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Group hosts tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr.

By D.D. Remini

There's a movement underfoot in North Brevard to ensure the late Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy never dies.

A small group called Concerned Citizens wants to grow their dwindling numbers and make an impact on the community.

"We've been together for about five years now sponsoring Martin Luther King marches, other events and being more of a voice in the community," said Evelyn Bell, spokesperson for Concerned Citizens. "However, some of our members have died. We've gotten some new members but we'd like to see more."



This year instead of doing holding a march on the civil rights activist's birthday, the group will sponsor a free celebration of preaching and praise Jan. 20, 6:30 p.m. at Faith Ministries in Action, 1565 Gayle Ave., Titusville. "This year's theme is 'hope.'"

"We'd like to get more churches and organizations involved in our yearly Martin Luther King celebrations and other events," said Bell, who noted that Concerned Citizens used to award yearly scholarships. As Concerned Citizens builds, she hopes to generate the program again.

Bell and the other members are concerned that as generations get older and new one's begin, that over time King's message and work will dissolve into the past like dust under the carpet.

"The older generation is leading us but they won't be around forever," said Bell, a retired Coquina Elementary School teacher who now spends her hectic day at Bethlehem Baptist Church as a daycare worker. "It is up to us to explain to the young ones about Dr. King. As I work with the young ones, I constantly tell them, 'You are blessed.' We never had this message growing up."

Bell said she's frequently asked by people of all ages how to generate and keep the King momentum going. Her answer is to get involved and join Concerned Citizens.

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Mike Phelps



Eat my dust

Go-Kart locals are tearing up the track. Left, Jason Todd Burke, 14, wins at Stock Lite Division at Hurricane Speedway Jan. 12 in Sharpes. Top, Ezra Beske, 11, wins Junior Gold at the same track. The two are part of JB's Race Team and are Ultramax Top Gun drivers on a roll after winning the World Karting Association Nationals at Daytona. See more Page 9.

EXCLUSIVE

Surging metal prices cause crime rise

By Susan Walden

Two thrift store truck drivers couldn't resist the allure of the price of metal and wound up in some hot water with their boss.

After receiving an anonymous tip, the *North Brevard Beacon* investigated and photographed the drivers as they made their sometimes twice-daily trip to a local metal recycling business where they sold metals fresh off the North Brevard Charities and pocketed the cash.

One ironing board made its way from the donor's home, was taken off and back onto the truck at the landfill and seemed to disappear when it got to North Brevard Charities an afternoon when the drivers bypassed the recycling business and went to the center. When asked if they had an ironing board

after the truck was unloaded, a person who stated he wasn't an employee but was spotted hanging around the back of North Brevard Charities during the unloading, went into the charity's processing area to check, came out and said "no."

"We addressed the situation immediately," said Joe Robinson, executive director of North Brevard Charities. "We've taken corrective action, put people on probation, separated the two and now they cannot drive or be alone in the truck." Robinson said he quickly met with the organization's board of directors after the *Beacon* exposed the theft.

"Although I'm devastated to hear this, I'm happy it was called to our attention," he said.

This is a story repeated in different forms all over the globe.

Metal theft is on the rise with prices hitting an all time high for various metals, the highest copper, which can fetch upward of \$4.50 per pound locally, according to Titusville Police Detective Scott Larsson. And that produces an appetite for some to steal metal that isn't theirs.

From roofing and church bells to historic landmarks and even metal in public toilets, not many areas are safe in the world from unscrupulous thieves. Many succeed and become embolden, to the point that it costs them their lives. One metal bandit in Redding, Pa., shimmied up a utility pole armed with a screwdriver. He touched the wrong line and was electrocuted.

Much of the steel copper must be stripped of its coating by burning it, a

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Area short on blood

A rash of hospital emergencies, including those stemming from an increase in car accidents, such as the deadly pileup on I-4 has left the blood supply dangerously low in Central Florida.

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Referendum puts money in taxpayers' pocket

When area citizens go to the polls Jan. 29, they will decide on a county ad valorem tax cap. The question on the ballot is "Shall Brevard County be authorized to cap, through a provision in its charter, the annual growth in ad valorem tax revenue?"

Readers asked the North Brevard Beacon to check out what the proposed amendment is about.

By Tony DiGiacomo

Simply put, the Ad Valorem Tax Cap is a boon to taxpayers in Brevard County.

Addressing the Ad Valorem Tax Cap issue is like trying to find a needle in a haystack. The Legislature tried to do too many things in one amendment.

Their aim in this referendum is to control the tax millage (the amount of money the county can tax you on the value of your home/property) and to cap (limit) those amounts so that the county (and other municipalities in the county) do not lose operating money.

This amendment limits the tax millage rate to 3 percent of annual income value according to the cost of living increases tabulated.

"(This referendum) is about whether the county should increase property tax or taxable value of your property and the tax millage," said Jim Ford, Brevard County Property Appraiser.

"Millage is an arbitrarily enforced amount of tax charged by the county on property and homes. It has no relation to the market value of property. The cap limits the increase in the millage rate that can be assessed and then charged to the property/homeowners."

The amendment limits the amount the county can increase taxes by. Ford made it a point to tell readers that they need to know that the county does not get less money per year for operating expenses or for providing services to the public, such as fire and rescue, police and other municipal services.

"In 1996 I tried to put through a similar amendment in the Legislature, and we did it, but it did not address the legal problems we're still having with this new tax amendment," Ford said. "The Ad Valorem Cap is another measure of mine and others to rectify these problems and relieve the people of arbitrary taxation."

Brevard County Tax Collector Rod

Northcutt agrees with Ford that the tax cap is advantageous to the homeowner but feels that the issue is a complex one and voters need to do their homework and really understand it.

"Right now, the Homestead 2 exemption is \$240," he said. With this tax cap, Gov. Charlie Crist's plan for a tax cut can go through, which is an exemption of up to \$1,000 depending on the value of a home.

"(The municipalities) are afraid it will take tax burden off of one party and put it on another—the home/property owners. The administration and officials have a fear with this amendment, called 'The Law of Unexpected Consequences.' (What this means is) many are worried that these smaller towns and municipalities will not be able to exist if the cap is put in effect; they are afraid for the loss of services because there will not be sufficient monies to run the budgets for police, fire, and other services."

However, officials say this simply isn't true and that it will help the homeowner.

