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Walter Kiely

Let it snow, let it snow ...

The annual Downtown TitusNites Christmas event didn't stop the 'snow' from falling Dec. 5. Every year kids from 1-92 years old come out to enjoy the 'atmospheric' event that is more enjoyable than the real snow because it's not cold – just soapy. Kids, such as Caleb Quynn, 4, from Port St John, left, just can't get enough of the good clean fun. See Page 5 for more photos.

Groundbreaking begins on Moore replica home

By Susan Walden

A dream will soon become reality ... and a great history lesson.

A replica of Harry T. and Harriette Moore's home in Mims will break ground in a ceremony Dec. 14, 3 p.m. on the Moore Cultural Center grounds. The civil rights activist's house will be in the exact location where the original home stood.

On Christmas night in 1951 Ku Klux Klansmen placed a bomb under the home and it exploded killing the couple. Moore died on the way to the hospital and his wife passed away the day after his funeral.

Wanting to bring educational awareness to the Moores up a level, the Moore Cultural Complex Inc., took the project under its wing and has spent a few years procuring grants with help from lawmakers such as former Rep. Bob Allen, former County Commissioner Truman Scarborough and Sen. Tony Hill.

"We got funding from the commissioners and matching grants from the state's Division of Cultural Affairs and think we have enough, which is \$330,000," said Bill Gary, the nonprofit foundation's president.

After it's construction, the home will sport a recreation of what it looked like inside, with the recall help of the Moore's daughter, Evangeline Moore. Plans are to have the home fully constructed in 2009. "We hope to have it finished by the 2009 Moore Festival which takes place March 26-29," he said. "It might be tight but we can at least hope to have the exterior done."

Called Phase 2, the project also includes a reflecting pool, meditation garden, heritage trail around the park and guest gazebo; those portions will begin construction after the house is completed.

"The large pavilion will have a portable stage, kitchen and bathrooms," he said. Additional funding of \$150,000 is coming, Gary said, from the Governor's Office of Tourism, trade and Economic Development.

"I'm very pleased this is going to happen during this time in history," said Gary, who is proud to be a part of it. "I made a promise to Ms. (Evangeline) Moore that I'd continue to be the president until it is finished. She is extremely pleased (that Phase 2 is happening)."

Having a replica of the Moore's home, Gary believes, will draw people to the facility and teach them about Moore's life and impact he had on the black community.

"This is great for tourism and so educational.

"We're appreciative of the people who are committed to seeing this through."

Beloved activist dies at 101

By Susan Walden

She was called "Big Momma."

Not because of her stature – she was really a petite lady.

Rosa Lee Jones was so larger than life and known for such sweetness that no one could walk away from her feeling as if you didn't love her.

Jones, 101, Brevard County's matriarch of the black community, passed away Dec. 2 while visiting relatives in California.

She is known for many milestones in the county. Jones worked alongside the nation's first slain civil rights activist Harry T. Moore as a school teacher and helped him form Brevard County's NAACP chapter in 1934. As an educated woman in times when women, especially blacks, had a difficult time getting a college education, Jones built and ran Cocoa's first black kindergarten called Rosebud for 30 years.

The pioneer taught more than just A, B, Cs; she in-



Jones

stilled morals, values, social graces and manners, according to Jones' student Nancy Brightman, who was interviewed during Jones' 100th birthday party in March 2007. Jones became a part of her students and they her.

"When they cried, I cried. When they laughed, I laughed. Oh, sometimes we'd just sing all day if we needed to," said Jones in an exclusive interview with the *Beacon* at her party last year in the Radisson Hotel in Cape Canaveral in which more than 400 people celebrated her life.

Among hundreds Jones taught, those include Dick Blake, the first black Rockledge city councilman and the first black principal of Cocoa High; and Dr. Joe Lee Smith, vice mayor of Rockledge and former campus president of Brevard Community College.

