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Merry Christmas



Sorry, no candy left kids!

Santa got some exercise waving here and there at the Titusville Christmas Parade Dec. 12. There were many floats, displays, vehicles, dancers and way out wacky things at the parade. The Beacon's favorite was Orange Plumbing with a guy on some sort of powered toilet complete with rolls of toilet paper flapping in the breeze. He sped by so fast, pictures aren't available unfortunately. He must have been in a hurry doing his business. Despite the U.S. 1 road renovations, the parade followed the traditional route from Miracle City Mall through downtown. The crowd cheered at many of the floats, including the regular favorites, the Azan hillbillies who were "shooting" at a pesky remote-controlled skunk. See more photos of the parade and Christmas fun on Page 5.



Susan Walden

New gift drive provides Brevard seniors with goodies

By Susan Walden

About 1,000 Brevard County seniors will have some nice presents to open at Christmas, thanks to a new holiday drive called Santas for Seniors, sponsored by country radio station Hit Kicker 102.7.

North Brevard hauled in a good portion of the presents, according to Jeannie Hillock, who was the north area's Santas for Seniors chairwoman, or North Brevard's Mrs. Claus, as she puts it.

"I am so impressed by people's generosity," she said. "So many gave items to us. Between the 27 businesses here and numerous individuals, we couldn't be happier," she said as she methodically took items out of boxes and placed them in order on the table. Teddy bears, sta-

tionery, lotion, soaps, knitted items and gift baskets were just some of the goodies that will be distributed to seniors by Meals on Wheels before Christmas.

The endeavor is the brainchild of popular disc jockey, Michelle McCoy, who delivered even more items in a U-Haul truck Dec. 13. She pulled up to the Knights of Columbus building, which was the staging area for Titusville's gifts.

"Our goal was to serve 1,000 seniors in Brevard. It was a lofty goal but I think we made it," said McCoy, who noted that north and south Brevard gave more than the central portion of the county.

Her inspiration for Santas for Seniors came from her elderly friend, Lucille Donovan, who is now deceased.

"Lucille used to call me and request songs. We kind of adopted one another like mother and daughter, and I used to visit her in her Melbourne nursing home," she said. "She had no one, no family at all. Two years ago our radio station brought Christmas gifts to the seniors in her nursing home, which went over well."

McCoy said that there are many organizations that provide gifts for children but not many who help the seniors.

"Poor Lucille would get a candy cane every year from

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Grinch steals town's Christmas stamp

By D.D. Remini

Titusville's neighbor town of Christmas has lost some of its famous holiday spirit this year.



Someone stole not one but all five of the town's postal seals at the post office. Many residents as well as other Floridians who like to come to the town to mail their Christmas cards, let-

ters and boxes, get an extra kick out of stamping their outgoing mail with holiday greeting ink stamps provided in the lobby of the small post office.

But now an empty table sits with a sign that reads that no one can stamp their mail this year because someone took the stamps sometime Friday (Dec. 11) "depriving everyone else."

"I drive past the post office every day because I work in Orlando," said Bob Lindsey, of Titusville, who stamps his Christmas cards there every year. "It's just a great tradition. For someone to take these stamps is awful. Who would do such a thing? And of all the years to do it during these hard economic times when many people are feeling down."

Nominations taken for national employer award

ARLINGTON, Va. – Florida National Guard and Reserve members and their families have a few weeks left to nominate their supportive employers for the 2010 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, the U.S. Government's highest honor given to employers for their outstanding support of employees serving in the National Guard and Reserve.

The nomination season closes Jan. 18. The state is one of the top 10 states to submit nominations for the award, indicating strong support by the state's

employers for its citizen soldiers. With almost half of the U.S. military comprised of the National Guard and Reserve and the ongoing global operations, U.S. employers play an increasingly important role in their support for employees who serve in the military.

National Guard and Reserve members and their families are eligible and encouraged to nominate employers that have provided exceptional support to military employees beyond the federal law requirements. All award nominees will be announced in mid winter and the

15 recipients will be announced in early summer.

The Freedom Award was instituted in 1996 under the auspices of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a Department of Defense Agency, to recognize exceptional support from the employer community.

For more information, go to www.FreedomAward.mil or contact Maj. Melissa Phillips, ESGR Public Affairs, at (703) 380-9262.

Project E.A.T. provides Christmas dinner for community

By Sara Ann Conkling

"Miss Minnie" Thomas has been planning this dinner for months.

Long before Christmas Day, she begins organizing what will ultimately become the best meal of the holiday season for the North Brevard community. Project E.A.T.'s (Eat All Together) 11th Annual Free Community Holiday Dinner is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 25 at the Cuyler Community Center, located at 2329 Harry T. Moore Avenue in Mims. The festive holiday meal is free and open to the public. Over 500 guests are expected, including volunteers and anyone in the community who would like to sit down to a delicious holiday meal with others.