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Larsson: 'Burglars have found a new way to make money'

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technique that has caused catastrophic fires. In New York, 10 historic buildings were destroyed last year when thieves burned insulation off of the copper wiring.

"We've had several calls from neighbors on Fox Lake Road who see smoke from a building in the woods as a result of burning the copper wiring," said Larsson.

The price surge is a result of world demand for metals especially in Asian countries. China can't build fast enough and is leading the world in its demand for metals.

"In the last year, it's gotten really bad," said Larsson. The Titusville police have arrested 25 people in the last three months.

"Burglars have just found a new way to make money. They steal air conditioning units, tear them apart and sell the metal,"

said Larsson, who calls the recent rise in metal theft "overwhelming."

"There are no identifying marks on the air conditioners so it's hard to trace."

About two months ago, police found the old Goodings building on the corner of Harrison and Barna Streets stripped of metal.

Larsson said city and county law enforcement generally have a good relationship with recycling centers, and that has produced many arrests in the last year.

"Selling unwanted metal certainly isn't a crime," said TPD Assistant Chief John Lau. "We don't want people to get the wrong idea that people who go to recycling centers are doing the wrong thing. It is a way to make money; the items just have to be theirs."

It isn't rare for thrift shops to sell metal items to recycling centers that can't be sold or given away. The optimum opera-

tion of a thrift store is to get the most out of every item received by donors, believes Lori Sweat, manager of SPCA Thrift Shop on Garden Street in Titusville.

"The metal items we can't do anything with are brought to a recycling center by a gentleman here who does this on his off time," she said. "We give him money for gas and he gives us the recycling money and the receipt. It's all above board and a great way to make money when we would have otherwise thrown the item away." Sweat estimates the store makes between \$30 to \$200 a month in metal recycling.

She said her thrift store workers are diligent about sorting through donations in an assembly line atmosphere. In a business where procedures are paramount because of the volume of donations, chaos is a mere step away if things aren't put in their proper place, even when they

first come through the door.

What they cannot sell the thrift store gives away to help others, according to Sweat, who estimates about 80 percent of money raised in the store goes to the animals; the other percentage goes to operational costs including salaries.

Robinson said staff at North Brevard Charities goes through every item with a fine-tooth comb. "We sell about 30 percent of the items we take in; 70 percent we can't sell," he said. Some of the items are stained, have an odor or, if left outside the store, much of it is ruined before they can even sort it. The executive director says he's proud of his store's high quality items and that they haven't raised their prices in 11 years.

"We just want everyone to know we are here to help the community and would never do anything harmful."

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Spontaneous shooting leaves man in hospital

By Susan Walden

A 14-year-old Titusville boy is in jail after aiming and firing a gun at a man fixing an air conditioner behind MJ's Saloon on Hopkins Street in Titusville Jan. 11.

Demetrius Jordan, a Titusville High School student, was charged with attempted felony murder and armed burglary to a structure, while the victim, 31-year-old Jason Grunenfelder, remains in the hospital recovering from the gunshot wound to his midsection.

Police say at about 4 p.m. Grunenfelder was repairing the air conditioner when Jordan, who was in the woods and on the railroad tracks behind MJ's, shot him. Initially, it appeared that Grunenfelder was hit by a stray bullet, but after an intensive search and investigation, the case turned into what police call a "very viscous, cold-hearted act."

Investigators learned that Jordan was with two other teens. After shooting a .22 caliber handgun in the woods several

times, which police say Jordan allegedly stole during a burglary in November, they left the woods and began walking on the railroad tracks behind MJ's.

Jordan spotted Grunenfelder working, and police say that for some unknown reason, set his sights on the repairman. For accuracy, the juvenile used one of the railroad track to brace the gun as he aimed and shot him, according to police.

Grunenfelder yelled and the teens split up and ran in the woods. One was detained moments later by Titusville Police Officer Officer Izzell Davis. A witness also helped police with the investigation.

Officers later searched Jordan's residence and recovered the weapon behind his home. They identified the gun as coming from a residential burglary near the suspect's Macon Drive home in November.

There is no relationship between Grunenfelder and Jordan, say police officials.

Crime briefs

Girl shot in leg

Titusville Police Department responded to a shooting in the area of 1020 Fourth Ave Jan. 10.

The victim in this incident was a 14 year old girl. She was outside the residence near the roadway with friends. At that time, an unidentified person or persons began firing shots from down the street. As a result, the victim was hit in the lower right leg by a small caliber bullet. The victim was transported to the hospital and received medical treatment. The victim is currently in stable condition and has suffered a severely fractured leg as a result of the shooting.

Those with information on this incident is urged to contact CRIMELINE at 1-800-423-TIPS (8477) and/or Detective Rob Candler at 321-264-7815. Anyone with information leading to an arrest may be eligible for a cash reward.

Pedophile nabbed

TPD arrested Randy Joseph Schihl, a white male, 31, Jan 2 on 13 counts of lewd and lascivious battery on a minor and computer pornography for the solicitation for sex over the Internet.

Police learned of these incidents when Schihl called the girl's house and her mother answered the telephone. The girl's mother began asking questions of Schihl at which point he discontinued the telephone conversation. Schihl admitted to police that he met the girl on Yahoo Messenger and then again on My Space.com.

The Internet meeting led to Schihl picking the young lady up and the two engaging in sexual activity on at least three occasions between the end of November and the end of December.

Amos believes there may be more juvenile victims of Schihl and he encourages parents and juveniles to contact him at 264-7819 if they are a victim or know of a victim of Schihl's.

Titusville Police Department encourages parents to be aware of what Web sites your children are on and to talk to your children about the dangers of on line meetings with strangers.

Schihl was delivered to the Brevard County Jail on a bond of \$140,000.

511 phone system provides essential traffic info

TALLAHASSEE —Florida residents and visitors who need the latest information about the effects of wildfires on travel conditions statewide can call the Florida Department of Transportation's free 511 travel information service. The service is available from cell phones and landlines statewide and provides real-time traffic conditions and road closures on all interstate highways in Florida and Florida's Turnpike.

The Florida Division of Forestry reported Jan. 4 that drought conditions are expected to worsen over the spring months, indicating a high potential for another active wildfire season.

