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Susan Walden

All that jazz

The Titusville High School Jazz Band dazzles the crowd with a few numbers March 29 at the North Brevard Historical Society's Afternoon in the Park in Fox Lake Park. The fund-raiser event cleared over \$6,000. See more photos around the community on Page 7.

Merritt Island foundation changing children's lives

By Susan Walden

You don't always get what you pray for. Sometimes you get something even better.

Just ask Kevin Deaton, his wife Lindsey and their – yes – their mother Janet Shaffer.

The three own and operate KLD Youth Foundation, a Merritt-Island nonprofit with a vision to impact children in the most effective and lasting impression that will equip them with the tools to be successful in the future. The organization's mission statement is, "Together in deed and in truth, we strive to change the way Americans learn by equipping, enhancing and empowering our future – one life at a time."

KLD offers tutoring and mentoring services for children, as well as primary prevention and crisis intervention for teens, after-school care, counseling and the Pillar Institute – a Christian-based school for grades up to the 12th.

The foundation's impact, since it began in 2002, has been profound and enlightening to many Brevard families and its growth and popularity astounding to Deaton.

His name might sound familiar, especially among baseball enthusiasts. In 2000, the offensive lineman from Merritt Island High School turned down a University of Florida football scholarship to sign on as an undrafted free agent with the New York Mets.

The 6-foot-4-inch pitcher was sidelined by injuries and Deaton spent six years in the minors in New York and Oakland.

"I came home and wanted to give something back to the community, so I prayed and asked some pastors this question, 'If money was no object, what would you, your community and your church want?'" said Deaton. He received answers, such as a park and a baseball field; Deaton was disappointed. He knew he was called to do something that could change youths' lives. "God called me for something larger."

He was driven by the notion to give back to the community and help youth because he credits his successes and strong Christian faith to his foster mother, Shaffer.

"I was an at-risk child," he said. "My home life was so unstable that I left home at 8 years old and was bounced around from one home to another. Then my foster mom (Shaffer) took me in at 15."

Neighborhood dislikes mental health facility

By Susan Walden

It seems like a simple idea.

Take the old Randolph Inn on U.S. 1 in Titusville and make it a mental healthcare facility.

But most residents in the Indian River City neighborhood say "nothing doing."

Renaissance Healthcare Group, LLC, an Orlando organization that operates an adult residential treatment facility called Pasadena Villa, wants to acquire the property and duplicate its program into a larger one – one George Kachmarik, president of the healthcare group, explains as a "psychiatric resort."

While some say it's an oxymoron,

Kachmarik is quick to point out that their treatment works well for their patients – people who suffer from schizophrenia, Asperger's Syndrome and other mental conditions.

"It is a low stress environment, a Ritz-Carlton model where we reduce the environmental stress while keeping the patients on their medications," he said. The 106-bed facility will cost the patient a whopping \$16,000 a month and because the facility will be private, insurance, Medicare and Medicaid won't be taken.

The low-stress environment features a voluntary facility and no fences.

"Since we are a private pay company, our families are generally affluent and highly successful, and reside across the country," David Nissen, vice president of the organization, wrote in a letter to Indian River City residents. "Although we do treat a number of clients from Florida, a significant proportion of our clientele comes from the northeast, as well as from the West Coast and every state in between."

For the sale to go through, the property has to be rezoned from tourist to medical hospital zoning. And this goes against the U.S. 1

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Corridor Plan.

Concerned residents have expressed their views at an informational get-together in January and in the city's Planning and Zoning meeting April 2, in which city staff made a recommendation to the planning and zoning committee to deny the rezoning. The committee approved to deny the rezoning by a vote of 4-3.

But the fight is far from over. It goes before city council April 22.

People who live in the neighborhood think having this facility in their back and front yard is a terrible idea and they just don't want it.

"It's a safety issue," said Paula Cardwell, Indian River City Historic Community spokesperson. "These people have a higher propensity to commit crimes. Who will be responsible if one of these patients walks off the grounds and commits a crime? I asked George Kachmarik in a meeting if he could guarantee that something wouldn't happen and he said he couldn't."

However, Karchmarik said the patients are well screened and must not have any history of violence, sexual offenses or a criminal past.

"These are people who want help; people who just need help living," he said. "They are extremely low risk patients mostly in their 20s and 30s."

"You can't say there's a zero risk but you can manage risk the best you can."

Kachmarik even believes the risk of violence is lower in the proposed facility than in an average apartment complex. But that doesn't sit well with Sharon Tidwell, who has lived in the La Paloma condominiums, next door to the proposed facility, for 20 years.

"I know these people need a place, but this isn't the right place for them," she said. "With people on medication, an open facility near five schools and residential areas, I think it's dangerous."

She argues that money isn't everything. "Just because they have money doesn't mean they are safer."

Retired Titusville High School teacher Betty Arnold agrees. "I live in a town home two blocks from there. I have a nice house. I don't want to put 15 padlocks on my door and if I want to move someday, I want to be able to sell it."

Arnold knows firsthand that someone with a mental health problem who hasn't had a history of violence could become so. "I taught Randy Schoenwetter, the boy with Asperger's Syndrome who killed the father and daughter on Knox MacRae several years ago. He hadn't had any previous history of violence before that."

Schoenwetter is now on Florida's death row for the killings of Ronald and Virginia Firskey on Aug. 12, 2000.

"I'm a very tolerant person. It's just that their proposal is inappropriate; it should be near a hospital because it isn't a locked-down facility," Arnold said.

Catherine Walker, the real estate agent for the buyer and designated applicant for the seller shakes her head and can't believe there's been such opposition.

"I think the fear factor is unwarranted," she said. "There's a stigma that goes with mental illness and it stems from a lack of knowledge."

Concerned citizens hold a community meeting at the Indian River City Community Center on Hopkins Avenue April 14, 6:15-8:30 p.m. The city council meeting is set for April 22, 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Cardwell at 749-9889 or e-mail her at anamcaranoe@aol.com.

Talkstar Kim passes away

By D.D. Remini

Titusville was rocked by the news that Kim Matthews, known as Talkstar Kim, passed away suddenly March 26 at her home.

The radio personality of Talkstar Radio 840 AM, was 40 and reason for her death is inconclusive.

"I am so shocked and saddened," said her friend Karen Johnson, downtown coordinator who knew her for three years.

Those who don't know Matthews from her radio career might have gotten their hair cut by her a few years ago. She was the manager of the Hair Cuttery in the St. John's Plaza on Garden Street in Titusville. "Then Kim was in a car accident and it played havoc with her back," said Johnson. "She was dating Ed Shiflett, who was in radio, and it went on from there."

