said. Reeling from the event, the couple are hopeful they can put their lives together because they both have full-time jobs and parents for loving support.

"I'm glad I'm still alive," said Colon.

"We'll just leave it all in the hands of the Lord."

## Opinions

# What are you afraid of?

## My View

By  
Susan  
Walden



Why do we have these crazy fears?

Afraid of heights, sharks, elevators, planes, water, spiders and the list goes on. I had a friend who was actually

scared to death of dust bunnies (fluffy dust wads). When she told me I thought I would die laughing, which is scary.

Did you ever have this weird electrical charge on your fingertips? Every time you touch something - even a person - you get zapped and it hurts. You are fearful to come in contact with anyone or anything. I thought someone was going to call the police in WalMart years ago because one of my sons and I were zapping each other. We were laughing, screaming and running to and from each other.

On a recent trip, the same kid was fully charged. Every time he touched the elevator in our grand New York hotel, he

yelped, which made me hysterical. "Great mother you are," he said as he nursed his finger and giggled.

Karma got me for that.

I got stuck on the elevator in Boston. This has always been one of my worst nightmares. I was standing there with three others. It stopped between floors and wouldn't move. I tried not to scream and freak out. After 15 hours - no probably just 15 seconds but it sure seemed long - the elevator worked normally and I couldn't wait to get back to my room. The next day, we got on the elevator and it lurched again. There was a couple with a small girl in the elevator with us.

"Oh, great. Here we go again," I blurt-

ed out. "Last time we didn't get out of here for awhile." OK I was exaggerating, but I was about to climb on their heads to get out this time.

"Mommy," said the little girl with a shaky voice clutching her mom's hand. "I'm scared."

I passed my fears to another generation, just like how the flu bug floats from person to person. I didn't mean to. It's just what happened.

I guess that's how we have at least some of our fears. We learned it from our parents. But maybe it's payback. Like my dad always said, "Insanity is inherited. You catch it from your children."

Now we're even.

## THE PRITCHARD HOUSE

- ❑ Capt. James Pritchard bought the lot from Mary Titus in the spring of 1891 and contracted Pleasant J. Hall, who built St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, to build the Queen Anne-style house.
- ❑ Pritchard, with his family, lived in the house from 1891-1926.
- ❑ Pritchard family members continuously lived in the house until it was purchased by Brevard County in May 2005.
- ❑ The first floor boasts a main entrance hall, stairway, parlor, dining room and back stairs to the maid's quarters upstairs.
- ❑ The second floor has four bedrooms with built-in closets, which have hooks to hang clothes.
- ❑ The master bedroom has access to the balcony, which once had a clear view of the river. Back then the river was a lot closer to the house.
- ❑ The end of the hall upstairs later became a bathroom. A pipe connected to a hand pump near the tub carried water from the cistern below.
- ❑ There are four fireplaces with original tiled hearths.
- ❑ The entrance hall light fixture is original
- ❑ The house is now a registered Florida heritage site, sponsored by the Brevard County Historical Commission, the Brevard County Tourist Development Council and the Florida Department of State.
- ❑ There is a *Florida Star* article in the Aug. 20, 1891 that features the house "fast approaching completion." It describes the home as being "very pleasing to the eye" and how the house will be lighted throughout by electricity.
- ❑ Calling it a "novelty," the article describes how a light is affixed to the newel post on the first floor. It further contests that building more homes like that would much improve the look of Titusville, making the city "vie with Daytona, Deland and other such places for pretty residences."



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## Pritchard gets a new 'old' look inside, out

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back to the period is compliments of the Benjamin Moore Paint Company.

"It was a shot in the dark, but I figured I had to try," said Foster.

She called the national headquarters of the company to ask if they'd donate the paint. Pritchard's hardware store in downtown Titusville, the oldest and longest continuously-owned family business in town, had sold Benjamin Moore paint and featured it on their sign. Foster even had a photo of the storefront window featuring the paint. "They said they'd be happy to do it," she said.

The paint company has a space-age way of making sure the paint color of yesteryear is 100 percent accurate.

With an electronic tool, they took paint specimens all around the house to come up with the exact color bearing in mind sun on one side could have changed the color more in one spot than another.

The roof has been replaced with LifePine, a southern yellow pine constructed through a special process that makes it bug free, fireproof and resistant to cracks and curls. It has a 50-year warranty and can hold its own against hurricane winds up to

150 miles per hour.