Miss Minnie isn't the only one scurrying about in prepara-

tion for this event. The students of Mims, Pinewood and Imperial Estates Elementary Schools are creating original place mats. Santa is preparing for travel from the North Pole to distribute gifts for children donated by individuals, local community groups, North Brevard Charities and Toys for Tots. All three Unitarian congregations in Brevard (the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Cocoa, Friendship Fellowship at Pineda, and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brevard) are collecting new undergarments and socks to give to those in need. Titusville Pilot Club will be provide "survival packages" of sweatshirts and essential toiletries. Crosswinds Youth Services will be offering outreach services, along with VITAS Innovative Hospice Care and National Veterans Homeless

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Radio station 102.7 DJ Michelle McCoy, right, talks about the success of Santas for Seniors with Jeannie Hillock, North Brevard's chairman for the event. Or maybe she was laughing at Hillock's crazy Christmas hat.

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the nursing home and no one would visit her until I came," she said. "I think seniors are forgotten. Heck, we're all going to be (seniors) someday."

So McCoy decided to go countywide with her idea and being a well-liked DJ of a popular radio station certainly helped, but she says if it weren't for Hillock and other volunteers who responded to her

plea, Santas for Seniors wouldn't have worked.

"I can't believe how so many people helped. And 90 percent of the donations came from individuals, not companies," she said. "Even senior centers and their residents collected gifts."

Next year McCoy and her volunteers plan to provide even more gifts to seniors, and would like to have seniors be "adopted" by families on Christmas Day.

Oak Park Elementary named music demonstration school

The Florida Department of Education has awarded five Brevard schools the prestigious Music Demonstration School title for 2010-2013, listing them among the best schools in the state for music instruction. This year, Brevard added three new MDS sites, and re-designated two sites. Brevard now has a total of 22 of the 25 Music Demonstration Schools statewide and the only honorable mention site, leading the state in this program.

The three new MDS sites are: Manatee Elementary, Oak Park Elementary and Southwest Middle School. The re-designated sites are Apollo Elementary and Discovery Elementary. The Honorable Mention title was awarded to Sabal Elementary.

"The fact that we are such leaders in this area proves the commitment to excellence on the part of this district" said Superintendent Dr. Brian T. Binggeli. "I congratulate the teachers, administrators and students who made this achievement possible."

Implemented in 1988, the MDS project was developed by the Department of Education in cooperation with the Florida Music Educators Association. The purpose of this project is to identify, recog-

nize and promote statewide school music at the elementary, middle/junior, and high school levels that balance diversity, high performance standards, and instructional quality in music education.

Cynthia Johnson, BPS music resource teacher who coordinated the application process said, "Receiving this designation is an indication that the school embraces music as an integral part of its culture. Teachers doing a great job, students growing as a result of good teaching, and administrators supporting the program establish that culture. All of this is made possible through the support of the community and the Brevard Public Schools School Board."

Brevard Music Demonstration Schools are: Andersen and Apollo Audubon and Cambridge Elementaries, Central Middle, Croton, Discovery and Dr. W.J. Creel Elementaries, Eau Gallie High, Gemini and Holland Elementaries, Johnson Middle, Manatee, MILA, Oak Park, Ocean Breeze, Quest Elementary and Robert Louis Stevenson Elementary School of the Arts, Satellite High, Saturn Elementary, Southwest Middle and Titusville High.



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Opinions

Christmas gifts you don't want to get

My View

By
Susan
Walden



As I get ready for Christmas, there are definitely some products seen on TV that I would never buy. How about you?

Snuggles –The first time I ever saw the commercial of people wearing robes, I laughed myself off the couch. They look like they're in a satanic cult. Now they've expanded their wardrobe to red – yep, need I saw more – and they've got their poor dog wearing one. Who's serving the poison Kool-Aid? I'm sure they're comfortable, but they just look like some kind of Manson-like, Stepford-wife group who get together for killing sprees. Now they've got it for the college kids. Parents, if your kids wear this at the university, believe me, they'll never come home alive.

Neckline Slimmer – This is a “resistance toning system for your chin, neck and face muscles” and promises younger-looking results. Basically it's a three-inch round thing with a spring on it. You put your chin under it and nod your head exercising your muscles. Somehow I just don't think this works. If you go online you'll see a video of this woman nodding, nodding, nodding – I'm going to be sick from the motion. So, what they're saying is that our mouths don't get enough exercise? Hello, almost everyone is overweight. We don't nod enough? Look at our spoiled kids and pets. I give a firm shake of my head to the “nodder.”

Wizzit – Why don't people think about the name before publicizing it? This is a hair removal thingy that “attracts hair like a magnet” and is 50 times faster than tweezers. “It gets rid of hair fast.” So does a blow torch. Nowhere does it say that it doesn't hurt. It might hurt ... a lot and that's why they call it whiz it, because after this thing pulls your hair out by the roots, you whiz.