"We used to have so much fun as



Walter Kiely

Kim Matthews, 40, 840 AM radio personality, died unexpectedly March 26. Before radio, she cut hair at the Hair Cuttery.

she interviewed me on the radio for the street parties," she said. "Our friendship grew and we had lunches and dinners sometimes together. I'd call her and say, 'This is Karen from

the chamber,' and she'd laugh."

When she looks back on Matthews, she laughs too. "She was a very funny person. We even had this thing where we called ourselves part of the 'Blonde Army.'" She had dirty blonde hair and I have a few highlights, so I guess that qualified me," Johnson quipped.

"She was positive all the time and she'd give anyone the shirt off her back, except the pink one she loved to wear."

Matthews, who was born in New Jersey and moved to Florida in 1989, is survived by parents, Linda and Terrence Matthews; her children, Samantha, Amy and Kelley Mackey; her grandchildren, Maria Lea and James Mackey; her sisters, Dawn Kaisen, Debbie Matthews and Kelly Higgins; and her companion Ed Shiflett.

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Mega southern rock bands Molly Hatchet and Blackfoot hit the stage back to back April 18.

The festival wouldn't be the same without popular contests, such as the Crosswinds Duck Race, Great Indian River Raft Race and Little Miss and Mr. Indian River.

Carnival rides and games, an open-air market with crafts and ethnic foods plus vendors galore, an arts and crafts show, family fun zone and even a Civil War reenactment are on tap for the event.

Many other entertainers, including TV meteorologist Jim Van Fleet and the Reign, will perform throughout the festival on two stages.

Hours are Thursday, 5-10 p.m.; Friday 5 p.m. – midnight; Saturday 11 a.m. – midnight and Sunday 12-9 p.m.

VIP tickets for Molly Hatchet and Blackfoot are \$18 in advance only. Jim Van Fleet tickets are \$15.

Festival general admission tickets on Thursday through Sunday are \$4 in advance, \$5 day of event. Friday advance tickets are \$6 and \$7 event day.

Armband ride tickets are \$13 in advance, \$18 the day of event.

Pick up advance tickets at the Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce, 2000 S. Washington Ave. and at Pat Fischer Chevy-Nissan on Hopkins Avenue in Titusville.

Get the whole lineup and schedule at www.brevardproductions.com.

Police hope billboard helps solve murder

By D.D. Remini

It's been nine months and still no great leads on the murder of Titusville businessman Mark Montgomery.

So, officials are stepping up their investigation in the hopes that more awareness will produce additional information on solving the crime.

Crimeline, in conjunction with the Titusville Police Department, has just placed an unsolved homicide advertisement on a billboard along U.S. 1 north of the city. The ad shows Montgomery's photo along with the crime's statistics – that he was killed July 8 outside of his Rogers Outboard business on Garden Street.

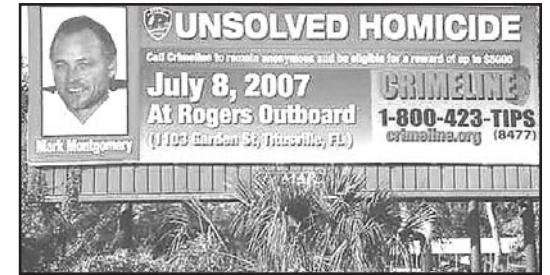
Although most homicide cases are solved, occasionally the police reach a dead-end, as in this case, according to TPD Det. William Davies.

"Because of the nature of a homicide crime and everything that goes into those cases, we actually close them quickly," he said. "Usually people come forward. But, this one is a true who-done-it."

Around 7 a.m. that day, Montgomery was found shot to death outside his business.

"We have a short list of possible suspects but no witnesses," said Davies.

Police believe the businessman was shot



Titusville Police Department

The billboard, on U.S. 1 north of Titusville, could be instrumental in finding the killer of businessman Mark Montgomery.

sometime between midnight and 5 a.m. There was no appearance of a robbery, but that doesn't necessarily mean the motive didn't begin that way. Davies explained that Montgomery could have caught the suspect or suspects in a robbery attempt and they shot him and ran off. "This is just an example of what could have happened. We just don't know," he said.

Unveiling the motive is key to finding the killers.

"We're just missing the motive."

Those with information on the crime should call Crimeline at 1-800-423-TIPS.

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Deaton: 'God showed us where we needed to be'

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Years later, he ended up marrying Shaffer's daughter, Lindsey. "At the wedding my foster mom had a shirt that said 'mother of the bride' in the front and 'mother of the groom' in the back. It was really funny."

Back from playing baseball, Deaton, his wife and Shaffer sat at the kitchen table and wrote out a plan – a big \$171 million plan with a school, a water park and a pool.

Of course, they knew it would start small and build. "We began the nonprofit and asked the Merritt Square Mall to give us some space. They gave us two spaces totaling 2,000 square feet and we used it for tutoring, mentoring and Bible study."

The foundation grew and soon moved to the building in the back of the mall.

"Now we have a full-time, accredited private school with 110 students," he said. The foundation has 37 employees, including a youth minister that doubles as a pilot for mission events where the foundation goes to the Bahamas to repair houses and other humanitarian acts.

Deaton let God take control and says it is interesting how the road has twisted and turned.

"God showed us where we needed to be," said the father of three children ages 5, 3, and 1.

The students are mostly mainstream children who were once in the public

school system, 20 percent are "gifted" and some have learning disabilities. The foundation has adapted to the wide range of students.

"We have three clinical psychologists and an occupational therapist," he said. The staff strives for the cutting edge and has even partnered with an up-and-coming brain-scanning company that dovetails technology with therapy. "Let's say they see a part of the brain that isn't working correctly. With a combination of psychotherapy and educational therapy on that specific part of the brain, it can regenerate that area. There are just four in the country so far and it's making a difference in people's lives," Deaton said.

He believes that the public schools aren't doing enough for children with disabilities and other issues. "Sometimes the public school's version of 'mainstreaming' isn't the best for them; sometimes mainstreaming is good but in a different setting," he said.

Some children, Deaton said, are being left behind.

"All children deserve the right to have a good education and a good shot at a successful life."

That's why Tammy Shanahan, owner/designer of KaBloom in Merritt Island, thinks so highly of KLD Youth Foundation.

"KLD is a well-formed organization that centers on children and I have a soft spot for children," she said.

"To combine these children in a small



Susan Walden

Students in Ro Field's history class experience hands-on learning, as well as what's in the books at the Pillar Institute at Merritt Island.

setting and see these kids flourish is fantastic. They have my utmost support. I like to see places like this continue to grow."

History teacher and curriculum director Ro Field loves to go to work every day. "We're getting these children ready to be independent thinkers and it's up to us to give them the tools in order to function," she said.