"The color is pretty yellow right now, but we want to tell everyone that in about a year it will turn gray," Foster said.

The porches are being upgraded with strong, steel beams and posts. The house, inside and out, will adhere to codes that the home didn't see back in its younger days. Inside,



**Roz Foster, who heads the restoration, holds a corner bracket for the porch. Behind her is the original wallpaper in the front parlor of the Pritchard House.**

there will be handicap access into the house as well as a handicap bathroom.

When finished, the four-bedroom, two-story house will be a living-history museum. "We'll have the house available for weddings, teas and other special events," said Foster.

The renovation has been afforded through state and county grants. To finish the porch and roofing, the city recently approved a grant for \$40,000, according to Foster. Now she's looking for partnerships and local support to renovate the inside.

"This is a community project. We would like local people to help and they would be recognized," she said. The yard will also be transformed, including installing a new fence.

"If we could get groups, schools and families to sponsor a length of the fence, it would really help."

Foster hopes the house will be open to the public July 4th weekend. To make a donation, help with the renovation or find out more information, call Foster at 267-4480.

The North Brevard Heritage Foundation meets the second Monday of every month at the library. To become a member, send \$20 to P.O. Box 653, Titusville, FL 32781.

# Sheriff's Office receives grant for teen driving programs

The Allstate Foundation awarded the Brevard County Sheriff's Office a \$14,000 grant for teen driving initiatives in the county. The money will support programs including Brevard S.T.O.P.P.E.D and the Teen Driver Challenge.

Brevard S.T.O.P.P.E.D. (Start Telling Our Parents and Promoting Educated Drivers), allows parents to request a decal for their teens car. If the teen is stopped for a traffic violation, the parents are notified about the stop, if a citation

was issued, how many passengers were in the car, and any other information the deputy feels the parents should know. The Sheriff's office reports teens in the Brevard S.T.O.P.P.E.D. program are conscience of the decal and tend to make better choices behind the wheel.

The Teen Driver Challenge involves classroom and "hands-on" training through a variety of driving courses. Teens experience running off the road, heavy braking, skidding on wet pave-

ment, and teens perform a vehicle inspection prior to beginning the courses. "Students experience the panic feeling of losing control of their car for the first time said Program Coordinator Lori Chabot. "This is a good way for them to gain that experience, in a controlled setting, and not in the middle of a busy road."

"We are so pleased and appreciative of the Allstate Foundation for their support of teen driving programs such as this", said Sheriff Jack Parker "It's so im-

portant to reach out to our teens and to give them the tools they need to become safe drivers."

Motor vehicle accidents are the number one killer of teens. More than 5,000 teens die each, and another 300,000 are injured countrywide. "Through education and support of teen driving programs like those of the Brevard County Sheriff's office, we hope to reduce those numbers," said Allstate Agent Jill Mimbs.

## Call 511 for traffic conditions on Florida highways

To avoid traffic and stay safe on the road, the Florida Department of Transportation reminds travelers to call 511 or visit the FL511.com Web site before leaving to get up-to-the-minute roadway information.

The free 511 system is accessible by cell phone, landline or by visiting [www.FL511.com](http://www.FL511.com). Those traveling to in Florida can call 511 at any time to hear real-time information on congestion, incidents, construction and other roadway conditions.

"When drivers can avoid traffic and congestion it helps reduce crashes, so we encourage everyone traveling to the fair to call 511 or visit [www.FL511.com](http://www.FL511.com) before leaving the house," said Sgt. Kim Miller of the Florida Highway

Patrol. "Just knowing about congestion and delays helps people stay calm and safe on the road."

The 511 system is free, however cell phone minutes apply.

### Safety Tips

✓ Call 511 before you hit the road, at a rest area or have a passenger call to avoid talking while driving.

✓ Call 511 before you enter a new roadway to become aware of the current road condition.

✓ Customize your trip before you leave home at [www.FL511.com](http://www.FL511.com) to minimize time spent on the phone.

✓ Drive slowly and keep your lights on in low visibility.

✓ Always wear a seat belt.

✓ Don't drink and drive!

### 511 Tips

✓ Speak as clearly as possible and minimize any background noise – including radios and open windows.

✓ Say "other parts of the state" to transfer to Florida's regional 511 services.

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✓ Say "feedback" to report congestion not already mentioned on 511.