It was along her education journey that she met fellow teacher and friend Harry T. Moore, who taught fourth grade in an all-black Cocoa school. Moore later became the principal of the Titusville Colored School and the

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Consumers urged to remain vigilant in wake of breaches

The Attorney General's Office issued a consumer advisory urging consumers who may have been affected by data breaches this year to remain vigilant in monitoring their credit reports, bank accounts, and other personal information to detect any improper activity as quickly as possible. Data breaches can expose millions of consumers' personal information, including Social Security numbers, bank accounts, mortgage information and credit and debit card numbers.

Recent data breaches include breaches at the Agency for Workforce

Innovation, the University of Florida's School of Dentistry, Countrywide Financial and the Bank of New York Mellon. The Attorney General's Office regularly receives complaints and inquiries from concerned consumers and companies alike on this issue.

In the wake of a data breach, affected consumers are encouraged to take the following precautions to protect against identity theft:

- Carefully review credit and debit card statements and monitor all transactions. If unauthorized activity is detected, consumers should immediately contact their card company and/or bank.

- Request a copy of his or her credit report. The only official source for free annual reports is <http://www.annualcreditreport.com>. The Web site works in conjunction

with the three national credit reporting companies.

- If fraud has occurred, consumers should report the incident to the fraud department of the three major credit bureaus; contact the fraud department of each of their creditors; contact their bank or financial institution; and report the incident to law enforcement.

- Contact the entity which experienced the breach. The company or agency may be offering credit monitoring service or other assistance to affected individuals.

In Florida, businesses and government agencies are required under Florida Statutes Section 817.5681 to notify any affected individuals if a data breach has exposed personal information. The Attorney General's Office also urges the breached entity to immediately contain the breach to ensure personal information isn't further compromised and to implement remedial steps to address information security including issues implicated by the original breach.

Consumers whose personal information may have been affected may file a complaint by calling the Attorney General's fraud hotline at 1-866-9-NO-SCAM (1-866-966-7226) or submitting the information online at <http://myfloridalegal.com>. Additional information about identity theft, tips to protect individuals and recovery information is available online at: <http://myfloridalegal.com/identitytheft>.

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Correction: In Nov. 27's edition, it was incorrectly reported that the Titusville police's buy-bust included buying "rugs." It wasn't a Moroccan heist; the word should have been "drugs." Thanks for all the readers who called laughing their heads off. Glad it made your day (darn spell check).

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Susan Walden

Rosa Lee Jones, right, talks to Harry T. Moore's daughter Evangeline in August 2006 after Charlie Crist announces the names of the klansmen who killed the Moores. Jones, a friend of the civil rights activist, died Dec. 2.

Jones known for courage, love

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Mims Colored Elementary School before the county fired him for rallying other black educators to demand equal pay through a lawsuit.

Jones said the tragedy shook the county.

"Just the pure hatred of it is hard to realize such a thing could be planned. Harry was so full of life and such a wonderful man."

Jones was also a journalist and radio talk show host.

She and Moore worked together as contributing editors for *The Script*, the first black newspaper in Brevard County, which was founded and published by the late Dorothy Sweetwine.

Jones was a popular voice in the 1950s and 60s on WKKO-AM radio in Cocoa every Sunday morning on a show called *Open House*. She co-hosted the show with Dorothy Carder Moore, a student of Jones. The two announced special events, such as birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, the town's comings and goings and deaths. Jones' portion of the show was called *Gab Bag* and was popular in the town.

"I've known Rosa a long time," Moore said. "She's God's gift to us."

Bill Gary, president of the North Brevard NAACP and president of the Harry T. and Harriette Moore Cultural Complex, Inc., was sad to her of Jones' passing.

"She was a grand lady," he said. "I was always amazed at how well she could remember things that happened in her life, especially recalling moments about Harry T. Moore." Jones had been to the Moore

Center in Mims on more than one occasion. In 2007 she was given an award during the Moore Gala, according to Gary.

Many, including Gary, call her courageous for her activism. "In the 1930s in Central Florida to actively become a member of the NAACP and be Moore's secretary took courage and conviction," he said.