Her students probably know more than the average American voter, as Field teaches them why the issues matter and each candidate's stance on them. "They go home and tell their parents what the issues are. They're educating their parents."

The foundation will continue to grow as Deaton, his wife and foster mother line up their plans for a full cafeteria, tech school, culinary arts and to be able to educate those with Down's Syndrome. "We're not stopping here; we've got a lot more to do."

He prayed that he could make a difference and he is – Deaton has hit a homerun.

"We have everything we originally planned for except for the water park and pool,"

"We're almost doing it all."

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Merritt Island student wins award

Merritt Island sixth -grader Amanda Tutera has won national status and was selected for international judging in a prestigious art contest. "Beauty and Difference" was the theme of this contest. In a committed effort to bring the "World of Art" to the students of R. L. Stevenson Elementary School of the Arts, art teacher Vickki Thacker entered student work in the Unilever International Schools Art Project.

As the national winner, Tutera received a \$1,000 savings bond and Stevenson's art department received \$2,500. This is the third international competition in which a student at Stevenson has had art exhibited.

The USIAP is linked to its series of annual contemporary art commissions at Tate Modern in London. It encourages young people to create original work on a given theme that relates to the work of the commissioned artist for The Unilever Series. The entries are judged within the U.S. with the finalist sent to London for international judging. The final winner's art work will be exhibited at the Tate Modern.

Titusville woman receives plaque

The Titusville Fire Department awarded Alison Curtis April 4 with a plaque and certificate of recognition for responding to a vehicle accident March 22 last year.

Parrish earns 3 certifications

Parrish Medical Center has received three more disease-specific certifications from The Joint Commission, bringing its total number of disease specific certifications to seven — one of only two in Florida to have seven or more certifications, and one of only seven in the United States.

The Joint Commission awarded its Gold Seal of Approval™ for healthcare quality in the following areas breast cancer, acute coronary syndrome and palliative (comfort) care. And as of this announcement:

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PMC is already Joint Commission certified as a Primary Stroke Center and holds gold seal certifications in Congestive Heart Failure (one of four in Florida); Diabetes Care (one of three in Florida), and Wound Management (one of two hospitals).

City looks for service award winner

The Titusville Community Service Award Select Committee is seeking nominations for this award, which will be presented to a recipient during Titusville's annual June 14 Flag Day celebration.

Nominations can be submitted by organizations and individuals and must be received at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 555 South Washington Avenue, Post Office Box 2806, Titusville, Florida 32781-2806 by April 25.

Nominations can be faxed to 383-5704, or sent by e-mail to Kathy.Mosley@titusville.com or Rosemarie.Baker@titusville.com. The nomination form is available on the City's Web site at www.titusville.com. It can also be obtained from the City Clerk's Office at the above address, or by phoning 383-5774.

Nominations must be made on the nomination form and include the reason for selecting the nominee for this award and pertinent information the nominator feels the committee should consider. The committee will select the person who has made the greatest contribution toward community service and unification of the community.



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Don't let the smile fool you. Mopping isn't that fun ... well it is for Joann Ramer at the North Brevard Historical Society's Afternoon in the Park March 29. She was one of many to make the event a successful fund-raiser.



They didn't really have face licking in mind when the SPCA called it a "Dog Wash," but the dogs made friends all the same and they wanted to help out a little bit April 5 at the SPCA Open House/- Adoptathon/Dog Wash. They weren't the only helpers though. Volunteers included students from the National Honor Society of Space Coast Jr./Sr. High in Port St. John.



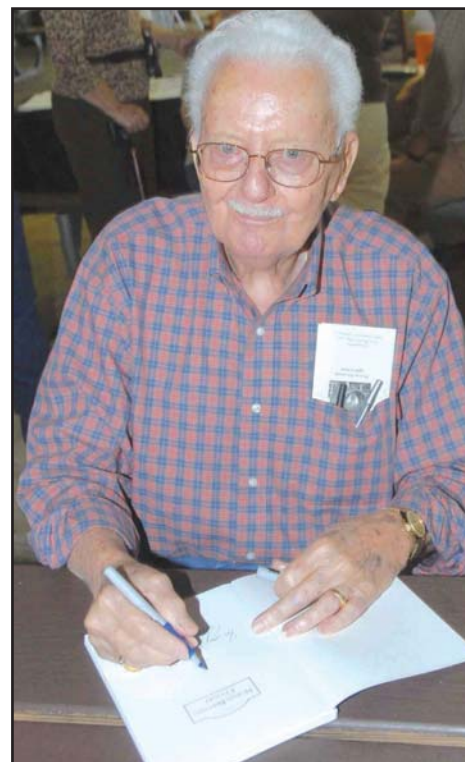
Just clowning around at the TitusNites Street Party April 5. From left, Alex DeMoss from Mims, and Jim and Joy Lesky from Titusville had a great time entertaining the kids – young and not so young. It was a sock hop, so where are their poodle skirts?



Looks like she's buying lunch ... Vicki Huet of Workman Mortgage is all smiles as she wins \$100 at 50/50 during the Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly network event at the Titusville YMCA April 3.



Who are you? Brian Archer, volunteer at Florida Wildlife Hospital and Sanctuary, holds 1-year-old Oliver, a great horned owl, at the 13th Annual Critters at Risk fund-raiser held by Boeing April 4. Oliver can't be released due to a broken wing, so he helps educate people.



Of course I'll auto-graph my book ... Publisher and writer Bob Hudson of Titusville auto-graphs his book, "Images of America – North Brevard County" at the North Brevard Historical Society's Afternoon in the Park March 29 at Fox Lake Park. The book was co-written with the late John T. Manning.

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Opinions

Dude, like, stop with those annoying words, you know?

My View

By
Susan
Walden



Every generation has a "sloppy-talk" habit that starts when they are teens.

When I was a teen, we said, "you know," about 30 million times a day, which made my parents "freak out" (another phrase we used often to make adults nuts).

Now all I hear on the TV and everywhere else is the word "like" in the middle of the sentence ... or at the beginning ... or at the end. I was watching Survivor on CBS the other night and, like, I thought this girl got hit on the head with a coconut because you could barely understand her with all the "likes." Apparently no one else could either, so they voted her off.

Apparently they didn't "like" her at all. Sometimes people combine all these annoying words into one moronic phrase "you know, like." What the heck does that mean?

Heck, why do I say these things sometimes? Oh yea, I'm around teenagers.

Do these words just save time for us to think of the next sentence? Do we, like, just want to sound like a dumb Barbie (male or female)?

Then there are the "kinda, sortas." We kinda do this. We sorta do that. It's called "wimpy words." And you cannot find them in the dictionary, you know?