✓ Interrupt 511 at any time if you already know your selection.

## 3 students win DAR essay contest

Abraham Lincoln's 200-year legacy was the inspiration for this year's American History Essay Contest, sponsored by the Indian River Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

North Brevard students in grades five through eight were assigned the topic, "The Ideals of the Gettysburg Address" and wrote how those ideals are still relevant for our country.

Three students – Laura Michelle Kent, Kayla Reynolds and Idanis Marie Perez-Alvarez – are the contest essay winners from the Indian River Chapter

NSDAR.

The essay winners along with their family members and teachers were honored guests recently at a chapter meeting. Laura Kent, Apollo Elementary; Kayla Reynolds and Idanis Marie Perez-Alvarez, students at St. Teresa Catholic School, were presented with a DAR Award certificate, DAR American History medal and savings bond.

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# Robbery suspect shoots himself

An 18-year-old turned his gun on himself after allegedly robbing an Exxon gas station on Cheney Highway April 15.

The suspect, Anthony James Irvine Foust, armed with a handgun allegedly entered the store and demanded the keys to a van parked outside.

He then fled from the store on foot and a search conducted by Titusville Police of the surrounding area, with the assistance of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, found Foust hiding in a backyard on Darden Avenue between a fence and a shed. When the officers confronted him, Foust held the gun to his head and, despite warnings to drop the gun, shot himself.

Critically injured, Foust was taken to Parrish Medical Center and later airlifted to Holmes Regional Medical Center where he died.

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# Bill allows Floridians to track tax dollars online

TALLAHASSEE – On April 14, the House Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council unanimously passed House Bill 971, the Transparency Florida Act.

This far-reaching legislation, sponsored by State Representative Dorothy L. Hukill (R-Port Orange), will allow citizens to track their tax dollars online. Transparency Florida will be the strongest legislation of its kind in the nation and reflects Florida's continued commitment to open government.

House Bill 971 provides access to up-to-date information on state government revenues and expenditures through a single searchable website, accessible on [www.MyFlorida.com](http://www.MyFlorida.com). The Web site would provide information on the date, amount, and source of each expenditure, affording Floridians an unprecedented level of access to information on government spending. The bill would also establish a process for integrating information on local government revenues and expenditures into the Transparency Florida site.

"In a time when Floridians are hurting, we need to remember that every dollar government spends is money out of their pockets," Hukill said. "This legislation provides for greater accountability by allowing citizens to easily see how their hard-earned tax dollars are being spent."

The bill now moves to the House floor.

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Sesamoiditis is the term for pain that occurs most commonly in the ball of the foot and more specifically on the inner side of the ball. The condition comes on gradually and commonly bothers young athletes, like ballerinas and baseball catchers, who put great and repetitive stress on the area.

Tissues surrounding the ball of the foot get inflamed, making everyday activity like walking painful.

Treatment for sesamoiditis does not generally involve surgery. Stopping whatever activity is causing pain is a first step in treatment. Taking aspirin or ibuprofen will relieve the pain. Wearing a soft-soled, low-heeled shoe may also alleviate the pain. A pad inside the shoe may also help.

The best place to go for advice on any pain in the foot or ankle is to the office of a podiatrist, a physician who is educated and trained to deal with such problems.

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## To Your Health

# Reap the benefits of hibiscus tea



By Kim Kuhn  
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**D**id you know that drinking hibiscus tea may not just taste good, but may also have health benefits?

One of the health benefits may include lowering blood pressure according to a study published in the journal *Phytomedicine* (2004;11:375-82).

The study compared the results of drinking a standardized extract of hibiscus (*Hibiscus sabdariffa*) tea to the ingestion of an antihypertension drug. Half the participants drank an infusion of hibiscus tea prepared with 10g dried flower in 16 ounces of water prior to breakfast and the remaining participants took 25 milligrams of captopril twice a day for 4 weeks.

At the end of the study, 79 percent of the tea drinkers diastolic blood pressure was reduced at least 10 points. In the medicated group, 84 percent reduced their blood pressure at least ten points – a statistically insignificant difference.

Earlier animal studies also suggested that Hibiscus has antihypertensive effects with potent antioxidant properties. (*Internal Medicine News, 2009*)

Hibiscus tea is an enjoyable tea that has a distinctive tart flavor and ruby red color. So make yourself a cup, enjoy the moment and reap the health benefits as well.