This closure of Interstate 4 in Polk

County due to accidents involving fog and smoke is a serious reminder of the hazardous conditions that can result when wildfires occur, Florida Highway Patrol spokesman Sgt. Jorge Delahoz said.

"Wildfires can come up suddenly, and motorists may not be aware when their area is affected," Delahoz said. "By calling 511, they will learn of any trouble areas on their route, and can alter their plans if necessary."

When in low-visibility conditions, drivers should slow down, keep lights on low beam, and shouldn't use flashing lights unless pulling off the road. Another key, he said, is to minimize dis-

tractions. "If you've got your radio on, turn it off. Stay off the cell phone. You need to pay attention to what's going on," Delahoz said.

The I-4 closure indicates Florida residents are turning to 511 when unforeseen situations arise. The Central Florida 511 system logged 7,813 calls on Jan. 9, more than three times the 2,425 calls on the same date last year. The Statewide 511 system experienced a 40 percent increase in calls the same day.

In addition to the free 511 phone service, Florida residents can access real-time traffic information, traffic cameras, lane closures and emergency alerts on the Web at www.FL511.com. Regional

information is available at www.jax511.com, www.511tampabay.com, www.southwest-florida511.com and www.southflorida511.com.

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Too Much Month at the End of the Money?



By Amber Whitaker - Sr. Licensed Loan Officer, SIMPLE Home Lending

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Attorney General urges consumers to get free annual report

TALLAHASSEE, FL — Attorney General Bill McCollum issued a consumer advisory encouraging Floridians to make a New Year's resolution to get their free annual credit report at the only official source for free annual reports, <http://www.annualcreditreport.com>.

The Web site works in conjunction with Equifax, Experian and TransUnion, the three national credit reporting companies. Because identity theft is a significant problem threatening Florida, many citizens seek credit reports to monitor their personal information and ensure that they have not been unknowingly victimized by identity theft.

"Identity theft often wreaks significant havoc long before victims are aware of the crime. By the time they realize they have been victimized, their finances, their credit scores and their reputations are al-

most always seriously impacted," said Attorney General McCollum.

"With reports of data thefts on the rise, I encourage all Floridians to regularly review their credit reports and bank and credit card statements carefully to detect fraudulent charges or accounts."

Consumers have the option of ordering one comprehensive report or one report from each company, although authorities recommend spacing the reports out every four months.

Reports are also available by phone at 1-877-322-8228.

Last year, the loss or theft of personal data such as credit-card and Social Security numbers dramatically increased. Major incidents in 2007 included a breach at TJX Companies, Inc. that compromised millions of personal records, lost data disks with bank account numbers in

Britain, a hacker attack of a U.S.-based online broker's database and a scam that unveiled resume contact information from a U.S. online jobs site. Under a June agreement negotiated by Attorney General McCollum, TJX agreed to provide an additional notice to consumers who were affected by an earlier data breach. TJX is the parent company of TJ Maxx, Marshalls, AJ Wright and HomeGoods stores.

The Attorney General also warned that many of the "free" credit report offers available online are often far from being free of charge.

Numerous Web sites offer "free" reports or credit scores that are tied to offers of credit monitoring and/or other services. These offers often require payment and the consumer is usually unaware that he or she is paying for a

service. Additionally, many Web sites offer trial memberships that require consumers to cancel within 30 days or they will be charged a monthly fee. Should consumers choose to enroll in a credit monitoring service, the Attorney General recommends documenting telephone calls when canceling subscriptions and follow up in writing when they choose to cancel.

Consumers with complaints about a credit reporting service may call the Attorney General's Fraud Hotline at 1-866-9-NO-SCAM (1-866-966-7226).

They may also visit the Attorney General's Web site at <http://myfloridalegal.com>, where information is available on obtaining free credit reports and combating identity theft.

Concerned Citizens aim to build group

KING, from Page 1

Since the organization began, the members pushed to have a busy Titusville street named after King.

"We thought we just about had a street one time but it didn't happen. There was some opposition."

Her dream is to have South Street (State Road 405) from Hopkins Avenue to Route 50 become Martin Luther King Street.

"We're going to regroup and begin to get out into the community more, including attending city council meetings, and maybe this time we can have a street renamed," she said.

Bell also strongly believes every citizen should exercise his/her right to vote.

Those interested in becoming a member of Concerned Citizens should call Bell at 383-7681.

"We may be small but we have a big heart."

Brevard School's access channel on move

VIERA — On Jan. 19, Brevard Public Schools' educational access channel will move from its current location on Bright House Networks channel 9, to Bright House digital channel 198. BPS-TV will be grouped with other government access channels such as Space Coast Government TV.

BPS-TV, founded in 2004, is a local television channel operated by Brevard Public Schools. The channel features a


vast array of educational and children's programming, including shows from PBS, NASA, and many other educational sources. BPS-TV also produces original programming such as "The Superintendent's Forum," "Sound Waves," "Touchdown Brevard" and BPS News and broadcasts each School Board meeting live.

Space Coast Government Television will relocate from its current locations,

channel 1 on digital cable and channel 99 on basic cable, to cable channel 199.

If you have questions regarding the District or BPS-TV you can contact our Customer Service Center at 633-1000, extension 500.

Or if you have any questions regarding the channel move or to obtain a digital cable box, you can call Bright House Networks at 1-866-309-3279.



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Opinions

Buying, selling your stuff is a garage-full of hassles

My View

By
Susan
Walden



Cleaning out garages, closets and rooms is a great way to make money.

You take items you don't want and have a yard sale, and other things you put in the classifieds - all so someone else can stick the stuff in their garage, closets and rooms.

One thing that seems to be a constant no matter where you live is how annoying buying and selling is.

You're selling, let's say, a car. We've all been through it. Someone calls you. They usually sound like slack-jawed, booger-eating morons.

Your phone rings and you answer. "Yea, you got that car for sale?"

I want to say, "No, I just thought I'd

put it in the classifieds to hear your voice."

"It got all four tires?"

I'm thinking this guy needs to buy a new brain not a car. "Of course it has four tires. It isn't a moped."

Then they ask you questions that are already in the ad - like the mileage, type of car, year. I think some people are just lonely and want to call someone to hear a voice. Which brings me to another point.

Why is it no matter what you are selling or where you live on God's green earth, people don't show up. They tell you they'll be right over to have a look at what you are selling or they set an appointment to see the item and never come, never call. You sit and wait. You don't have time for this. You'd never do this to someone else, so why would they do it to you?