Many times, the younger generation blends the word "like" with what elocutionists call "up-talk" – a rising inflection at the end of the sentence making it sound as though the speaker is asking a question or is unsure of himself. Between the "like" and the up-talk the person sounds like he or she has an IQ of a plum. "He was, like, this cute guy, like, and he asked me out on a date, like.?.?" Heck, I don't even know how to punctuate that sentence, like.

This trend evolved from the Valley Girl days. Hmm, how could anyone forget those beautiful words, "Gag me with a

credit card and put me on lay away," with a Valley Girl accent. How do I remember that phrase so well? No, I wasn't a Valley Girl, because I was a little older and wiser ... and I've always thought it was hysterical for a "Barbie" to act that way, so I used to mimic them when I was with friends.

For some reason, there seems to be an alarming trend for teens and young adults, females in particular, to act dumb. They think it attracts the opposite sex.

Honey, you all are wrong. You've played with your Barbie doll way too long. You can look pretty but if you act like there's an empty squirrel nest in that head of yours, you won't have any lasting relationships.

I remember my older son dating a girl whom I'm sure was smart, but "acted" so dumb it made you want to look for lobotomy scars. She'd say something really stupid and my son would politely correct her and turn red from embarrassment. She'd respond with a giggle and an "oh yea." She probably got straight A's but you'd never know it. It reminds me of another word we used to say when we were teens, "duh."

Why not keep saying "duh" with a glaze over your eyes and spit drooling

out of your mouth. Think that might attract a guy?

I remember all the rage in college was for girls to have a squeaky voice. This was supposed to show the cuteness of the stupid girl. The boys would flock to them like ants to a mound of sugar. I refused to do this because I was smarter.

I thought, "Don't you know silly girl, I've got the beer."

And I got the cute guy.

Then there's the word, "dude." Have you seen the irritating TV commercial in which this "dude" keeps saying the word over and over. It makes me want to load my gun and shoot the TV to put him (and myself) out of misery, dude.

Guys say "dude" more than girls do, I think. It's another attractive word that literally extracts brain cells while saying or hearing it.

Just like smoking, swearing and other bad habits, the dumbing-down word habit is hard to break. But in the end, you have to ask yourself, what is it that you want out of life? Love, a job, people to look up to you?

Or, like, do you prefer wiping the drool from your face, you know?

Duh.

We must separate ourselves from those who seduce, profane nation



Our nation has had such noble leaders in our short-lived history.

If each one of us would open our eyes to the wealth that was given to us in their guidance and living example, we would surely find ourselves seeking out ways to honor the responsibility that they left in our keeping.

Since the products of our labors are a direct reflection of those who labored, and not always those that benefit from them, those who do find favor should do so with reverence and a tremendous sense of accountability.

For us to stand in a field of the blessings of our fathers, to eat of its produce, and yet not prepare the ground beneath our feet for the

next harvest would be not only foolish, but absolutely dishonorable.

Leaving a full inheritance of this nation to our children and grandchildren is our obligation to perform. When we pass on, we must leave behind a legacy that is abundant, secure, and overflowing with the rich produce of gratitude.

The necessity of passing along good instruction on how to continue in the blessings of our fathers lies in the hands of those people who have already begun to prepare the way, all the time reminding the heirs of this land that the ground beneath our feet was purchased with the price of blood – patriots and heroes willing to die so we could enjoy the gifts of their sacrifice.

Though these gifts were freely given, we are consequently indebted to their memory and reason. With this, we must choose to distinguish and separate ourselves from those who seduce and profane this nation and those who protect and admonish for the future sake of the republic. Barring the facility of a

fair/undefiled government and a completely unbiased justice system, we would all be left unguarded against the tyrannical doctrines of evil men – those who hunger for control, rather than the fruits of true power that are abundantly found in humility and selfless service.

We must dedicate the most precious years of our lives to the cause of our families and our neighbors, raising our children to act within the sphere of their own influence. Reaching inward and upward for strength and outward with a strong arm and a powerful hand to help the weak and weary.

Right now is everything. We can all hope for a better tomorrow, or we can actively pursue it. What we decide to do each moment is so vitally important; fervently desiring to no longer turn a blind eye to any hateful thing, and working diligently, as if there is little light left in the day.

Restoration begins inside of us. Then it moves in our families, our community, our state, our nation and our world.

Letters to the Editor

I work for T-Mobile USA, and someone sent your My View column (about customer service, March 13) to one of our executives.

Frankly, it made the day for several people here.

Now we would like to reprint your column in the T-Mobile newsletter we distribute to the customer service department.

Chris Carson
Manager, Internal
Communications
T-Mobile USA
Bellevue, Wash.

Editor's note: The Beacon wishes to thank the reader who sent the column to T-Mobile. See, people do care about customer service.

Emergency rooms – real life soap operas are sobering reminders of life



Seeing the light

By Linda Humphrey

I recently spent six hours in a Brevard hospital emergency room on a Monday night.

I observed three completely different scenarios. Each of the three patients was in the cubicle beside my husband who was there because he had been experiencing chest pain and shortness of breath.

As a 57-year-old diabetic with a family history of heart disease, he was at risk and we were both a little concerned, not panicking. That is, not until they began bringing patients within a curtain's length of us. As I observed, I felt that their emergencies were extensions of their every day lives.

Scenario One

The unconscious man had swallowed a large amount of an unidentified prescription drug, washing the pills down with alcoholic beverages. The course of immediate action was to make him vomit or pump his stomach. When they tied him down to the table he awakened and began cursing the nurses and doctors loudly enough to

be heard throughout the entire emergency room. Four nurses were huddled around the overdose patient. For about 45 minutes we listened to him shout obscenities and puke up everything residing in his body from his toes to his stomach. I don't know which was worse, the vile coming from his belly or from his lips. I felt that 45 minutes was long enough for my anxiety-riddled husband to be subjected to that and asked the doctor to move him to another room. My thought: I wonder why we try so hard to save someone who seemingly doesn't want to be saved?

Scenario Two

The young woman, head and face bleeding and scratched up, told the nurses she fell. Upon further questioning, they pry out the more truthful answer: her boyfriend is abusing her. No one other than hospital staff came to sit by her bed, hold her hand or even speak to her during her two-hour stay. I had the feeling this was not the first trip to the ER for the middle-aged woman.

Her face looked weary and worn. She appeared a lot older than the birth date that I guessed was on her identification. She came alone—she left alone, probably going home to the one she couldn't live without. I thought: My philosophy professor once asked those attending his class how many would rather be abused than ignored. Seventy-five percent of the students

raised their hands.