Happy Health,  
Kim Kuhn

### Come to gala

Brevard County Parks and Recreation and Joe Lee Smith Community Center's Senior Citizen Club will host "Seniors in Style" May 31, beginning at 3 p.m.

This free gala event, held at Joe Lee Smith Park, 419 Washington Street, Cocoa, features seniors as models in a fashion show. Refreshments will be provided.

For additional information, call Lee Rollings at (321) 633-1872.

### Take the Prayer Walk

Join the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Prayer Walk at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2073 Garden St., Titusville May 28 at 5 p.m. The ceremony will be followed by a light supper in the hall. The creation of the Pray Walk was an Eagle Scout Project and is open to the public.

### Find your treasure

A hidden treasures yard sale at Port St. John Community Center, 6650 Corto Road, Port St. John, is May 9 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Admission is free. Tables rent for \$15 plus tax; payment is due by 5 p.m. on May 6. Payment for table rental can be made in person at Port St. John Community Center.

Call (321) 633-1904 to register or for additional information on this and other recreation programs sponsored by Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department's North Area Parks Operations.

### Be a hospice volunteer

Hospice of St. Francis seeks caring people who would like to become

volunteers. HOSF volunteers provide assistance in many different ways, including making friendly visits to hospice patients, providing respite care for homebound patients, running errands and performing much needed office support and many other services. No previous experience is needed.

Training is provided. Volunteer positions are available throughout Brevard County. The new training class will begin on June 3, 6-9 p.m. Class will meet Wednesdays and Monday for three weeks at Hospice of St. Francis, 1250-B Grumman Place, Titusville, FL 32780. For more information or to register for the volunteer training classes, call Vicky Hamilton at 269-4240 or 866-269-4240 (toll free).

Hospice of St. Francis is a local, non-sectarian, non-profit organization. Established in 1977, Hospice of St. Francis was Brevard County's first hospice and celebrated its 30th year of serving the residents of Brevard County in 2007. HOSF continues to provide care for terminally ill patients and support for their loved ones. For more information, call 269-4240 or 866-269-4240 (toll free) or visit [www.hospiceofstfrancis.com](http://www.hospiceofstfrancis.com).

### You're invited ...

The Confederate Sons Association Indian River Camp 47 holds its annual Confederate Memorial Motorcade April 25 in honor of Confederate Memorial Month and Florida Confederate Memorial Day. The event starts at 8:30 a.m. at Oak Lawn Cemetery and moves to LaGrange Cemetery about 10 a.m. for a formal ceremony

with the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Children of the Confederacy.

### Learn more about your ancestors

The Genealogical Society of North Brevard meets May 5, 7 p.m. in the Hannemann Room of the Titusville Public Library, 2121 South Hopkins Ave.

Michael Boonstra will be the guest speaker and his topic will be "Historical Homes in Rockledge." The public is welcome. For more information, call 321-383-8486.

### Next school year begins Aug. 10

Students will start the next school year Aug. 10. This year's calendar is designed so that students may take semester exams prior to Dec. 21, when Winter Vacation begins. Students report back to school Jan. 5. Spring Vacation begins March 29 and ends April 2. The last day for students is May 21. For additional calendar information, visit the BPS Web site at [www.brevard-schools.org](http://www.brevard-schools.org).

### Clinic provides full service

The Central Brevard Humane Society's new state-of-the-art "low cost" spay/neuter & wellness clinic is now open to the public. This facility is located directly behind the shelter at 1020 Cox Road in Cocoa. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Low cost" services will include: spaying/neutering, vaccinations, heartworm prevention, flea and tick treatment programs and microchipping.

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**Run, run, run**

The Merritt Island/Beaches Area of Brevard County Parks and Recreation host Surf the Sand 8K Beach Run for all ages at Lori Wilson Park, 1500 N. Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, May 16, beginning at 8 a.m. with registration at 7 a.m.

The cost for early registration is \$15, and registration on the day of event is \$20. Each participant will receive a T-shirt.

Awards will go to Overall Male and Female, Master Male and Female (age 55 or older) and 1st Place in each of seven age groups.

For additional information, call (321) 455-1380.

**Come to astronaut induction**

The annual U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame Induction is May 2, 3 p.m. at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex.