The Screamer – I'm not making this stuff up, folks. This is a two-bell alarm clock for people who sleep through ordinary alarms. What caught my eye is their description: “Can sleep through the dog barking, the baby screaming, fire engines and trains going past your window, a bomb going off in the other room?” OK, why is there a bomb going off in the other room? Don't you think you and your bed would go about 15 feet in the air from the concussion? Why is the baby screaming? Why kind of parent doesn't wake up when the baby cries? But screaming? Is that from the bomb? Then if this description doesn't sell you, it says the screaming bell (screaming again?) is “relatively annoying.” I pity the person who's sleeping next to the person who can't wake up. How about a hammer? That will wake 'em up.

Toilet Monster – Now this is a product that can scare your toddler into pooping his pants for the rest of his life. You hide this monster thing with teeth and long arms under the toilet seat so when your guests (real nice, I'm never going over there again) come over and lift the seat to use the toilet, this thing “greet” them. Great for menacing mothers-in-law, I guess. I know some of you sick readers can't wait to get one of these.

Prayer Cross – It's a necklace cross. While this one looks beautiful, there's one thing that makes me chuckle every time that guy is on describing it. He talks about the Lord's prayer in the center of it that you have to see with a magnifying glass and says it's “almost a miracle.” Things are either a miracle or not. It's like being kind of pregnant. The miracle here is if you can read the tiny handwriting.

Pampered Toes – Now this is another one that makes me cry from laughing so hard when I see this advertisement on TV. It's a flexible gel mold you put in between your toes that stretches your toes apart. My toes do that automatically when I have a foot cramp and I guarantee if I put one of those things on I'd go right into one of those cramps. It “therapeutically stretches your toes to make you feel refreshed.” That's just unnatural. No thanks. I don't need any help with toes cramps.

Have a great Merry Christmas! And I hope you don't get one of these gifts.

In rough waters of recession there is hope, love and charity

Editor's note: To protect their privacy, the names Michelle and John are pseudonyms. This is a true story showing that through these difficult times, great things do happen and there are many benevolent people in North Brevard.

By S. Claus

“Michelle” needed medicine for her 5-year-old daughter Dec. 11 evening. Since totaling her car, she must walk to most everywhere. The two headed out from where she lives with her grandmother, walking east on Garden Street. After strolling a few blocks, Brenneke noticed something going on at Quillen's Taco Shack. Her daughter spotted the shiny Titusville fire truck and just like a dream, she saw Santa sitting nearby in a big white rocking chair with Elf Jingles by his side. They heard live Christmas music and saw lots of people, plus a big bounce house and a giant video game screen. Why the party? It was the 2nd Annual Quillen's Taco Shack Toys For Tots Collection Week and Party.

As her daughter was having her face painted, Michelle saw people winning prizes and gift certificates through raffle tickets. She walked over to the table where a woman was selling the raffle tickets, who urged her to buy some tickets because the proceeds would help buy toys for kids. Being unemployed since March, she declined. Michelle thought it would be a waste of money and besides, she had never won anything in her life and with all the bad luck she had experienced over the past year, why would that change? But she kept getting a strange good feeling that was pushing her to buy a ticket. The feeling kept getting stronger, and her daughter was crazy about one of the four bikes in the raffle since she didn't have a bike.

Michelle walked back to the table to buy a ticket, thinking maybe her luck would turn. “One for a dollar, six for \$5 or 15 for \$10?” the woman asked.

“Just one ticket, please,” she answered.

“Oh, come one, don't you feel lucky tonight?” the woman asked.



Michael Conley

Michelle and her daughter couldn't believe the luck they had winning so many raffle gifts, including a new bike that the little girl wished for.

Michelle looked around at all the people and thought, “With all these people holding all these tickets, I'll never win anything, especially a bike for my daughter.” That strange good feeling came back over her even stronger and against her better judgment she bought six raffle tickets for \$5. As she walked away she thought, “I can't believe I just wasted \$5 that I really need.” They continued walking around and enjoying the fun.

Quillen's Taco Shack was one of the many places she had filled out an application for work. It was busy both out front and inside the restaurant but Michelle thought she should check on her application while she was there. She walked around back to look for someone to talk to and ran into Michael. She had seen him announcing the raffle items and thought he could help her. He politely told her that they weren't hiring at the moment and asked if she had filled out an application. She said yes and he said that they keep them on file. He asked her name and she said Michelle.

“Michelle? We just called your name up front. You won something,” he said.

Michelle couldn't believe it. She won a restaurant gift certificate, and she couldn't

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Roz Foster reads a Christmas story at the annual LaGrange Church Old-fashioned Christmas. The annual event was nightly Dec. 7-11 and featured local music from area churches, 1800-period living history including the famous Christmas tree with authentic hand-made ornaments.



Photos by Susan Walden



Right, the crowd's favorite gets funnier every year in the Titusville parade. The hillbillies were hunting a remote-controlled skunk. They must have been a poor shot because they kept firing at it, which made people and their pets jump. They should have lassoed the skunk with those large panties. Left, the Astronaut High School cheerleaders stopped downtown to show the crowd their aerial prowess and flexibility. Below, Girl, Boy and Cub Scouts were out in full force.