Scenario Three

The elderly woman let out a blood-curdling scream with no warning. Her little, frail husband tells her if she does that again he will divorce her. He told her she is crazy. She completely denies that. Thirty seconds later she doesn't remember screaming. Thirty minutes later they leave together for home. I thought: God bless 'em both. Getting old is not for the weak of heart...or body ... or mind.

I left the ER while my husband was being admitted for a short stay. I came away thanking God for my own life. My own set of problems.

I also came away grateful for those who choose to work in the medical arena day after day.

You can't be a wimp when it comes to blood and other bodily fluids coming at you from a total stranger. You hear a lot today about our "health care crisis." I think what we really have is a "health crisis." The care is good and if you have no insurance or money, you still get the care — at least in an emergency room.

I think watching ER on television might be easier, at least you have the benefit of a quick exit from a scene via the remote control. That is, if your husband isn't home.

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- Planting your seeds two inches apart in flats or in clusters of three in pots.
- Covering the seeds with a thin layer of soil and then covering the containers with glass or plastic wrap.
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BCC holds garage sale for family stricken with disease

By Debi Fleming

For the Robinson family of Titusville, just making it through another day is both a challenge and a blessing. Three members of the family have the sickle cell disease, two others carry the trait, but luckily don't have the disease.

Jonte Robinson and his two children, 10-year-old Jonathan and 7-year-old De'ja have the disease and are often hospitalized with pain and illnesses associated with the disease. Five-year-old Joseph and his mother Faith Robinson don't have the disease, but carry the burden of taking care of members of the family who are often in pain and have been at the brink of death numerous times.

According to Wikipedia, Sickle-cell disease is a blood disorder where red blood cells assume an abnormal, rigid, sickle shape. This decreases the cells flexibility and results in restricted movement through blood vessels. That can result in lung tissue damage, pain episodes, stroke and damage to most in-

ternal organs, and a decreased life expectancy.

In addition to taking care of her sick family members, Faith Robinson is a full-time student at Brevard Community College, completing her second semester in the nursing program. Jonte Robinson is a nationally-registered paramedic and is trying to get in the nursing program to make a better life for his children, Faith Robinson said.

"I found out I carried the trait when I was pregnant with my oldest child," she said. "My husband was always sick and often in pain growing up, but wasn't diagnosed with the disease until shortly after I was. The disease basically ended his military career, and now he's trying to get into the nursing program, but he's having trouble getting in."

While Faith and Jonte try to make life as normal as possible for their children, extended hospital stays and the stress of dealing with a disease that has no cure is taking its toll.

"We try to help our children do as

much as they can to accept the disease, and they have such a good role model in their father," Faith Robinson said. "That gives them hope, but Jonte is having a hard time getting a job so that's one of our greatest needs right now."

In order to help the family financially because of overwhelming medical bills, Robin Campbell's Community Involvement class at BCC Titusville hosts a massive garage sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 17 under the campus pavilion.

"Faith was a student of mine a couple years ago when we were doing a project to help another young girl with cancer," said Campbell. "Faith was so diligent in helping our project come together to help out that family, and here she was dealing with massive health issues with her own family. I haven't been able to get her out of my mind so I presented my class with the idea to help the Robinson's get some money to help with their numerous expenses."

The community is invited to both do-

nate items for the garage sale, and come "shopping" April 17. Individuals may also donate items the family could use.

Most needed are a good used car, gift cards, jackets and shoes, a barbecue, an x-box with games, free Disney Universal or Sea World tickets, and clothing. Sizes for the children: Jonathan - 10-12 and size 3 1/2 shoe; De'ja - 8-10 and size 1 1/2 shoe; Joseph - 5-6 and size 13 1/2 shoe.

"Because of all the medical costs we don't go out for entertainment," Faith Robinson said. "We try to just stay home, play in the yard with the kids and have fun here. We could really use a barbecue grill."

Financial donations also are accepted. Make checks payable to BCC and write "Robinson Family Donation" in the memo portion and leave at the campus Cashier's office. The college is located at 1311 N. US 1, Titusville. To donate items for the garage sale, or directly to the family, or for more information call Campbell at 433-5096.

Florida officials warn of e-mail, Internet scams as con artists become more adept

TALLAHASSEE – Attorney General Bill McCollum recently issued a consumer advisory warning Floridians about evolving e-mail and Internet scams, particularly those which solicit assistance in moving large sums of money through wire transfers or bank deposits.

The attorney general cautioned that as technology develops, con artists are becoming more adept at using the Internet to prey on their victims, hiding behind the internet's anonymity while offering business opportunities that cannot be passed up or stories begging for a recipient's compassion.

"The Internet is a wonderful tool, but unfortunately unscrupulous individuals use it every day to scam victims out of hundreds or even thousands of dollars through every type of scam imaginable," said Attorney General

McCollum. Recently, a member of the Attorney General's staff received an e-mail from someone purporting to be a high-ranking government official in South Africa. The individual claimed to have a large sum of money but needed to transfer it to a "silent partner" to protect it from any economic instability. The individual promised a portion of the funds to any willing participant.

The attorney general's office offers this advice:

- Know who you are dealing with. Confirm the individual's name, address and telephone number.
- Never wire money to a stranger or a third party at a stranger's request. If someone insists that you wire funds, end the communication and transaction immediately – legitimate individuals won't pressure you to send money.

- If selling an item, accept only cash if possible. If you do accept a check for payment, do not turn over the item being sold until you verify that the check has cleared the issuing bank.

- Never accept payment for more than the purchase price of an item, no matter how tempting.

- Resist any pressure to "act now."

Consumers who believe they have been victimized should contact the attorney general's fraud hotline at 1-866-966-7226 or can file complaints online at <http://myfloridalegal.com>.

A copy of the original email related to the "business opportunity" is available at: [http://myfloridalegal.com/webfiles/nsf/WF/MRAY-7DCKGB/\\$file/DFandEA.pdf](http://myfloridalegal.com/webfiles/nsf/WF/MRAY-7DCKGB/$file/DFandEA.pdf).



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Brevard child care programs earn high grades

VIERA — School Age Child Care Programs across Brevard Public Schools are earning recognition for their quality and safety. So far this year, 41 of 58 sites have received comprehensive Gold Key validation visits, with outstanding results.

The validation visits cover five components that contain a total of 98 standards. Twenty-nine of the 41 sites achieved all 98 standards, meeting five of the five components. None of the sites visited thus far met less than 94 standards and every one of the 41 sites visited met all standards in the safety component.

"We are told that those who conducted the validation visits observed excellent safety procedures at all sites," said Superintendent Dr. Richard A. DiPatri. "We are pleased that our child care programs continue to earn such high marks."