Jones was also known for her positive outlook on life and her conviction to transcend hate. "She had the same principles as Harry T. Moore. It was about gaining equal footing with blacks – not taking away rights or privileges from anyone else – but just for blacks to enjoy the same," explained Gary.

"Moore's message was about equality. For Rosa and Harry it was about instilling in their students that they were deserving of equality in all areas of life. And it was a hard fight," he said.

"She was a leader and back then women didn't have many leadership roles."

Jones, color-blind of people's ethnicities, was an inspiration to many. Despite her earlier days of racial inequality when signs such as "Whites Only" and "No Coloreds Allowed" were posted everywhere, she had a positive outlook and preached a loving message. "She was engaging, happy with life and how it had treated her," said Gary. "She was a pleasure to be around and will be truly missed."

Her wake is Dec. 11, 5-7 p.m. at Mt. Moriah AME Church, 234 Stone St., Cocoa, and her funeral is at the same church Dec. 12 at 11 a.m.

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FRIDAY – DECEMBER 19

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*Texas *W. Virginia (Northern Parts) *Wisconsin (Southern Parts)

MONDAY – DECEMBER 22

Alabama *Florida (Panhandle) *Georgia *Kentucky *Louisiana *Mississippi

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TUESDAY – DECEMBER 23

Florida (except Panhandle) *Georgia (Southern)



Ship Early!!



Opinions

Santa, can I have the stuff on my list?

My View

By
Susan
Walden



Dear Santa,
Here are a few things I want for Christmas.

I hope you and your elves can scare up these great gifts. I've been a good girl, although I'm not a member "of the clean plate club" that my mom used to make me belong to by finishing my dinner. Now I'm on a diet. Any who:

1. I want a bail out. I don't think this is unreasonable. If banks and our auto-makers get a bail out why can't I? (I'm

stomping my feet right now.) I'm just asking for a few 10s here. Well, tens of thousands. And remember, I didn't take the lear jet up to the North Pole to ask you for it either. If I don't have the money then how can I help the banks and the car companies?

2. I want to stop this unsightly, annoying aging thing. Geez, these mysterious aches and pains, gray hair sprouting that requires me to "wash it away" and costs money (see request #1), my forgetfulness ... what was I saying? Oh yea. Can we just freeze time at, let's say, when I was 25.

Of course, I remember sitting in a bar on my 25th birthday crying in my beer that I was "a quarter of a century old." Wah, wah, geez girl, get a life. Oh yea, that was me. See where my memory is Santa?

3. I want to be able to eat anything and not:

- a. have a heart attack
- b. gain weight
- c. have high cholesterol
- d. have to take an anti-diarrhea medicine
- e. have to worry about getting diabetes
- f. have indigestion
- g. have a sudden allergic reaction
- h. be lactose intolerant

Yea, Santa those were the days when we were kids. Eat what you want and look like a pencil all without burping or "anything else." Well, judging from your photos you might not understand any of this. Well, I don't want to make you mad but your constant love affair with cookies and milk ... never mind. For you, when you step on the scale it says, "To be continued." I want mine to say "Whatsa matta for you? Eat, eat" with an Italian accent like my great grandmother used to talk.

4. I want to defy gravity. I don't mean

I'll fly around like someone with a broomstick – although some swear I do, but they're going to get coal in their stocking, right Santa? By defying gravity, I mean once you hit a certain age everything falls south. My dad used to say when you're middle age you need to spend the remaining years on your head to equal out the gravity thing. Well, because my body isn't what it used to be (see #3), there's no way I can stand on my head for a minute let alone a few seconds without someone, even the dog, calling 9-1-1.

5. Well, I had a fifth request but I forgot. See, Santa, the old noggin is shot. I guess you probably won't get me any of those things. But it's OK, because by Christmas I'm so old I'll forget I even wrote this.

Signed,
Me

Store clerk tires of grumpy holiday cheer

By Josie DeGioia

'Tis the season to be jolly, but lately I am not noticing too much jolly going on.