Top, crowds cheered for the Titusville High School Band as they played various Christmas favorites. Bands from Jackson and Madison Middle Schools, as well as Astronaut High Schools marched the parade route. Left, some floats you just don't mind seeing again and again every year. No matter where you stand on the route, people always salute, stand and clap for the Support Our Troops display.

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Bus service to transport people to event

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Support. Local horses are eating extra oats in preparation for carriage rides. And yes, there will be singing.

Indian River City United Methodist Church has offered their church bus to pick up residents of Titusville who would like to attend the dinner and need transportation.

Bus service will run in a continuous loop between IRCUMC at 1355 Cheney Highway, the Gibson Community Center at 835 Sycamore Street, the Harry T. Moore Social Services Center at 725 DeLeon Ave., and the Cuyler Community Center between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Reservations are not required; guests can just show up at one of the stops and board the bus. The loop should take just over half an hour so please be patient for pickups.

Many local families have made volunteering at the event a Christmas tradition, having discov-

ered the true spirit of Christmas and Miss Minnie's great cooking. Volunteer bus driver Al Taylor was recruited after his wife Jennifer had already committed to the event. "Our son will be there, too," she says.

Major sponsors of the event are the North Brevard Coalition of Human Services, North Brevard Parks and Recreation Department, and the local Titusville Wal-Mart.

Volunteers and donations are welcomed. Prior to the event, Santa's elves will be wrapping gifts and decorating.

On Dec. 25, volunteers will be helping with children's games, assisting guests with disabilities, cleaning up, providing musical entertainment, and helping direct parking.

To volunteer, call 383-5635 and leave a message. To donate, send a tax-deductible contribution to H.E.L.P. at P.O. Box 783, Mims, FL 32754, and clearly mark it "Project E.A.T."

Toys for Tots event reels in hundreds of gifts

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be more pleased.

That was just the beginning. Michelle also won a hair salon gift certificate and a bike for her daughter.

Michelle also won the heart of one of Quillen's regular customers, John. Michael shared Michelle's story with John about Michelle being a single mother of a 3- and 5-year-old and looking for a job.. When John saw Michelle's tears of joy and her honest gratitude when she won the bike, he offered her his restaurant gift certificate. With tears in her eyes, she accepted it.

John left the party and drove to his job in Orlando. He couldn't forget Michelle's face full of joy and appreciation when she won the bike. During his drive he started thinking about how blessed he had always been in his life. He just had to do more for Michelle. John called Quillen's Taco Shack and requested owner Rachel Quillen to call John and ask her to meet him at Quillen's the next day at 1 p.m.

At their meeting, he told Michelle that her

current situation was not her fault and that he wanted to make a difference in her family's life. John handed her a Walmart gift card that he had bought earlier, significantly changing Michelle's Christmas from what it would have been.

Michelle also received another promising ray of sunshine. A housekeeper at the Fairfield Inn approached her the night of the party and offered help to possibly find her a job. Although Michelle's dream job is as a motivational speaker, she welcomes the chance to possibly work there.

Those who would like to help Michelle, can call Quillen's Taco Shack at 268-3338.

The 2nd Annual Quillen's Taco Shack Toys For Tots Collection Week and Party exceed their goal and filled Rachel Quillen's big Yukon SUV with toys making sure hundreds of kids in Brevard have a Christmas present this year. Rachel and Michael would like to thank everyone that donated toys and bought raffle tickets – you have made a *big* difference.

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Out of the 23 million Americans with diabetes, one in four hasn't been diagnosed. Some people learn they have diabetes only after seeing a doctor for burning, tingling and numbness in their toes and feet. Many

people already diagnosed with diabetes aren't familiar with neuropathy's symptoms. Even diabetic patients who have excellent blood sugar control can develop diabetic neuropathy.

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When you have diabetes, and especially diabetic neuropathy, a minor cut on your foot can turn into a catastrophe: foot ulcers. Twenty percent of diabetes patients who develop ulcers will require an amputation. Patients who are black, Hispanic and Native American are twice likely as whites to need a diabetes-related amputation. Half of all people with diabetes who have a toe or foot amputation die within three years. The annual cost for diabetic ulcer care in the U.S. is estimated at \$5 billion.

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Space Coast Area Transit announced the following changes to its fixed route bus service for the holidays:

* Christmas Eve – All fixed route bus service will operate on Saturday service schedule, with all routes ending at 6 p.m.

* Christmas – No fixed route bus service will operate.

* Dec. 26 – All regular fixed route bus service will resume.

Changes for the upcoming New Year's Day bus service will be:

* New Year's Eve – All fixed route bus service will operate on Saturday service schedule, with all routes ending at 6 p.m.

* New Year's Day – No fixed route bus service will operate.

* Jan. 2 – All regular fixed route bus service will resume.

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Wanna dance?

The North Brevard Senior Center holds ballroom dancing Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m. at the center, 909 Lane Ave., Titusville. Music by Len Bentley. The evening includes door prizes. Cost is \$8 per person and includes snacks and set-ups. BYOB. Call 631-0368 for more information.