This is the first year the entire Gold Key Assessment tool has been implemented across Brevard Public Schools. The district operates 58 School Age Child Care Programs providing before/after and out-of-school day activity and enrichment programs in every elementary school. Student safety is and always has been an important focus of these programs. In the spring of 2006, a safety initiative was introduced to every

site. This initiative included a safety review component, which provides 10 safety standards that include 39 indicators of compliance. Site coordinators were provided training, support and technical assistance by the district's School Age Child Care Department to document the safety processes in every program. An assessment team was developed to provide unannounced visits to review the documentation and observe the practice of these safety standards during program operation times.

This safety initiative has heightened the awareness of safety procedures that were already in place at the sites and has also provided site coordinators and staff a way to measure and document the process of their daily work practices. This plan also includes a safety monitor at every program, whose role is to maintain constant observation of program safety. Their primary responsibility is to ensure that every child is supervised at all times and to identify adults who are authorized to pick up the children. The monitors are not assigned to a group of children, which allows them to check the overall safety of the entire program.

Validation visits for the remaining elementary schools will be completed by the end of May.

Registration under way for summer Pre-K class

Parents and guardians can register now for the 2008 Summer Voluntary Prekindergarten Program. This free 300-hour summer program is available to all children 4 years old on or before September 1, 2007, who live in Florida and did not attend the 07-08 school-year program.

The Summer VPK Program is June 9 – Aug. 5, with no school on July 3 and 4 and goes from 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be served at the school. Parents will be responsible for the transportation of their children.

Registration for this program is a two step process:

- Parents must register their children for this state program by obtaining a Certificate of Eligibility from the Early Learning Coalition of Brevard (ELC). Call 637-1800 option 1 for an appointment.

- After obtaining a Certificate of Eligibility, parents enroll their child at any one of the eight Brevard Public Schools offering Summer VPK.

Items needed for registration at the schools are Certificate of Eligibility from ELC, child's birth certificate, immunization records, current physical

The following Brevard Public Schools will be hosting the Summer VPK Program: Dr. W. J. Creel, Enterprise, Longleaf, Manatee, Riverview, Riviera, Saturn and Turner Elementary Schools.

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I chose the chef's best black bean soup, served with a dollop of sour cream and a teaspoon of homemade salsa. It was hearty and delicious. My friend ordered a burger plate. The juicy burger was cooked perfectly, served with freshly cut French fries. He commented that it was in his top three favorite burgers ever.

My other friend ordered the fried chicken with white country gravy, homemade mashed garlic potatoes, and a fresh arrangement of steamed green beans, carrots and asparagus with a flavorful light seasoning. The chicken was thick, perfectly cooked, moist and hot chicken

breast with seasoned breadcrumbs. She insisted it was the best she ever tasted.

I ordered the chef special of tilapia. The tilapia was divine as I tasted the steamy hot fish cooked to perfection with a tasty dill sauce drizzled over the top of the crusted filet. Touching it with a fork allowed it to flake the large white meaty fish into bite-size morsels. The rice was seasoned very well and it reminded me of Polynesian spices. The steamy fresh vegetables were so well seasoned and artfully displayed on the plate that I was encouraged to devour them first. I highly recommend the fish because they really know how to prepare it.

We drank real raspberry ice tea. It is brewed fresh and sweetened with Splenda so you can enjoy glass after glass without the worry of extra calories. It was so refreshing compared to the syrup-based soda shop flavor teas. My friend claims to be the pickiest coffee drinker around and so I was pleased when his coffee was deemed fresh and non-acidic. We chatted and took our time and the rolls, butter and drinks kept flowing. The service was especially attentive.

The bathroom is clean and in keeping with the décor of fishing, golf, and other sports. It is definitely a comfortable setting. Each of our meals cost about \$10 each. It was a pleasant lunch meal rating 5 beacons in my book.

Pineda Crossings is a modest restaurant and bar that offers some of the best food I've had the pleasure of eating. I found the experience truly enjoyable and plan to dine there again. The drive is definitely worth it. I felt like I took a mini-vacation.

***Please note that the North Brevard Beacon regards restaurant reviews to be done on the merits of the restaurant. Restaurant reviews are conducted anonymously to ensure fair reporting.*

Got an idea for a restaurant review?

Let us know!

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Come to art show

The Titusville Art League, Inc., holds their 44th Annual Juried Spring Show April 10-12 at the Clarion Inn, 4951 S. Washington Ave., Titusville. Local artists present paintings, sculpture, photography, crafts and more. Call 268-5119 or 264-4336 for details or go to www.nbbd.com/godo/tal.

Enjoy Earth Day

Celebrate Earth Day at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary April 19, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Enjoy music and activities for all ages, including exhibitors and vendors, hikes and cart tours, face painting, Native American dance and music and many other things to do.

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary is at 444 Columbia Blvd., 1/2 mile west of U.S. 1 on SR 405 in South Titusville.

Fish fry benefits Color Guard

Enjoy fish and have some fun at a fund-raiser fish fry April 19, 1-4 p.m., to benefit the American Veterans Color Guard, a team of local vets who will go to Washington D.C. May 26 to participate in the 2008 National Memorial Day Parade.

Hosted by the Americana Legion and Ladies Auxiliary, Post \$1, the event will be at the legion on U.S. 1 in north Titusville, just north of Parrish Medical Center. Tickets are \$6. Enjoy 50/50 raffles.

Sponsors needed for fireworks

The Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce seeks sponsors for the Red, White and Boom, July 4th celebration at the TICO airport. As previously written in The Beacon, Titusville and Port St. John will now combine their events into one. In addition to the fireworks display, the event includes music, games and lots to do for

the whole family.

To sponsor or be a vendor, call Randy or Barbara at 633-7499.

Author comes to Merritt Island

Meet author Melanie Sue Bowles April 13, 1-3 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Merritt Island. She will be meeting fans and signing copies of her new book "Hoof Prints: More Stories from Proud Spirit".

Readers were introduced to the graceful heart of Melanie Sue Bowles in her first book, The Horses of Proud Spirit, which has won national acclaim and sparked the making of a PBS documentary "The Horses of Proud Spirit," which won an Emmy Award and is currently airing nationwide. For more on the author, go to www.horsesofproudsprite.com

Pilot Club holds tasty fund-raiser

The Pilot Club of Titusville, a community service organization will host "A Taste of Hawaii" fund-raiser April 26 at St. Gabriel's in Titusville from 6-9:30 p.m. Guests will enjoy tropical pork and chicken dishes, salads, other Hawaiian specialties, coffee and dessert. The evening includes fun, door prizes and live music to benefit the many North Brevard community organizations and projects Pilot Club supports such as: Joe's Club, North Brevard Sharing Charities, Horse Sisters, Stop Gap, Liberty Lodge and many others. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 10 and under and includes two drink tickets.