Veteran space shuttle astronauts George "Pinky" Nelson, William Shepherd and Jim Wetherbee will join an elite group of American space heroes as they are inducted into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame. They will join the ranks of legendary space pioneers like Neil Armstrong, John Glenn, Alan Shepard, Sally Ride and John Young.

As part of the weekend celebration, Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex will feature a special induction bus tour ticket package. Tours will be lead by Hall of Fame astronauts such as Walt Cunningham, Apollo 7 lunar module pilot; Robert "Hoot" Gibson, five-time space shuttle astronaut; Fred Gregory, the first African American space shuttle commander; and Rick Hauck, three-time space shuttle astronaut and com-

mander of the Return to Flight mission following the Challenger accident. The package also includes reserved seating at the Induction ceremony and a commemorative poster of the 2009 Inductees.

Apollo 13 astronaut Jim Lovell will sign copies of his book, "Apollo 13," the 30th anniversary edition at 1 p.m. Other autograph sessions, book signings and public presentations with Hall of Fame astronauts will also be held on May 2 and 3. A full schedule of events can be found at <http://kennedyspacecenter.com/astronaut-hall-of-fame-inductions-schedule.aspx>.

The U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is included with admission to Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex. Induction weekend ticket packages are available for \$70 plus tax for adults and \$50 plus tax for children and include the following:

To find out more, call 321-449-4400 or online at [www.KennedySpaceCenter.com](http://www.KennedySpaceCenter.com).

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**Ceremony open to public**

The B.P.O. of Does, Titusville Drove #183, is a charitable, non-profit organization that co-exists with the Benevolent Protective Order of

Elks, Lodge #2113 on Columbia Boulevard, holds the North Florida District meeting April 24-25.

The opening ceremony April 24 at 7 p.m. is open to the public. Mayor Jim Tulley and Dr. Pamela Tronetti, medical director of Main Street Parrish Medical Center are the guest speakers.

**Learn to sail**

Take a basic sailing class May 2 – June 13, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays at the Upland Bldg. in Sand Point Park. Students will begin sailing the first lesson, so wear appropriate clothing, including boat shoes or old closed-toe shoes and a life jacket. Students must have the ability to swim 25 yards unassisted.

Cost is \$100 cash or check payable to Titusville Sailing Club, P.O. Box 2791, Titusville, FL 32781-2791. For more information, call Luis Delgado at (321) 385-9990 or [ldelgado@cfl.rr.com](mailto:ldelgado@cfl.rr.com).

**Canoe it**

The Merritt Island/Beaches Area of Brevard County Parks and Recreation hosts an interpretive canoe trip to the Thousand Islands April 24.

A knowledgeable guide will paddle along with participants while pointing out Florida's native flora and fauna and discussing some of the history and importance of the Thousand Islands.

Tours will launch from Ramp Road Park in Cocoa Beach at 9:30 a.m. and return around 11:30 a.m. The cost to attend is \$10 and pre-registration is required.

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## FRAUD, from Page 2

Foreclosure Rescue Fraud Prevention Act, which took effect Oct. 1. The Task Force has also reviewed information pertaining

to the business practices of more than 200 foreclosure rescue businesses.



Ask Chris

Earlier this month, Attorney General McCollum called together representatives from state agencies, law enforcement groups, prosecutorial entities and the Florida Bar to address the state's mortgage fraud issues and to develop a cooperative approach on behalf of Florida's homeowners.

The group will focus on a systematic method of triaging complaints and a cooperative interagency consumer education initiative. By establishing a team approach, Florida will receive an "all hands on deck" approach to ensure no case goes unaddressed.

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Dear Christian Allen,  
I am a mother, a housewife, and work full time. I shampoo every day and blow my hair dry. If I do not my scalp is oily and my hair goes flat.

It is strange because my hair is dry and damaged looking, and I don't understand it. What can I do to help this problem that won't waste what little time I have to get ready for work, the kids, and the husband?

Signed,  
Mrs. Mattie Slick

Dear Mattie,  
This is a problem I have ran into many times over the years. The problem is you are treating the symptom not the disease.

Think of your body as a well tuned machine that will adapt to many things such as cold, heat, moisture, etc. Your scalp is trying to replace all the oil that you have been taking out of it by shampooing every day.

Now you will experience a period of adjustment when you attempt to retrain your oil glands, but eventually there will be a stabilization of the production. Let it be oily for a while, then it will begin to not need to produce as much and presto your scalp will stabilize and you will probably have healthier hair to go along with it.