Celebrate the new year

The Titusville Elks 2113 hosts a New Year's Eve Gala at their building, 2955 Columbia Blvd, Titusville.

The menu is filet mignon and a lobster tail or homemade chicken cordon bleu with twice baked potato, veggie, salad, rolls and bananas foster for dessert. Champagne and breakfast at midnight. Cocktail hour is at 6 p.m., dinner at p.m. Music by Boggy Creek Band. All seats are reserved. Cost is \$45 per person. Elks, does and guests are welcome. Call Joanie at 264-8744.

Commission seeks volunteers

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation is accepting applications from volunteers to fill a vacancy on the Equestrian Trails & Facilities Referendum Committee. Applicants must reside within the North Brevard Referendum area - from King's Highway on the south, to the county line on the north.

Those interested in serving on the committee should contact Terry Lane, North Area Parks Operations Manager, at (321) 264-5105 or terry.lane@brevard-parks.com, for an application form which must be completed and returned no later than Jan. 4. Applicants are also to appear before the North Brevard

Commission on Parks and Recreation at their meeting on Jan. 14, at 5 p.m. in the Brevard Room at the Brevard County Government Center North, 518 South Palm Avenue in Titusville.

Moore service is Dec. 19

The Florida State Conference of NAACP Youth Division is conducting the annual graveside service in memory of Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore on Dec. 19 at 2 p.m., at the LaGrange Cemetery, 1575 Old Dixie Hwy, Titusville.

Following the graveside service, the annual memorial service program will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Memorial Park, 2180 Freedom Avenue in Mims. Evangeline Moore, sole surviving daughter of the Moores, will be present. Florida State Conference of NAACP Presiden Adora Obi Nweze will be the guest speaker at the memorial program. The Florida State Conference of NAACP Branches, the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Cultural Complex, Inc., and Brevard County Parks and Recreation Department are co-sponsoring the event. The public is invited to attend both events.

Enjoy laser show

Computer animation and special laser effects make the show "Laser Holidays"

a spectacular event to remember at the Brevard Community College Planetarium and Observatory, (Building 19), 1519 Clearlake Road in Cocoa Dec. 19, 21-24, 26, 28-31.

Attendees sing along to popular Christmas tunes. Admission is \$7 for adults. The cost is \$6 for seniors, students and military personnel. Children ages 12 and under are \$4. Discounted combination tickets are available. Tickets are not pre-sold. All tickets are purchased at the box office before the show.

Show times vary. The planetarium is closed on Sundays and Christmas. For more information call the planetarium at (321) 433-7373 or visit the planetarium website at <http://www.brevardcc.edu/planet/>.

Lose your fear

The University of Florida/IFAS, Brevard County Extension will have a workshop called "How to Lose Your Nerve: Speaking in Public" Jan. 6 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Cocoa Extension office, 3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa.

This workshop is geared for 4-Hers participating in county events to learn how to prepare and practice giving presentations and public speaking. There is no cost to attend.

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Get help with genealogy

The Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution hold a free genealogy workshop Jan. 9, 10 a.m. – noon at the Central Brevard Public Library, 308 Forrest Ave., Cocoa.

Those interested in finding a revolutionary war patriot and membership in the DAR/SAR is welcome. Guest speaker is Debbie Duay, who holds a doctorate in genealogy and has 10 years of experience in teaching and helping people with their family history.

For more information, call 321-773-6271.

Have breakfast with Santa

Brevard County Parks and Recreation offer Breakfast with Santa for children ages Pre-K through 4th grade Dec. 19 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Kiwanis Island Park, 951 Kiwanis Island Park Road, Merritt Island.

The cost is \$5 per child, which includes a pancake breakfast, Christmas stocking and a picture with Santa. Adults may have breakfast for \$2.

Registration is required. For additional information, or to pre-register, call Kiwanis Island Park at (321) 455-1380.

Get tickets now

The North Brevard Senior Center holds 2nd Annual Evening at Club Starlight Feb. 19 and 20. Tickets go on sale Jan. 12 at the center, 909 Lane Ave., Titusville. Enjoy Serendipity Ensemble dance numbers, songs, comedy and dinner in an atmosphere reminis-

cent of the 40s and 50s supper clubs. Period or dressy attire suggested. Cost is \$15 per person. Call 268-9530 for information and tickets.

Library holds some fun

The Titusville Public Library holds the following youth programs:

Family Story Time, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. (All ages 2-3); Preschool Story Time, Wednesdays, 11 a.m. (Ages 3-5); Infant Story Time, Thursdays, 9:15 a.m. (Ages 1 month-walking); Infant Story Time, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. (Ages walking-2 years); Knitting and Crocheting, Mondays, 4:30-5:30 (Ages 9 and older); Manga Drawing, Tuesdays, 5:15-6:15 (Ages 13 and older)

Have fun at library

The Mims-Scottsmoor Library holds the following events and 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.

Mondays & Thursdays – Dance Lady: Cathy Johnson, teaches line dancing on Mondays, 10 a.m. – noon and on Thursdays, 1-3 p.m. Fee is \$4 (\$3 for senior citizens). Call her at 269-3082 to sign up.