Call Lily Renzetti at 321-267-7705 or e-mail at sales@renzetti.com

Kids fish for free

Titusville Sunrise Kiwanis Club holds a free kids fishing derby May 3, 8 a.m. – noon. The event is for children 6-12. Prizes will be awarded. Children should

bring their fishing poles. All supplies will be provided to fish. For more information, call Dale Audrey at 267-0770 and Steve Bridges at 264-4737.

Merritt Island library hosts singer

Be entertained at the Merritt Island Library. A singer performs April 16, 7-8 p.m. The event is free. The Merritt Island Library is at 1195 N. Courtney Pkwy.

Learn how to text message

The Titusville Computer Club demonstrates text messaging April 24, 7 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Episcopal church, 414 Pine St., Titusville in the Fellowship Hall on Palm Ave. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 267-3746.

Project Graduation holds meeting

Titusville High School Project Graduation 2008 invites the Junior parents of the Class of 2009 to their general meeting April 24 at 7 p.m. at the Titusville Public Library. Junior parents come see what Project Graduation is all about and get started on Project Graduation 2009. Parents of seniors come and sign up to help and plan for the event. For more information, contact Ian Sterling 383-4258, Don Ely 750-3174 or visit www.thspg08.com

Have fun at Titusville Library

The Titusville Library offers a teen after-hours party April 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Enjoy pizza and a movie for kids 13 and up. Registration is required.

The library presents The Prince and the Pauper puppet show April 29 at 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcomed.

The library is located at 2121 S. Hopkins Ave.

For more info or to register for an

event, call 264-5026 and ask for Youth Services. All programs are free.

Craft Fest returns to Fox Lake

Enjoy a craft festival April 11, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Fox Lake Park in Titusville. The event is free. For details, call 264-5101.

Tired moms unite

Moms, do you need a break? Join Titusville MOPS, a local mothers' support group for expectant moms through moms with children who are in Kindergarten, for mornings of fun and refreshment! Join other mothers in the community for networking and friendship. Meetings are 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 1355 Cheney Highway in Titusville on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month and the 2nd Saturday. The next meetings are the 12th, 14th, and 28th. Loving childcare is always provided. Infants are welcome in the meetings. Call Linda at 383-8293 for more information.

Remember the old jingles?

The North Brevard Senior Center holds a Slogans & Jingles Luncheon April 12, 11 a.m. at the center, 909 Lane Ave., Titusville. Think back to yesteryear's radio and TV commercials, enjoy a home-cooked hot lunch with dessert, 50/50 raffle, prizes and more. Tickets are \$6 per person and can be purchased at the senior center by noon on April 14. For more details, call 268-2333.

Put your pet in contest

It's time for your pet to "strike a pose." The Central Brevard Humane Society sponsors their 17th Annual Best Pets of Brevard photo contest for their 2009 calendar.

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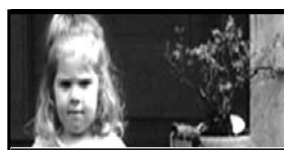
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To enter your pet in the photo contest, download a copy of the calendar contest entry form at www.critter-savers.com or stop by the shelter at 1020 Cox Road, Cocoa. Or stop by a Molly Mutt Thrift Shop at 2525 N. Courtenay Pkwy, Merritt Island, 876 N. U.S. 1, Rockledge or 728 E. New Haven in downtown Melbourne.

Once the form is completed, mail your pet photo and \$10 payment (checks or money orders should be made payable to Central Brevard Humane Society) to Central Brevard Humane Society, Attn: Calendar Contest, 1020 Cox Rd., Cocoa, FL 32926.

Go to poker run

Be a part of a poker run/community fund-raiser to benefit the American Veterans Color Guard May 4.

The color guard made up of local veterans has been invited to Washington, D.C. to participate in the 2008 National Memorial Day Parade May 26.

Times are 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. with fun time beginning around 1 p.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the Sports Edge Bar and Grill on U.S. 1 in south Titusville. Cost is \$10 per rider, \$5 per passenger. Free coffee and donuts are served at sign-up while they last. Kick stand up at 10 a.m. Lask bike out at noon. Last bike in by 2:30 p.m. Prize for best and worst hands.

Route map will be provided at sign up, but stops in Cocoa, Rockledge and Titusville. Participants can also enjoy a 50/50 raffle and a shopping raffle. Color guard T-shirts will be for sale. Also enjoy live music and a buffet.

The proceeds for this event helps to charter a bus and aid a few members with their expenses for the trip.

For more information, coll Sam DiBlasio at 544-7816.

You're invited to the dance

Like to dance? Then mark your calendar for the country Western Dinner Dance Benefit April 12 at Knights of Columbus Hall, Titusville.

Enjoy a barbecue dinner, live music and soft rock by Jimmy King and The Tune Kings.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner is served at 7 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the outdoor program of Troop 481, Boy Scouts of America.

Tickets are \$17 and are available at Brevard Feed and Seed, Gladiator Fitness and Nutrition and the Knights of Columbus. Call 223-4191 for more details.

Baby shower full of info

The World's Greatest Baby Shower once again comes to Brevard May 3, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the new Parrish Medical Center, 5005 Port St. John Pkwy, Port St. John.

This free event features more than 40 agencies targeting information vital to expectant parents including

adoptive parents and parents of infants 1 and under. From the La Leche League to Merle Norman, clowns to the library, shower is for everyone.

Participants can also take part in mini-seminars, such as Make Your Own Baby Food/Food Safety by Rockledge High grad who is with the University of Florida Extension Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences for eight years.

Ask A Doc is a popular panel and there will even be a certified car seat safety technician to walk parents through child passenger safety.

Organizers of the event are Brevard County Health Department WIC, B.E.T.A. of Titusville, Inc., The Children's Center, Parrish Medical Center, Titusville Kiwanis and the University of Florida Brevard County Extension Service. For additional information contact (321) 633-1702 or (321) 952-4533, ext. 25.

Mother's Day event planned

Brevard Community College will host the "Momma-Palooza" Mother's Day Celebration on May 3 at the BCC Cocoa Campus, 1519 Clearlake Road.

The event will feature a Mother's Day Brunch from 10 a.m. to noon in the Community Dining Room, which includes the Mother/Daughter Fashion Show. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 5-12. The brunch ticket allows attendance to all events.

A program will be held from noon to 4 p.m. showcasing the Mother's Day performances by local and community children's groups, area vendors, a silent auction, summer camp information, door prizes, children's activities and more. Tickets to the performances are \$5 for adults and free for kids.

The Mother's Day Look Alike contest will be held at 3 p.m. in the Community Dining Room and Ralph M. Williams Student Center. The first-place prize is a \$100 Dillard's gift certificate. For more information, call Jennifer Blalock at (321) 433-7090.