I've gotten bold. After waiting 15 minutes, I call them. "Are you coming over to see the car?" "Oh, yea," they reply, "uh, I had to bring my wife to Sears and then I'll be over." So why is it I have to wait for someone else? Are their lives more important than mine?

Some people call you five times to

talk about your item. Then they never call you back to set up a time to come over. I always wonder what happened to those people. They seemed intent to look at the item. Did they fall into a black hole somewhere? Only Einstein knows, I guess.

One lady called our home number about an exercise machine we were selling. She seemed so excited when she talked to my teenager. "I'll be right over." I hurried home from work and she never showed up. Never called again. Where did she go? Did an alien beam her up?

Garage sales are no different. When you have these yard sales you have to get up a lot earlier than the people who go to yard sales because some of them have the strategy that the early bird gets the worm. So, you publicize your yard sale for 8 a.m. and they come at 6 a.m. You open up your garage and there's a pack of people looking at you. You haven't even priced the things yet and they come into your garage and start picking things up.

Mind you, it's a good strategy to get there early when you're shopping. I give a lot of credit to the yard sale junkies who go from one to the other. They get

some great things at great prices. Understanding that one man's garbage is another's treasure, I always wonder if someone has bought something at a yard sale that looked vaguely familiar only to figure out they were the ones three years ago to sell it in their own yard sale. Now that item you really need to keep - it was just meant to be.

Your price is never good enough though. You put 50 cents on a book and that's soooooo expensive. The person stands there for 15 minutes contemplating whether he should splurge. Where can you buy a book for 50 cents? Come on. You're lucky if, at the end of the day, you've got \$20 after selling everything.

Did you ever notice that what you think is going to sell in your yard sale, doesn't? A washing machine for \$10, a dryer for \$5, a great hardly-used bike for \$10. No sale. My husband just looked in our garage and said, "After that yard sale, everything still looks the same the garage - cluttered." Back went the bike, the washer, the dryer.

Three-car garage, my behind. They should call it, a two-car-tightly-fit-plus-a-load-of-junk garage.

Talk of the town

Who do you prefer for president so far?



"I'm undecided."

Amanda Arnold
Titusville



"Guiliani. I like the way he handled 911."

Jason Cooper
Titusville



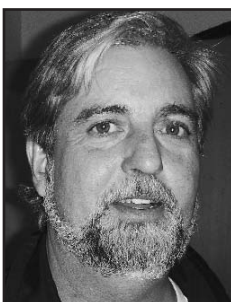
"Rudy Guiliani. We need someone who can do the job like he did in New York, and he can also straighten out the economy."

Kathy Warren
Port St. John



"Hillary Clinton."

John Dukek
Titusville



"Fred Thompson. I like his politics."

Tom James
Titusville



"I have no decision at this time."

Nancy Eberlin
Mims

Attorney General warns about 'misleading auto advertising'

TALLAHASSEE – Attorney General Bill McCollum today issued a consumer advisory warning Floridians about potentially misleading auto advertisements. The Attorney General cautioned consumers who may be buying automobiles during any new year's sales to watch out for advertisements that may not be entirely accurate and high pressure sales tactics or scams that may unfairly ensnare consumers in unfavorable purchase agreements.

Common misrepresentations include promises that dealers will pay off a consumer's lease or loan and claims that consumers can be pre-approved for any vehicle of their choosing.

"Floridians who may be trying to take advantage of sales during the first month of the new year should be wary of any deal that sounds too good to be true," said Attorney General McCollum. "Buying an automobile is an important and often carefully planned decision and it is imperative that consumers are not preyed upon by unscrupulous advertising or salespeople who are more concerned about making a sale than looking out for the customer's best interests."

The "We'll pay off your loan or lease no matter how much you still owe!" claim is deceptive because consumers rarely realize that if the dealer pays off the debt, the consumer will then owe that debt to the dealer and will often receive a steeply de-valued price for their trade-in vehicle. Leases and loans are contracts and cannot be dissolved without steep penalties,

which are also assumed by the dealer and charged back to the consumer. To mask the higher total cost, dealers may extend the term of the new loan to keep payments low, but will ultimately benefit from the end cost. To avoid getting caught in this trap, consumers should wait to trade in their automobile until they owe less than the vehicle's value.

The pre-approval sale is another potentially misleading device that specifically targets individuals concerned about their credit score and the impact it could have on financing options. Consumers often receive advertisements letting them know they have been pre-approved for a loan amount. A dealer can then manipulate the consumer into purchasing whichever vehicle provides the best benefit to the dealer because the consumer believes he or she has no additional financing options. A third common advertising gimmick is the "Super Sale," which occurs when an auto dealership hires a third party sales team to conduct the entire sale. The outside company typically increases the cost of each vehicle and then calculates new, lower payments based on the longest possible term with a deceptively low and enticing down payment. There is no real discount available and consumers may even end up paying more than necessary for the vehicle.

The Attorney General's Office regularly investigates allegations of misleading or deceptive advertising or business practices which are prohibited under Florida's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act.

Recent settlements related to auto sales include a November 2007 agreement with Bill Heard Chevrolet that resolved concerns about the company's print and radio advertisements and direct mailers. The company agreed to alter its marketing practices and improve the process for addressing consumer complaints.

To encourage consumers to make wise decisions when purchasing a new or used automobile, the Attorney General offered the following suggestions:

- ✓ Be cautious of extremely low monthly payments, as these may indicate a longer payment term. If possible, focus on the full price of the automobile.

- ✓ Pay attention to the actual terms of the sale rather than the "deal" being offered by the dealership. Ask questions about any terms that seem excessive or unnecessary.

- ✓ Salespeople may offer various incentives (cash back, "customer loyalty" discounts, special financing deals, etc.) that can be worth several thousand dollars off the new car price. Compare incentives and use them as a negotiating tool if possible.

- ✓ Do research on how much your trade-in is worth. Some salespeople may try to lower the actual value of the trade-in during negotiations.

- ✓ Do not make an emotional care purchase or let a dealer know you are purchasing a car because you absolutely must.

- ✓ Know your credit score and what

kind of financing options should be provided to you because of your score. Avoid giving this information to a salesperson before a price is agreed upon.

- ✓ Investigate any and all available financing options rather than simply accepting the financing terms provided by the dealership.