Wednesdays – Beginning Computer Classes: an introduction to computers available on Wednesday mornings. Cost is \$5 per session. Call for details and to register as space is limited.

Animals need your help

The Central Brevard Humane

Society's Molly Mutt Thrift Shops located in downtown Melbourne, Merritt Island and Rockledge are in need of donations. The donated items can be appliances, furniture, bed linens, holiday decorations, clothes, collectibles, tools, electronics, children's toys, books, jewelry and home décor. For more information, contact the Central Brevard Humane Society at (321) 636-3343 ext. 203.

Help seniors

TRIAD Senior Santa is here again. People are asked to drop off specific items for seniors to enhance their holiday season. The items needed are men's cardigan sweaters (L and XL), ladies cardigans (M, L), lap blankets, small radios, hankies, non-skid socks, lotions (full size), perfume gift sets, notepaper and stamps, crossword puzzles, toiletries/razors, bath brushes, towels/washcloths and gift tissue paper for gift bags. If you'd like to make a donation and let TRIAD do the shopping, send a check payable to Brevard County TRIAD Inc., P.O. Box 410518, Melbourne, FL 32941. Drop off items at two Titusville locations – State Attorney's Office, 409 South St., 4th Floor or Parrish Senior Solutions Consultation Center – Dr. Tronetti, 805A Century Medical Dr.

For more information about this program, call 632-6688 or dial 2-1-1, or go to www.brevardTRIAD.org.

Volunteers needed

The American Cancer Society is recruiting volunteers. All levels of ability are

needed such as, organizing and planning events, facilitate monthly meetings, coordinate the survivor dinner, recruit volunteers and publicize events.

Help is especially needed in North Brevard. Call Erica Elliott at (321) 433-3109, ext. 121 for more details or to volunteer.

Drop off unwrapped toys

Brevard County Commission Offices serves as drop-off points for non-perishable food and unwrapped toys for local charities to provide to low-income families this holiday season.

The District 1 office, at 400 South Street in Titusville.

Kids play ball

The Central Area of Brevard County Parks and Recreation is accepting registrations for Back to Basics Basketball, to be held at Kennedy Middle School beginning Jan. 4.

Back to Basics Basketball is a co-ed, non-competitive, fun learning experience for boys and girls ages 5 through 12 years old. Players ages 5 to 8 will practice on Mondays and Wednesdays; those aged 9 to 12 will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The league will play for seven weeks.

The cost to participate is \$30 per person and includes a T-shirt. Registration is available at McLarty Park, 790 Barton Boulevard in Rockledge, or at the Central Area Office, 840 Forrest Avenue in Cocoa.

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The Intersession Day Camp for children in kindergarten through sixth grade is offered at Tom Statham Park, 7101 South US 1, Dec. 18 – Jan. 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with extended care available. There will be no camp on Dec. 24, 25 and Jan. 1.

The weekly fee is \$60 per child, with reductions for additional children in the same family. A daily rate of \$20 is available when the child is attending three or fewer days during the week.

Extended care is available from 6:30-9 a.m. and from 4-5:45 p.m. at an additional cost. Fees are due at the time of registration or on the first day a child attends.

Registration and program information is available at the Port St. John Community Center, 6650 Corto Road, Cocoa, FL, and North Area Parks Operations Office, 475 North Williams Avenue, Titusville, FL. For further information, call Jann Faiga at 264-5105.

Intersession camp is sponsored by Brevard County Parks & Recreation's North Area Parks Operations.

Kids learn to cook

A children's holiday cooking camp is offered at Fox Lake Park Main Pavilion, 4400 Fox Lake Road, in Titusville, Dec. 21-23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children

ages 7-11 will prepare a variety of holiday recipes.

The camp fee, including materials, is \$60 with discounts for additional children in the same family. A daily rate of \$20 is available for children attending fewer than three days. Registration is required by Dec. 16 at which time payment is due; space is limited. Register at North Area Parks Operations Office, 475 North Williams Avenue, Titusville, Florida, Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This activity is sponsored by Brevard County Parks and Recreation's North Area Parks Operations. Call (321) 264-5058 for more information.

Classes for caregiver offered

Caring for another person is often one of the most emotional and demanding experiences a person may face in their lifetime. The Caregiver Education and Resource Program at Hospice of St. Francis provides the education and support necessary to "care for the caregiver" – both current and future. At some point in our lives, we will have to be the caregiver for someone. This program consists of a six-one and a half hour classes. The classes are designed to teach caregivers how to care for themselves as they care for others.

The training class is offered at no cost

to all Brevard County residents.

Each class focuses on a different caregiver issue: Class 1: The Experience of Caregiving – What is our commonality? Class 2: Important Decisions and Communication - How do we make and whom do we tell about our Advance Directives? Class 3: Community and Personal Relationships – Are we as alone as we think? Class 4: Care of Self with Care of Others – How can we do both? Class 5: Meaning, Purpose and Finality of Life – What needs to be done at life's end, and what does death look like? Class 6: Grief and Bereavement – What's normal, and how do we know?