A wise person once told me, "This is the time of year people behave like they should all year round." There are those smiles, the hellos, the "let me help you with that," and the good old-fashioned merriment of the season. It all sounds so warm and cozy, like sitting next to the fire sipping hot chocolate, putting lights on the tree and singing along to those familiar Christmas carols.

However, what happens when people leave there little Christmas niche? What happens when they walk through the doors of retail stores? Does the joy of the season somehow escape through a trap door of the soul?

I have noticed over the past three weeks very naughty behavior. By Santa's standards, these people would not be eligible to receive gifts from the jolly man.

I have witnessed sales associates being yelled at, cursed at, criticized for policy they took no part in making, threatened and verbally used as punching bags.

Did these people miss the "goodwill toward man" Christmas tour?

Here are questions I have for those mean shoppers who will, no doubt, be getting coal in their stocking. How is a sales associate responsible because you lost your receipt?

How is that you are the victim because you neglected to read the store policy? Why do you feel the need to threaten to call every newspaper and news station within a 50-mile radius to report how horrible your experience has been and yet you are the one responsible for the situation because you are irresponsible?

Oh, and my personal favorite, do you actually believe the louder your voice becomes the more you will get what you want?

I just do not understand it.

These same people are buying Christmas presents. This means they believe in Christ and probably attend church, which means they get on their knees and pray to the Almighty. I wonder what they say. I often wonder if they ask for forgiveness for their mean verbal assaults thrown at individuals who have nothing to do with setting policies or babysitting

their receipts.

On the other hand, perhaps those people who verbally abuse customer service personnel don't believe they behaved in such a rude, obnoxious manner and float through the holiday season feeling justified for their behavior.

There is no justification for that type of behavior, especially during Christmas.

You made the purchase, you lost the receipt, you decided not to educate yourself about the stores policy, you became verbally abusive, and you are completely responsible for your own actions.

When did the victim mentality begin? When did responsibility for oneself become something of the past? When did goodwill toward man become a self-absorbed concept? So this season, I say "humbug" to those who cannot hold onto their receipts or are too lazy to learn store's return policies.

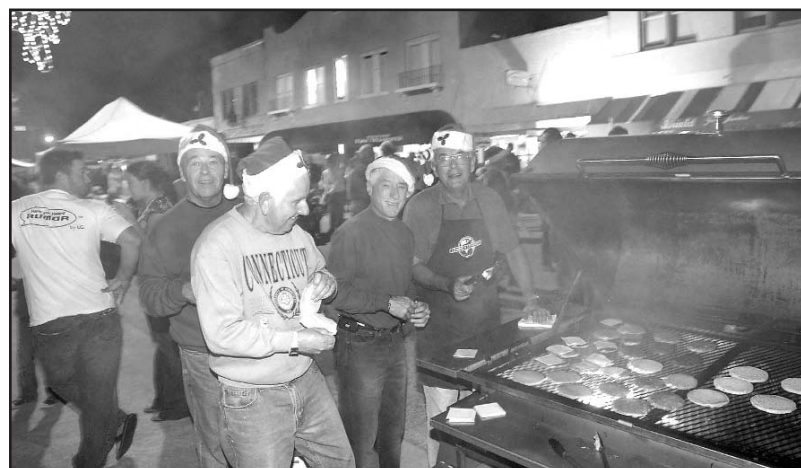
Remember every sales associate is someone's mother, daughter, sister, brother, father and son. How would you like someone verbally abusing your loved one because someone was too obtuse to hold on to his or her receipt? Merry Christmas and God bless ... everyone.