Consumers are encouraged to contact the Attorney General's Lemon Law program if they believe they have been sold a "lemon." Florida's Lemon Law applies to new or demonstrator vehicles sold or long-term leased in the state of Florida.

When consumers buy or lease a new or demonstrator motor vehicle, the selling dealer or lessor is required to provide a copy of the "Consumer Guide to the Florida Lemon Law."

This publication explains consumer rights, gives steps to follow to resolve problems and contains a toll-free number for the Lemon Law Hotline and a form the consumer can use to notify the manufacturer of chronic defects and time out of service for repair. Last year, the Florida Lemon Law Arbitration

Program surpassed the \$350 million mark in refunds and replacements for consumers who bought incessantly defective new vehicles. Since 1989, the Lemon Law program has produced refunds or replacement vehicles for more than 13,300 consumers.

More information is available online at <http://www.myfloridalegal.com>.

Ultramax Top Guns burn up track at nationals

By James Burke

Three young men made a difference this year in the Kart Racing World.

Josh Robinson, 24, Jason Todd Burke, 14 and 11-year-old Ezra Beske tore up the competition for three days at the Volusia Speedway Park in Daytona Dec. 27-29.

This time last year, the team left Daytona satisfied with their final positions ranging throughout the top 10. They raced their way through a grueling 2007 season with victories and top five finishes across the southeast.

With the lessons learned and experience gained in 2007, they came back to the first national event of the 2008 season with a steely resolve, more experience and a hunger for victory.

The JB's Race Team lapped their way past the competition to bring home some impressive results to begin the season.

Robinson, of Titusville, qualified with two pole positions. He battled his way to first place victories in the Stock Medium and Stock Light Divisions, as well as a



Susan Walden

JB's Racing Team is upper left, James Burke, John Brian Nall, Steve Beske. Lower left, Jason Todd Burke, Josh Robinson and Ezra Beske.

third-place finish in the Raptor 330 Division.

Burke, of Mims, raced his way to a qualifying pole position in his classes and ended the series with third-

place finishes in Junior Light and Gold Light, a fourth-place finish in Junior Heavy and a seventh place in Gold Heavy.

Beske finished the week off with one pole position. The Titusville native drove to first place victories in the Blue Restricted Animal Heavy and Blue Light Divisions as well as a second place in Blue Restricted Flathead Heavy and Blue Heavy Divisions.

JB's Race team had a guest drive for Dec. 30. John Bryan Nall, who finished third and sixth in his classes for the 2007 WKA Dirt National Championships, represented JB's Race Team and qualified outside pole in Junior Gold Heavy.

Despite a tremendous effort on Nall's part, he was knocked out halfway through the race.

Just like in NASCAR, the racers receive points for the positions they achieve throughout the season, giving the JB's Race Team a huge jump on the competition for the 2008 WKA National Dirt Championship.

Mims beauty shop owner still going strong after 48 years

By D.D. Remini

Pat Coffy was destined to be a hairstylist.

After all, her mom and her brother were styling, cutting and doing perms for as long as she could remember growing up.

"My mom pushed me to be a hairdresser because she said it was a trade you could work at all your life as long as you wanted to," said Coffy, owner of Adair Beauty Salon in Mims. Her mother must have been right because Coffy has had her business since 1960.

She learned a lot from watching her mother, who first opened a beauty shop in Pittsburgh, then sold it and then moved to Titusville where she opened another shop on U.S. 1 (now in the Comfort Keepers location).

"My brother was a big hairstylist in Europe and New York; he taught me just about everything I know."

Adair is kind of a family name. Not in the traditional sense, although it was carried down to Coffy. While getting ready to open her mother's first beauty salon, Coffy's mom was stripping the floor with turpentine called Adair. "She said to me, 'Hey, that would be a real good name for a beauty shop' so that became the name of hers," said Coffy, who decided to carry on the idea.

It must be a lucky name because for 48 years, Coffy has served men, children and mostly women at her shop. Her brother gave her \$50 and then she converted her attached garage into the salon.

"I started with just one chair and a mirror I got at the Five and Dime Store that made yourself look crooked in



D.D. Remini

Pat Coffy has owned and operated Adair Beauty Salon in Mims since 1960.

it," said Coffy. She chuckles every time she thinks about it.

Her business grew and soon she not only purchased more chairs, mirrors and dryers, she added a handful of stylists. "And then we still didn't have enough chairs," she laughed.

She has four children who essentially grew up in her salon. They would bound through, talking to their mom and sometimes crying because they got hurt outside. "I got to the point, as all mothers do, that I'd say to them, 'Is there blood spurting out? Because if there isn't, you'll

be OK.'"

Making sure she was hip on the styles, Coffy used to go to hairstyle conferences and shows. The more things change the more they stay the same. Coffy said she's seen plenty of hairstyles become popular, fade away only to be hip once more.

Coffy admits she's done a lot of styles and colors — even a tinge of green once, by accident. "But that was a long, long time ago and I got rid of it real fast."

She believes that the old ways of cutting are still important to the trade — that and taking time with the customer instead of slinging someone in the chair, snipping quickly and handing her a big bill. She believes in giving the customer all the time that's needed and she prides herself on keeping her prices low, with cuts at \$10.

"The older (stylists) really know a lot. My brother taught me how to razor cut, which isn't done often anymore."

She's had hundreds of customers over the years, many who have passed away. "But I've gotten new ones too." As always she sets her own hours and likes to be off on the weekends and Tuesdays. "My mom was right. It is a good profession to be in."

Despite past health problems and surgeries as she says are "too many to count," 70-something Coffy is still going strong, thankful for all the customers she's had over the years and the many more to come.

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Got citrus?

It time again for the annual Citrus Gleaning, the largest food salvage event in the nation, sponsored by Society of St. Andrew volunteers. The event is Jan. 26, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The society is a national, ecumenical, nonprofit hunger-relief ministry, which salvages fresh produce that would otherwise be wasted. The food is distributed free to agencies that serve the hungry: food banks, pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and others. Most of the gleaning is done after the harvest in farm fields and orchards in 15 states (including Florida) and New England. But in Florida, where backyard fruit trees are abundant, the Society of St. Andrew's Florida regional office, located in Orlando, started Backyard Gleaning 13 years ago. Brevard homeowners could provide more than 400,000 servings of fresh fruit to the hungry (three servings per

pound) when they donate the excess from their trees.