See your stylist about some conditioning too. It never hurts to get the professionals in on the cure.

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**Put on the red**

Wuesthoff Health System host a 'Wuesthoff for Women' Mother's Day tea event, May 9, 2-3:30 p.m., at the Heritage Isle Clubhouse, 6800 Legacy Blvd., Viera.

In partnership with the American Heart Association, Wuesthoff will host the exclusive event for all Go Red for Women members in Brevard County. Guests will enjoy an afternoon of food, desserts, and cardiovascular screenings; including a presentation on the health benefits of aromatherapy. In addition, an educational presentation will be given by local cardiologist, Vas Prasad, MD, who will present on women and heart disease. For more information or to reserve a seat for the annual event, call 321-636-2211, ext. 1504.

**Come to democratic luncheon**

The North Brevard Democratic Women's Annual Spring Luncheon is April 25 at LaCita Country Club. Tickets are \$25. Call Mae Mathews at 269-9993 or Vera Corpening at 269-4359 for more details.

**Astronaut High has fund-raisers**

The Astronaut High School Project Graduation has several fund-raiser events. They host a Godl and Silver Fund-raiser April 29, 6:30-9 p.m. at Stephen's Jewelers, 2825 Garden St., next to Beef O'Brady's. Top dollar will be paid to you as you bring in old, broken and forgotten jewelry. Stephen's Jeweler's, an Astronaut High alumnus, will donate a portion of the proceeds to the project.

Get a Belk's coupon for \$5 at

Astronaut's front office on May 2. Coupon is good for \$5 off any purchases and a percentage off other items listed on sale.

It's almost Mother's Day, so get into the school's plant and floral fund-raiser May 9. Come to the far east corner of Publix parking lot on Garden Street and pick up your plant for mom.

**Have fun at library**

The Mims-Scottsmoor Library is offering a number of programs in May. It is located at 3615 Lionel Rd, 2.8 miles north of State Road 46 and one block east of U.S. 1. Call 264-5080 for more information.

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Dance Lady: Cathy Johnson teaches a line dance class at 10am – noon. Fee is \$4 (\$2 for senior citizens). Call her at 269-3082 to sign up for the class.

Wednesdays: Beginning Computer Classes: an introduction to computers available on Wednesday mornings. Call for details and to register as space is limited. Free.

Fridays: The Knit Wit Club meets every Friday at 12:30-2:30 p.m. to knit, crochet and chat. Beginners are welcomed. Free.

Saturday, May 2: Acrylic Painting Class taught by Pat Urbano. A sample of this month's project may be seen at the library. Cost is \$10 and includes all supplies. Class time is 9 a.m. - noon. Registration is required; call (321) 264-5080.

Monday, May 11: Nora Drown conducts a Master Gardener Clinic to help you solve your gardening problems. The clinic is free and is held 2—3:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 9: "Marvelous Manatees of Brevard County" is a presentation that is great for kids and is sponsored by the Wild Treasures, Imperiled Species Program from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission. The event is free and is scheduled for 11 a.m. - noon.

Saturday, May 9,23: Quilter's Anonymous meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. - noon to share ideas, techniques, and inspire each other. Bring your projects. Free.

**Rotary Club helps with diapers**

The Titusville Sunrise Rotary Club has recently learned that underprivileged parents do not receive any assistance for the purchase of baby diapers. This lack

of assistance has led many parents to try and "stretch" the life of diapers by reusing them, thus creating a serious health hazard for the children.

In an effort to improve the health of our local children, the Titusville Sunrise Rotary Club is conducting a Diaper Drive. The club will accept donations of cash and/or disposable diapers that will be given to The North Brevard Sharing Center for distribution. Call club president Brian Baker to contribute at 267-7072.

**Take bridge lessons**

Enjoy easy bridge beginner lessons at North Brevard Senior Center, 909 Lane Ave., Titusville — Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m., now through April 29. Bring a partner, or come alone and a partner will be provided. Cost \$36 for the first 6 lessons and \$25 for the month of April. Easybridge! books are available for \$10

to registered students. To register and for more information, call Charlotte 321-385-0793 or Cat 321-268-9530.

**Got a hurt, habit or hang-up?**

You are invited to the Central Community Church every Friday evening, 6:30-8 p.m. for Celebrate Recovery, a Bible-based recovery program.