The upcoming six class session of Caregiving in the Last Years begins Jan. 4 from 2-3:30 p.m. at The Great Outdoors Church, 144 Plantation Drive, Titusville, FL 32780. Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday for three weeks. Contact Barbara Borman, RN, to register at 269-4240 ext. 330 or e-mail her at caregiving@hospiceofstfrancis.com.

Have fun at hayride

Celebrate the holiday season with Brevard County Parks and Recreation at Wickham Park on Dec. 20.

The annual Holiday Hay ride will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person; children age two and under are

free. There are three boarding times available for customer convenience. Tickets may be purchased to board from 6-9 p.m.

A limited number of tickets are still available for purchase at the South Area Parks and recreation office, located at 1515 Sarno Road, Building B, 2nd floor, Melbourne.

For a limited time, tickets are also available at four local community centers: Viera Regional Park Community Center, 2300 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera; Ted Whitlock Community Center, 1951 Malabar Road NW, Palm Bay; South Beaches Community Center, 6920 South A1A, Florida Beach; and South Mainland Community Center, 3700 Allen Avenue, Micco.

The event is co-sponsored with the Eau Gallie Rotary Club, Habitat for Humanity, and the Space Coast Light Fest and features a hayride through lighted holiday displays. Children will also have a chance to make crafts, play games, and visit with Santa Claus and his friends in the Winter Wonderland, inside the Wickham Park Senior Center. The Senior Center is located at 2785 Leisure Way, inside Wickham Park.

Children must be accompanied by an adult for this fun-filled evening at Wickham Park. For more information, call the South Area Parks and Recreation Office at (321) 255-4400.

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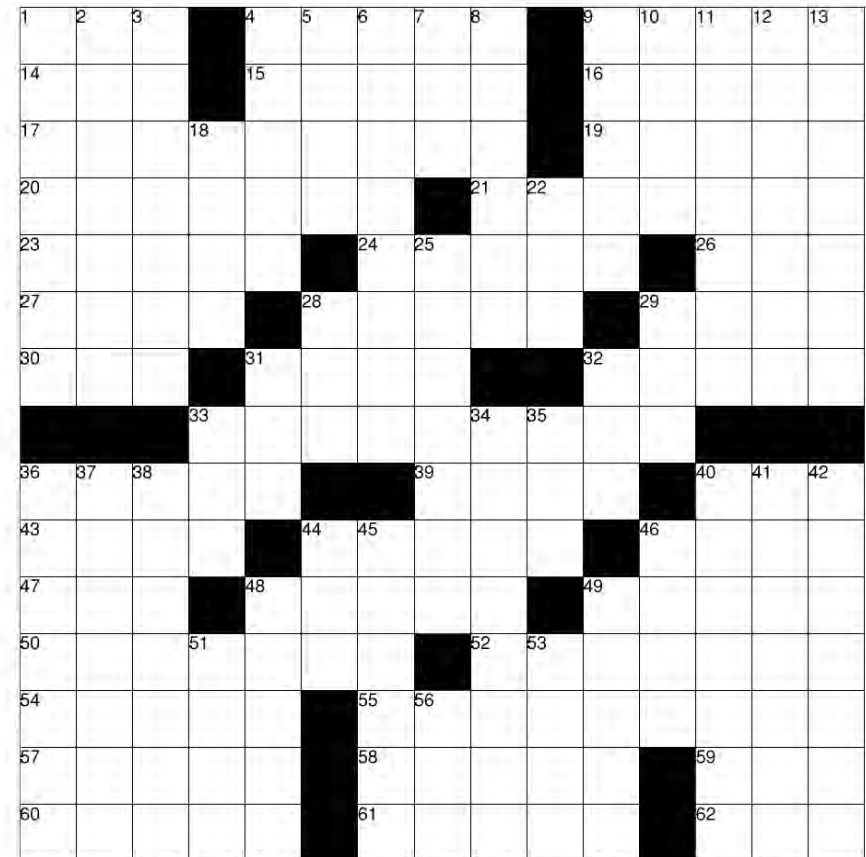
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- 4 Gallic capital
- 9 Lhasa __ (dogs)
- 14 Insect of fable
- 15 Coat of paint?
- 16 Chef's hat
- 17 Latin dance chant
- 19 Sulks
- 20 Five-star
- 21 Generic song syllables
- 23 Spouse's relative
- 24 Asparagus piece
- 26 Edge
- 27 MGM cofounder
- 28 Heat unit
- 29 Philosopher Descartes
- 30 Guess wrong
- 31 Goofy or SpongeBob
- 32 Mythical underworld
- 33 Tuba sound
- 36 Pal of Popeye
- 39 Plank piercer
- 40 Chanteuse's wrap
- 43 Don Juan's mother
- 44 " __ bleu!"
- 46 Bolivia neighbor
- 47 No thoroughbred
- 48 Keyed up
- 49 Less ruddy
- 50 Retro rock group
- 52 Overwhelming quantity
- 54 Cause of forgotten lines?
- 55 Whiffenpoof refrain
- 57 Defeated one's grumble
- 58 Did nothing
- 59 Ottawa's prov.
- 60 Trait shapers
- 61 String quartet member
- 62 Future flounders

Down

- 1 Touch-related
- 2 As a tribute to, with "of"
- 3 Office tool
- 4 "Fiddle-de-dee!"