There are several ways Central Floridians can participate in this worthwhile endeavor. Homeowners can pick their excess fruit and bring it to First United Methodist Church 206 S. Hopkins Ave.

They also need volunteers. To donate fruit or be a volunteer call 269-7631. Students can earn public service hours.

For more information about the 13th Annual Brevard County Backyard Bounty event, visit www.endhunger.org/citrus, www.functitusville.com or call the Society of St. Andrew at 407-650-1956 or First United Methodist Church at 321-269-763

Nonprofit holds sale

The Horsehelpers hold a Big Yard Sale Jan. 12, 8 a.m. – noon at 4239 People St., Mims, north of SR 46 on U.S. 1. Items include furniture, books, glassware, toys clothes, horse tacks and more. Follow the signs to the event, which benefits Helpers, Organizing, Rescue, Service Education, Inc.

Women invited to seminar

A women's seminar "seeds4success" is Jan. 30, 11:30 a.m. at Parrish Healthcare Center at Port. St. John. Co-sponsored by the Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce and Parrish Medical

Center's Spirit of Women Program, the 90-minute event hones skills on how to capitalize on the power and experience business to help take your business to the next level. The discussions are guided by Daina Gold, certified life coach and author. The seminar is \$15 for chamber members, \$20 for prospective members. To register, call 256-3306.

Been to the market yet?

The Titusville Farmers Market is every Friday until 4 p.m. at the south parking lot of First Baptist Church, downtown.

Elvis will be at TitusNites

Rumor has it that The King of Rock is alive and kicking and will visit the TitusNites Street Party (in various shapes and forms) on Feb. 1 from 6-10 p.m. downtown.

This year's event will offer plenty of chances for Elvis fans to dress up like him. There will be several contests going on, such as Best Blue Suede Shoes, Best Costume, Youngest and Oldest Elvis, Best Look-Alike, Best Pet Elvis Look-Alike, and many more.

The event also includes be plenty of entertainment, shopping, food, kid's games and more.

TitusNites Street parties are held the first Friday of the even months.

For more details, call Karen Johnson at 267-3036 or e-mail johnson@titusville.org.



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Learn boating

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 49 offers a boating safety program on Jan. 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Flotilla located in the Upland Building in Titusville. The building is on SR 402, just North of Garden Street, West of the Max Brewer Bridge.

The one-day course will teach federal and state boating requirements. Participants also will receive a boater education ID card and qualify for boating education discounts and membership in the auxiliary.

If you are 21 or under, this program is N.A.S.B.L.A. approved to get your Florida State Boater ID card

Cost is \$40, which includes all materials and lunch. Free boat inspections are available. To Pre-Register, send check to "USCG AUX Flotilla 49" in care of Pam Wood, 3855 S. Ridge Circle, Titusville, FL 32796. Call 267-6737 or 321-268-8856 for more information.

Tennis anyone?

La Cita Racquet and Country Club in Titusville hosts the 19th annual THS Tennis Tournament on Jan. 26 and 27. Proceeds from the doubles tournament will benefit the Titusville High School tennis program.

Men's and women's doubles are Jan.

26, and mixed doubles are Jan. 27. Participants receive three guaranteed matches, T-shirts, goodie bags, raffle tickets, refreshments and a cook-out luncheon.

Cost is \$40 per person. Call La Cita pro shop at 321-383-5311 for more information.

Come to fashion show, luncheon

The Holy Spirit Council of Catholic Women holds its annual Fashion Show and Luncheon at the Holy Spirit Church Hall, 2309 Holder Road, Mims, on Feb. 7 at 11:30 a.m. This has been a season highlight since 1989.

Included in the menu are three soups, salad and desserts made by Holy Spirit women. Tickets are \$8.

The Lily Pad Resort Fashions of Melbourne with models from Holy Spirit will offer on-site purchase of colorful and flattering styles.

The latest cookbook, featuring over 300 recipes from Holy Spirit parish families, is currently being printed. Advance orders are \$10.

For additional information or to make large group reservations prior to the event contact President Hazel Gillooley at 268-0028 or Fashion Show Chair Joyce Starrick 269-4553.

Project yourself

A public forum to Stop Crime Against Our Elders called Project Fight Back is Feb. 26, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Cocoa Beach Hilton, Sawgrass Room, 1550 North Atlantic, Ave., Cocoa Beach. Get the up-to-date information about the latest frauds, scams and tactics used by criminals, including the newest identity theft techniques. Special guests are State Attorney Norm Wolfinger, Sheriff Jack Parker and Coca Beach Police Chief Bryan Holmes.

Check out checkers tourney

A checkers tournament for seniors ages 60 and up is Feb. 9, 9 a.m. Isaac Campbell, Sr. Community Center, 701 South Street in Titusville. The fee for this activity is \$5 per player, in advance or at the door.

Crib campaign needs help

B.E.T.A. of Titusville, Inc., Titusville's crisis pregnancy center, announces the start of its annual "Crib for a Bed" campaign. There is an ongoing request from clients needing a crib for their babies about to be born. In addition, there are many families new to Brevard County who have left their baby equipment behind in the move and have an infant with

no safe bed.

Call B.E.T.A. (321) 264-0446 for pick-up or bring donation to the B.E.T.A. Center, located at 620 Garden Street. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:30 am to noon. All services are free including pregnancy tests, maternity and infant clothing and miscellaneous baby equipment.

Learn about the Web

The Titusville Computer Club will demonstrate "Searching The Web" on Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 414 Pine St., Titusville, in the Fellowship Hall on Palm Ave.

Everyone is welcome. For further information call 267-3746.

Fun evening planned

Brevard Achievement Center holds An Evening of Coffee & Chocolate Feb. 9, 7-10 p.m. at Cocoa Civic Center, Cocoa Village. Cost is \$30 per person. Tickets can be purchased by calling (321) 632-8610.

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Go with your gut for good health

Resolving to improve your well-being means listening to your gut. For the 60 to 70 million Americans dealing with digestive health issues, keeping their gut healthy can be a daunting task.

"Digestive health is critical to feeling our best," said Leslie Bonci, MPH, RD, nutritionist for the Pittsburgh Steelers, Pittsburgh Pirates and Toronto Blue Jays. "Health professionals agree that the body operates at peak performance when all parts are working properly, including the digestive tract."