Call 632-2880 or email [recovery@centralLIFE.org](mailto:recovery@centralLIFE.org) for more information.

**Hurt? Church can help**

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**Workshop beneficial for environment**

Residents who are interested in putting rainwater to use in their landscapes and gardens, rather than watching it run down streets and driveways, washing pollutants into water bodies, will have the opportunity to create their own rain barrels at workshops to be held April 30 and May 9.

One workshop is April 30 at 1 p.m. at the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program Barrier Island Sanctuary Management & Education Center, 8385 South Hwy A1A, in Melbourne Beach.

Another workshop is May 9, at 1 p.m. at the Walter Butler Community Center, 4202 Cocoa Blvd. (Highway 1), in Sharpes.

Brevard County Natural Resource Management will host the workshops, and will provide both instructions and materials for rain barrel construction. Registration is required, and the cost for

the workshop is \$45. Seating is limited.

For more information, call Elizabeth Melvin at 321-633-2016 ext. 56721 or e-mail [elizabeth.melvin@brevardcounty.us](mailto:elizabeth.melvin@brevardcounty.us).

**Have you been to the museum lately?**

The Space Walk of Fame offers these events:

May 2 - Don't forget about Space Walk of Fame's 7th Annual Space Art Contest, May 2. All of Brevard's K-12 students will have the opportunity to display their art at the Searstown Mall April 29 through May 2.

The awards and prizes will be presented at noon on May 2, and will be in U.S. savings bonds. Contact your school's art teachers for more information.

May 4 - The documentary "The Wonder of it All" will be shown at the IMAX theater at the KSC Visitors Complex at 6:30 pm to benefit the Space Walk Museum.

This documentary recounts the narrative of seven men who walked on the moon and of their journeys from childhood to the present. There will be further information to follow.

The Space Walk of Fame Museum is located at 4 Main St., Titusville. For more information, call the Space Walk of Fame at 264-0434.

**Learn childbirth techniques**

Birth Resources of Brevard offers childbirth classes in many convenient locations throughout Brevard County. Learn what is new in preparing for the birth of your baby.

Classes cover the components of breathing, relaxation and position changes to help labor. Most classes are held in the evening and classes taught in Spanish are offered. Cost is \$50 per family unit. Registration is required by calling Katie at (321)252-4573 or going to [www.floridaoutreach.com](http://www.floridaoutreach.com).

The North Brevard childbirth class schedule is at Children's Center, South U.S. 1, Titusville - Tuesday classes will be held now through May 5 for 5 sessions from 6:30-p.m.

Childbirth class dates are subject to change. Call (321) 252-4573 for more information or go to [www.floridaoutreach.com](http://www.floridaoutreach.com).

**Craft fair set for April 25**

Registration is under way at the North Area Parks Operations office for tables and spaces for the Fourth Annual Spring Festival of Crafts at Fox Lake Park in Titusville, held April 25.

Tables and spaces are \$15 each plus Florida state sales tax and are limited to

two per crafter. All items must be handmade or homemade.

Application forms are available at North Area Parks Operations, 475 North Williams Avenue in Titusville, by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope, or online at [www.brevardparks.com](http://www.brevardparks.com). The registration deadline is 4 p.m. on April 10.

This activity is sponsored by Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department's North Area Parks Operations. Call (321) 264-5105 for additional information on this and other recreation programs in North Brevard.

**Lost pet?**

Brevard Animal Services & Enforcement reminds citizens that its web site, [www.brevardanimal-services.com](http://www.brevardanimal-services.com) lists lost or stray pets that have been picked up by Animal Services & Enforcement officers, or dropped off at the South Area or North Area Care Center shelters.

On the Brevard Animal Services home page, there are links for Lost Pets, Adoptable Pets and other important information. From the Lost Pets page or the Adoptable Pets page, web visitors will find options regarding the type of animal to search for: cats, dogs, or other.

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## DEATH NOTICES

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### Rebate eases high costs

Brevard County Animal Services and Enforcement reminds companion animal owners to take advantage of the Spay/Neuter Rebate Program. This program assists Brevard County residents by contributing \$25 toward the cost of having pets altered, in an effort to reduce the homeless animal population of the county.

Residents must complete an application and meet the criteria to be eligible for monetary assistance for sterilization of their pet dogs and/or cats through this rebate program.