- 5 To __ (unanimously)
- 6 Where to buy rose quartz
- 7 Potsdam pronoun
- 8 Rink patron
- 9 How some bonds are traded
- 10 Cooling-off place
- 11 End of an Einsteinian formula
- 12 Screenwriter's submission
- 13 Certain bagels
- 18 Stick in one's __
- 22 Wool source
- 25 Act of contrition
- 28 Mr. Thumb
- 29 Root word?
- 31 Plaything
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Henry Frederick Mogg, died Sunday Dec. 6 at the age of 91 in Titusville after a long battle with muscular dystrophy. Henry termed this part of his life as his "ultimate challenge" and lived with and fought off the disease for over 25 years.

Henry was born in Delwin, Mich. on April 16, 1918 to Daniel and Anna Mogg. Henry was taught to weld by his sister's husband, Harold Fluharty and was a skilled pipeline welder by the time he turned 18 years of age. Henry was a perfectionist and studied the world around him. These qualities along with his very strong work ethic allowed him to move up in the pipeline industry to Supervisor and eventually to Superintendent and later General Superintendent for Bechtel Corporation. He managed major pipeline construction projects in Pennsylvania, Michigan, North Dakota, Minnesota, South Carolina, Nevada, British Columbia, Ontario and even Australia. Henry eventually bought Welded Construction Company from Harold Fluharty and ran his own pipeline construction firm.

Henry was always a generous man. His successes in the pipeline industry allowed him to help many people and many charitable organizations through the years.

Despite Muscular Dystrophy's extreme debilitating effects on the body, Henry's memory and brain function remained extremely intact throughout his life. Henry's battle with Muscular Dystrophy however, did require him to need a great deal of physical assistance in the later years of his life. A special thanks is expressed to Karyl Ralston, Rick Spiker, Phyllis Ferris, and Joy and Harry Hendricksen who have helped Henry's wife Claudine with his care throughout these years.

Henry is survived by his wife, Claudine Mogg of Titusville; sister Bertha Fluharty of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan; son Richard and Wife Bonnie Mogg of Maumee, Ohio; son James Mogg of Titusville; grandson Jeffrey and wife Peggy Mogg of Maumee, Ohio; granddaughter Jacqueline and husband Charles Stein of Central Lake, Mich., and three great granddaughters Shea, Kelly and Kayla Mogg of Maumee, Ohio.

Henry's body was cremated at his request. A memorial service will be held in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan at a future date to be announced. Donations to the Muscular Dystrophy Association are requested in lieu of flowers. Online guest book is at www.clarkfuneralchapel.com

DEATH NOTICES

ADKISON, Laura, 83, of Titusville, died Dec. 5. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

BERNGOZZI Stanley, 82, of Titusville, died Dec. 2. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

BIVANS Richard, 80, of Titusville, died Dec. 10. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

BORDERS Anne, 76, of Titusville, died Dec. 10. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

BRITT Henry, 86, of Titusville, died Dec. 9. Arrangements by Lewis-Ray Mortuary, Titusville.

GRAY Robert, 78, of Titusville, died Dec. 10. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home, cocoa.

GRIEVES Kathleen, 48, of Titusville, died Dec. 2. Arrangements by Funeral Solutions, Cocoa.

HOLBROOK Collette, 79,

of Titusville, died Dec. 6. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

HUFF Vanessa, 55, of Titusville, died Dec. 7. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home, Titusville.

JAMES Waide, 23, of Port St. John, died Dec. 1. Arrangements by Newcomer Funeral Home, Titusville.

KUKIC Pete, 83, of Titusville, died Dec. 11. Arrangements by East Coast Cremation, Rockledge.

LaCAMERA Genevieve, 92, of Titusville, died Dec. 8. Arrangements by Dudley Funeral Home, Edgewater.

LUBLINER Gayle, 85, of died Dec. 11. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home, Titusville.

MOGG Henry, 91, of Titusville, died Dec. 6.

NELSON Bobby, 76, of Titusville, died Dec. 3. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

RICHARDO Robert, 60, of Titusville, died Dec. 2. Arrangements by East Coast Cremation, Rockledge.

STIRLING William, 76, of Titusville, died Dec. 7. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

STUBLI Joan, 74, of Titusville, died Dec. 9. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home, Titusville.

TYLER Walter, 91, of Titusville, died Dec. 10. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home, Titusville.

TYRELL Fredricka, 80, of Port St. John, died Nov. 28. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home, Cocoa.

TYLER Walter, 91, of Titusville, died Dec. 10. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home.

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