As a nutrition professional, Bonci pro-

vides counsel to help people live and perform at the top of their game. Bonci offers these tips to practice daily for a smooth road to digestive health:

✓ **Move it:** Regular exercise-walking, taking the stairs, dancing, going to the gym, outdoor sports-is essential for good physical and emotional health as well as support for digestive health.

✓ **Choose foods with active cultures and fiber:** Foods with probiotic cultures and prebiotic fiber help promote digestive health. Probiotics and prebiotics work to balance the live beneficial cul-

tures in your gut. Try LiveActive Natural Cheese Snacks from Kraft, which contain a live, active probiotic culture; and LiveActive Cottage Cheeses from Breakstone's/Knudsen containing a prebiotic fiber-inulin-which increases your daily fiber intake.

✓ **Chill out:** Like exercise, schedule relaxation every day. Being overextended, stressed and taxed is hard on the digestive tract. Whether practicing meditation or simply making a point to not over-schedule, take some "self" time daily.

✓ **Enjoy eating:** Slow down and eat mindfully-making every bite count. Chewing food thoroughly and eating more slowly helps aid digestion and makes you feel more satisfied.

✓ **Divide and conquer:** Big meals can be the cause of indigestion, and sluggishness too. So eat smaller, more frequent meals throughout the day.

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cle pulls painfully at the point where it attaches to the tibia, the shinbone.

A leading contributing cause to this condition is overpronation, meaning the foot rolls inward more than it should. When that happens, the arch flattens too much and stretches the posterior or tibial muscle unnaturally. The good news is that a podiatrist can correct this problem with an orthotic device – a custom-made support – to go inside your running – or regular – shoe to provide arch support. Talk with your podiatrist about ways to avoid – or treat – running injuries.

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From the Ashland, OR, Fire & Rescue Squad comes these tips on using extension cords safely:

- * Use them only for short, temporary periods.
- * Use a polarized cord for safety, one in which one of the prongs is wider than the other, preventing the plug from being inserted incorrectly.
- * Make sure cords do not dangle from counters and table tops where appliances can be pulled down accidentally or the cords tripped over.
- * Discard old, cracked, worn or damaged extension cords.
- * When disconnecting a cord, pull the plug rather than the cord itself.
- * Use only three-wire extension cords for appliances with three-prong plugs. The third prong is a safety feature designed to reduce the risk of shock.
- * Stretch out the cord; if coiled or looped, it can generate heat and pose a fire hazard.
- * Don't cover the cord with newspapers, clothing, rugs, or any other object while it is being used.
- * Don't load too many appliances onto a single extension cord; overloading the cord can cause a fire.
- * Use special, heavy-duty extension cords for high-wattage appliances, such as air conditioners, portable electrical heaters and freezers.
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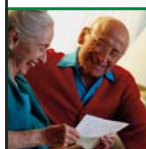
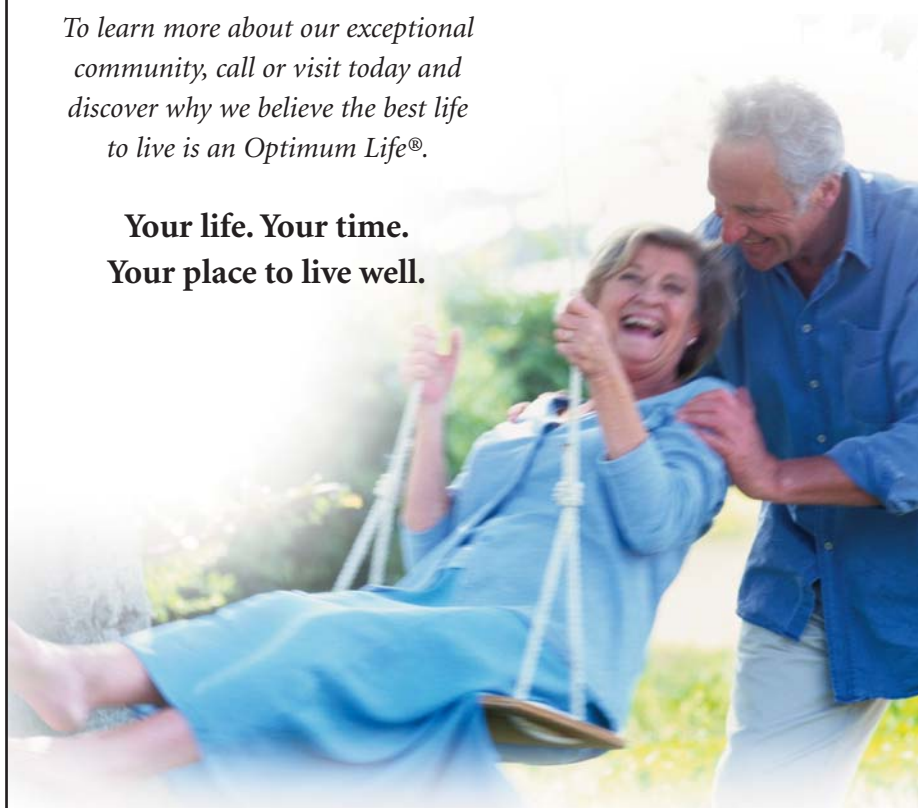
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- Transportation needs ?
- Resources available?
- Additional services needed ?
- Concerns that affect your family

Take 10 minutes and complete the Citizens Survey at www.titusville.com, www.ircumc.com, or www.brevard.cc.-fl.us

The North Brevard Coalition of Human Services is the lead agency in North Brevard that directs social service initiatives to better our community.

It has partnered with other organizations to develop a survey to identify social service shortfalls.

By connecting partners, in the business, social service and faith based communities; a strategic approach to service delivery will direct our efforts as

together we build a better community.

Library sponsors many events

The Titusville Library holds the following events:

- Ongoing Programs:
 Storytimes:
 Family Storytime, Tuesdays at 6:30pm (All Ages) (NEW TIME)
 Toddler Storytime, Wednesdays at 10:00am (Ages 18-36 months)
 Preschool Storytime, Wednesdays at 11:00am (Ages 3-5 years)
 Infant Storytime, Thursdays at 9:15am (Ages 1-17 months)
 Recorder Lessons:
 Mondays: BAG at 4-4:30pm; Theory at 4:30-5 p.m; Practicum at 5-5:30pm; Advanced at 5:30-6pm
 Special Events:

Read Aloud With Us (2nd grade and up)

The Spiderwick Chronicles, Book 2
 Jan. 23 at 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Teen Craft. Sewing-Plastic Canvas. (Ages 10 and up) Jan. 24 at 4:30-5:30pm.