The rebate applies to "owned" companion animals only. No more than four animals per year/per household can qualify for the rebate program. Pets must have current Brevard County animal license tags and current rabies vaccinations to be eligible for the program.

Rebate applications are available at North Animal Care and Adoption Center, 2605 Flake Rd. in Titusville and participating veterinary clinics.

For more information and complete details on this program, call 321-255-4346 or 321-617-7503.

### Join MOPS

MOPS understands that the years from infancy through kindergarten are foundational in a mother-child relationship and are filled with unique needs. MOPS exists to meet the needs of every mom - urban and suburban moms, stay-at-home and working moms, teen, single, and married moms - moms with different lifestyles who all share a similar desire to be the very best moms they can be! MOPS is for Moms to be, new moms, and all moms of children from infancy through kindergarten. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Monday (Sept through May). Meeting fees are \$5 (scholarships available). Group activities are planned throughout the year. MOPS meets at Indian River City United Methodist Church located at 1355 Highway 50, Titusville, 32780. For more, call Titusville MOPS Coordinator Linda Benson (321) 383-8293 or visit [www.orgsites.com/fl/titusvillemops](http://www.orgsites.com/fl/titusvillemops) or MySpace page <http://www.myspace.com/mopsoftville>.

### Got a bed?

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

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

B.E.T.A. is open 9:30 am to noon, Monday through Thursday, at 620 Garden Street, Titusville. Volunteers are always needed. Phone 264-0446 to donate and arrange pick-up.

ALDER Edwin, 81, of Titusville, died April 5. Arrangements by Newcomer Funeral Home in Titusville.

BROWN Willie Gene, 72, of Titusville, died April 2. Arrangements by Lewis-Ray Mortuary Inc., Titusville.

BUFFKIN Barbara, 62, of Port St. John, died April 6. Arrangements by National Cremation Society in Rockledge.

BUMGARDNER Susan, 45, of Mims, died April 17. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

CARLSON Bradley, 41, of Titusville, died April 5. Interment in Arizona.

CHEEK Richard, 82, of Titusville, died April 17. Arrangements by Funeral Solutions in Cocoa.

DALLAS James, 72, of Titusville, died April 10. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

D'ALESSIO Marilyn, 77, of Titusville, died April 8.

DAVIS Lois, 90, of Titusville, died April 16.

EDGAR Jack, 74, of Titusville, died April 3. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

EXLINE Glenn, from Titusville, passed away March 31. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

FEE John, 72, of Mims, died April 11. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

GRIFFIN Emma, 87, of Mims, died April 9. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

HANSON Vina, 86, of Titusville, died April 15. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

IRVINE-FOUST Anthony, 18, of Titusville, died April 16. Arrangements by Newcomer Funeral Home in Titusville.

JOHNSON Jessie, 68, of Titusville, died April 15. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

LEMKE Jimmie, 65, of Titusville, died April 10. Arrangements by Newcomer Funeral Home in Titusville.

LUTZ Frank, 87, of Titusville, died March 31. Arrangements by Newcomer Family Funeral Home in Titusville.

LYNN Richard, 62, of Port St. John, died April 8. Arrangements by National Cremation and Burial Society in Rockledge.

LYONS Kenneth, 85, of Titusville, died April 8. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

MARINO Helen, 56, of Titusville, died April 5. Arrangements by Wylie-Baxley Merritt Island Funeral Home.

MARTIN Gregory, 56, of Port St. John, died April 15. Arrangements by Funeral Solutions in Cocoa.

MARTINEZ Delia, 76, of Titusville, died March 31. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

McCLURE Billy, 85, of Titusville, died April 15. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

MILLER Thaddeus, 86, of Titusville, died April 5. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

O'REGAN John, 68, of Titusville, died April 6. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

PERRY John, 73, of Titusville, died April 15. Arrangements by Funeral Solutions in Cocoa.

SHANAHAN Virginia, 81, of Titusville, died April 1. Arrangements by Funeral Solutions in Cocoa.

SLADE Joseph, 87, of Titusville, died March 26. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

TUGGLE Mary, 90, of Titusville, died April 2. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

TURNER Hayden, 51, of Titusville, died April 4. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

WILLIAMS Eddie, 68, of Titusville, died April 1. Arrangements by Lewis-Ray Mortuary.

WILSON Rebecca, 40, of Titusville, died April 1. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

WINE Elma, 93, of Titusville, died April 19. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home in Cocoa.

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