Enjoy pancake breakfast

Join the Titusville Sunrise Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast April 19, 8-10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Titusville, 303 Main St.

Donation is \$5 and includes pancakes, orange juice, sausage and coffee. Tickets are available at UPS Stor on Garden Street or from any member of the Sunrise Kiwanis. Tickets will also be available at the door. Free parking in the rear of the church. For more information, call Dale Audrey at 267-0770.

Schools seeks donations for upcoming auction

Imperial Estates Elementary School is getting ready for its Spring Auction April 26. They seek donations of new items or services to be auctioned. For more info or to make a donation, call Natalie Colvin at 268-0347 or Kathy Graf at 267-8194.

Library has plethora of events

The Mims/Scottsmoor Library holds the following programs in April. Recurring Events:

Dance Lady: Every Monday & Thursday, 10 a.m. – noon.

April 16 9-11 a.m. - Beginning Computer Class: Introduction to Email. Space is limited, registration required. Free.

April 17 2-3 p.m. – Growing Herbs and Edible Flowers with Sally Scalera from Brevard County Extension. Fee is \$5, registration required.

April 17 6:30-7:30 p.m. – Turtle Tracks: learn about the fascinating sea turtle from Paula Bernston, an environmental specialist with Brevard County Natural Resources Management Department. The program is sponsored by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commissions' "Wild Treasures of Brevard County – the imperiled species discovery series" and it is free.

April 19 10 a.m. – noon – Jewelry class taught by Beverly McNally. Join us on Saturday morning to create a beaded wire dragonfly pendant. You may see a sample at the front desk. For teens and adults. Fee is \$7-\$10, depending on materials chosen. Registration required.

April 22 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Beginning Investing: Casey Crouch of Edward Jones Investment will give a talk for those wanting to learn the terminology of investing. Call to register, program is free.

April 23 9 a.m. – Beginning Computer Class: Introduction to Word Processing. Space is limited, registration required. Free.

Children's Programs:

Recurring Events are Preschool Story Times - Tuesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m. and

After-School Story Time the third Thursday of each month, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

FOP hosts concert

The Brevard County Fraternal Order of Police presents its 21st Annual Country Stampede featuring Darryl Worley along with opening act "Country Gentleman" Sonny Wright on May 17 at 7 p.m. in Melbourne at The Maxwell C. King Center.

Tickets are on sale for \$15 by calling the FOP at (321) 635-8388. Or contact Mark Frohlich fraternalorder@cfl.rr.com.

Merritt Island MOPS support moms

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

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

Call Amy at 720-7472 for more information.

Volunteers needed

The American Cancer Society is recruiting volunteers interested in making a difference in the fight against cancer.

Volunteers with the American Cancer Society's Florida Division participate in programs that support research funding, educate the community, deliver services to patients and advocate for policies that help defeat cancer.

The American Cancer Society's Brevard Unit is in immediate need of volunteers willing to: Drive patients to and from cancer treatments; work with health care providers to promote the American Cancer Society's patient programs and services; identify community resources to help patients through their cancer

journe;, coordinators to coordinate rides for patients.

To get involved, call American Cancer Society at 800-ACS-2345.

Cribs needed

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. at 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.

Teens have fun

The Teen Warehouse is a place for teens in grades 7-12 to hang out with friends and have a safe, fun time at Tom Statham Park Community Center, 7101 South U.S. Highway 1, in Bellwood, south of Titusville.

The center is open Mondays through Thursdays from 4-8 p.m. and on Fridays from 4-9 p.m., with Saturday activities as announced. There is no fee for drop-in activities, however, fees may be charged for special events as announced in the future.

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

Got an old cell phone?

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.

Phones can 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.

Ready for ballroom dancing?

The North Brevard Senior Center dances the night away May 10 and June 14 at their Ballroom Dance, 7:30 p.m. at the center, 909 Lane Ave., Titusville. Door prizes, snacks and plenty of fun for \$6 per person. BYOB. Call 268-2333 for more details.


Vets get help

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

They are available Monday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tuesday noon – 4 p.m. and Thursday, 1-4 p.m.

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BEEMAN Paul, 86, of Merritt Island, died March 31. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home in Cocoa.

BENECKE Carroll, 80, of Titusville, died April 1. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial in Cocoa.

BOYCE Laura, 51, died April 3. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

CALLIGAN Brian, of Titusville, died April 5. Arrangements by Newcomer Family Funeral Home in Titusville.

CARSON Julius, 91, of Mims, died April 1. Arrangements by Lewis-Ray Mortuary.

CARVER Lillian, 82, of Titusville, died March 26. Arrangements by North

Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

COMO Elizabeth, 73, of Rockledge, died March 30. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial Funeral Home in Cocoa.

DAIL Esther, 86, of Titusville, died March 29. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

DEAN John, 73, died March 27. Arrangements by Florida Memorial in Rockledge.

DeWATERS Jerry, 95, of Titusville, died March 26. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

FLEMING Carol, 71, of Titusville, died March 25. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

HIGHT Edward, 50, of Merritt Island, died March 25. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial in Cocoa.

HURD Clara, 89, of Merritt Island,

died April 5. Arrangements by

IRWIN George, 83, of Port St. John, died March 27. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

LANARIS Jane, 79, of Titusville, died March 30.

LANZAFAME Floria, 74, of Titusville, died April 1. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

MATTHEWS Kimberly, 40, of Titusville, died March 26. Arrangements by Newcomer Family Funeral Home in Titusville.

McCALMAN Julia, 98, of Merritt Island, died April 4. Arrangements by Lane Funeral Home in Tennessee.

NICHOLS Dora, 89, of Merritt Island, died March 30. Arrangements by South Brevard Funeral Home.

RHINELANDER Joan, 79, of Mims,

died March 30. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

RICHARDSON Leona, 96, of Merritt Island, died March 29. Arrangements by Wylie Baxley Merritt Island Funeral Home.

RICHIE Cade, 73, died March 27. Arrangements by Beckman-Williamson Funeral Home in Viera.

SEATON Roger, of Merritt Island, died April 3. Arrangements by Wylie-Baxley Funeral Home in Merritt Island.

STINSON Raymond, 84, of Titusville, died March 28. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

YOUNG Nathaniel of Titusville, died March 25. Arrangements by Lewis-Ray Mortuary in Titusville.

WAGNON Mary, 73, of Titusville, died March 31.

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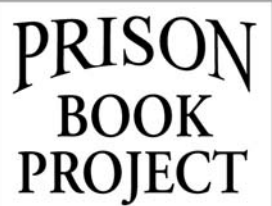
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