Read Aloud With Us (2nd grade and up)

The Spiderwick Chronicles, Book 2
 Jan. 24 at 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Day of Dance on tap

Mark your calendars for National Day of Dance, 1-5 p.m. Feb. 23 in downtown

Titusville. The event is much like a street party filled with health screening, dance, live radio, health and fitness demonstrations, contests, food, giveaways and more. Visit www.dayof-dance.org for more info.

Do you have a cute pet?

The FL State Chapter of Dog & Cat Lovers of America in partnership with IPOC is proud to announce that many cash and prizes are up for grabs including a \$1,000 cash grand prize in the 2008 Spring Cutest Pet Photo Contest. Ten entrants will also be selected to have their photo grace the cover of an internationally distributed pet book. Pet owners from the Titusville area are welcome to win a share of the prizes. The deadline

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for the contest is Feb 15. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free. Dog and cat photos are welcome.

The photo may contain one pet or several and may include different pet types in the same photo. There is a strict limit of one photo per household to avoid disqualification. The preferred method of entry is to enter directly online at www.CutestPetContest.com. Submit your photo by postal mail. Send one color photo or black and white of any size. All photo entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back. Photographs should be sent to: FL 2008 Spring Cutest Pet Photo Contest, P.O. Box 4470, Olathe, KS 66063. Entries must be postmarked by Feb 15. Dog & Cat Lovers of America is an organization dedicated to bringing pet owners from around the world together for fun and fellowship. Membership in the organization is not required to participate and the entry is free. Past winners are listed at www.cutestpetcontest.com

Teens have a place to have fun

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

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

Bring old cell phones in

Children's Home Society of Florida, Brevard Division has teamed up with Wireless Fundraiser to collect old cell phones in support of its programs that assist abused, abandoned, and neglected children in Brevard County. CHS will collect used cell phones from the community, which will be sent to Wireless Fundraiser and processed. In return CHS will receive funds, which are used for a variety of programs that help to keep children safe and to strengthen families in crisis.

Join Children's Home Society's Brevard Division as we enter the new year by donating your unused cell phones to help children in our community. Phones may be dropped off at Children's Home Society of Florida, 3270 Suntree Blvd., Suite 100, Melbourne, FL 32940 or call Mary Beth Phelps at 321-752-3170 ext. 235 for drop-off locations. If your business would like to become a drop-off site, call and express your interest.

Help available for vets

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

ready to help, located at 435 N. Singleton Ave. They are available Monday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tuesday noon – 4 p.m. and Thursday, 1-4 p.m. No appointments are necessary. Call 268-0109 for more information.

Did you work on Explorer I

There will be the 50th anniversary of the launch of Explorer I on a Jupiter C rocket Jan. 31. Those working on the project are invited to join in the festivities. Activities are planned for the day and ends that evening with a banquet at the Radisson at the Port. It begins with registration and a social hour, dinner follows with a short program and an open mike for those who want to share in the memory. For more info, call Harry Shockey at 636-5878.

Volunteers needed

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

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

Support group meets

The North Brevard Parkinson's Support Group meets at Parrish Medical Center, on the third Saturday of the month. They meet 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the training rooms 2, 3, 4 and 5 or as designated on the schedule, which is posted at each door.

For more information contact Mary McDowell at 268-2363 or Michael Kelter at 269-0397.

Military association meets

The Space Coast Chapter of the Military Officers' Association of America (formerly TROA) meets the second Thursday of most months to enjoy fellowship, dinner and dynamic speakers. All retired, active-duty and former commissioned and warrant officers of the armed forces are invited to join. This includes NOAA and USPHS members. Spouses are welcome.


Contact Stan Dlugopolski at 267-7963 or Chapter President Joe Robinson at 383-4424 for details.

The Caregivers Support Group meets at Joe's Club on the fourth Friday of each month between 2-3 p.m. Joe's Club is behind the Sheriff's Department at the corner of Park and South streets. All caregivers are invited to attend. There is adult care available for patience.


For more information call Janet Rooks at 383-9393 or Mary McDowell 591-1461.

Postal retirees get together

Retired Postal Employees meet at the American Legion Post #1 on North U.S. 1 next to Parrish Medical Center the last Wednesday of each month. Members arrive at 11 a.m. and eat lunch at 11:30 a.m. Attendees enjoy fellowship before, during and after lunch. For more information about the group, call H. Fogle at 269-3229, M. Sidoli at 267-3228 or R. Rogers at 267-2243.



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AGERS Marry Etta, 90, of Titusville, died Jan. 12. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

CAMPBELL Jewel, 81, of Titusville, died Jan. 3. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home in Cocoa.

COOPER Virginea, 87, of Titusville, died Jan. 7. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

COYLE Virginia, of Titusville, died Jan. 3. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

DEEHR James, 91 of Titusville, died Jan. 3. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

DOLLSMATSCH, Kathleen, 80, of Titusville died Jan. 12. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

GARCIA-ROSARIO Jose, 81, of Titusville, died Jan. 3. Arrangements by Newcomer Family Funeral Home in Titusville.

GATELY David, 66, of Port St. John, died Jan. 4. Arrangements by Funeral Solutions in Cocoa.

GULLIKSON Frances, 103, of Titusville, died Jan. 6. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

KRAUSE William, 55, of Titusville, died Jan. 4. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home in Cocoa.

LAYTON Harry, 95, of Titusville, died Jan. 9. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

LUDINGTON Alice, 83, of Titusville, died Jan. 8. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home in Cocoa.

MARTINEZ Denise Ann, 47, of Titusville, died Jan. 9. Arrangements by Funeral Solutions of Cocoa.

MONDLICK Robert, 75, of Titusville, died Jan. 2. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

PILLAR Agnes, 85, of Titusville, died Jan. 5. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

PROPST Charlotte, 65, of Titusville, died Jan. 5. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

ROGERS Kenny 44, of Port St. John, died Jan. 7. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home in Cocoa.

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