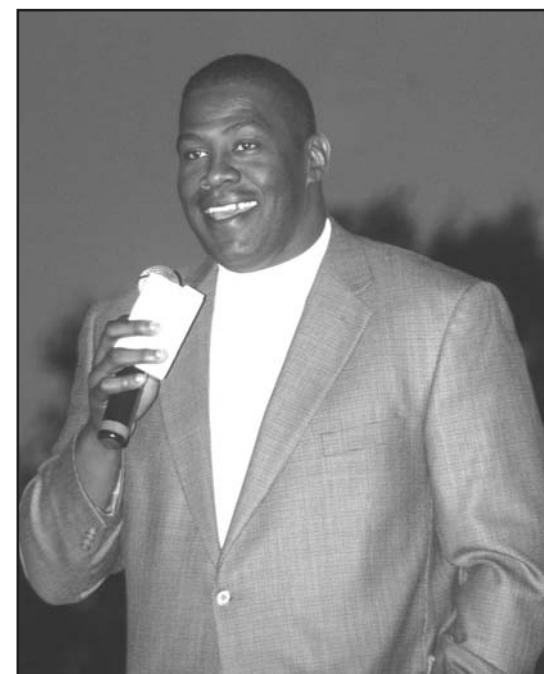


Photos by Walter Kiely

Telling Santa and Mrs. Claus all about what they want for Christmas during the Downtown Street Party Dec 5 in downtown Titusville are Michael and Matthew Sharp from Titusville.



Who says hamburgers aren't a holiday food? Just ask Santa's "elves," from left, John Conrad, Emil Couture, Andy Carbon and Tony Felise. They kept the crowd well fed during the Titusville Downtown Street Party Dec. 5.



New County Commissioner Robin Fisher gives his Christmas and New Year inspirational message to the crowd during the Parrish Medical Center Gift of Light Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 7.



J.J. Parrish with his daughter, Delaina, 11, enjoy a quiet moment during the Parrish Medical Center Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec 7.



The Dickens Carolers along with The Mistletones sing for the crowd during the Parrish Medical Center Tree Lighting Ceremony.



Styling and profiling ... Jeri Perry and Karen Osborne from Deja Vu Boutique pose during the TitusNites Downtown Street Party.

County fire chief steps down

Brevard County Fire Chief Bill Farmer requested Dec. 8 to be reassigned within the Fire Rescue department. He will be temporarily reassigned to the operations division of the department.

Deputy Fire Chief Dennis Neterer has been appointed interim chief. Neterer has been employed with the Brevard County Fire Rescue department for 29 and 1/2 years and has

multiple firefighting and paramedic certifications.

In assuming the leadership role, Chief Neterer will lead 550 firefighters and staff members. Neterer will work with county management to review the fire department's organizational structure, which has already begun with the recent restructuring of finance and administrative services functions.

Pizza deliverer shoots at robbers

A Dominos Pizza delivery employee fought off an attempted robbery Dec. 6 at about 11:30 p.m.

The driver was making a delivery on Parkland Street in Titusville, when at least two black males tried to rob him. However, the suspects got more than they bargained for when the employee pulled out a gun and fired a shot at them.

The suspects fled on foot and it is unknown as to whether anyone was shot.

Anyone with information about this incident could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000 and can remain anonymous by calling CRIMELINE at 1-800-432-TIPS.

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Who is at risk for PAD? The chance of having PAD increases as you get older. People over age 50 have a higher risk for PAD, but the risk is increased if you: smoke, or used to smoke; have diabetes; have high blood pressure; have abnormal blood cholesterol levels; are of African American ethnicity; have had heart disease, a heart attack or stroke.

What are the warning signs or symptoms of PAD? PAD develops slowly over many years. In the early stages, most people with PAD have no symptoms. Only about one out of three people with PAD actually feel there is something wrong with their feet or legs.

By that time, their arteries may be so clogged or hardened that they are not getting enough oxygen to supply their leg muscles.

The most common signs of PAD include one or more of these problems: Cramps, tiredness or pain in your legs, thighs or buttocks that always happens when you walk but that goes away when you rest; foot or toe pain at rest that often disturbs your sleep; skin wounds or ulcers on your feet or toes that are slow to heal (or that do not heal for 8 to 12 weeks).

Sometimes, people ignore their leg pain and think it is just a sign that they are getting older. As a result, many people with PAD do not know they have it and do not get treatment. It is important to discuss any leg or thigh pain you may be having with your health care provider since it may be a warning sign of a serious disease such as PAD.

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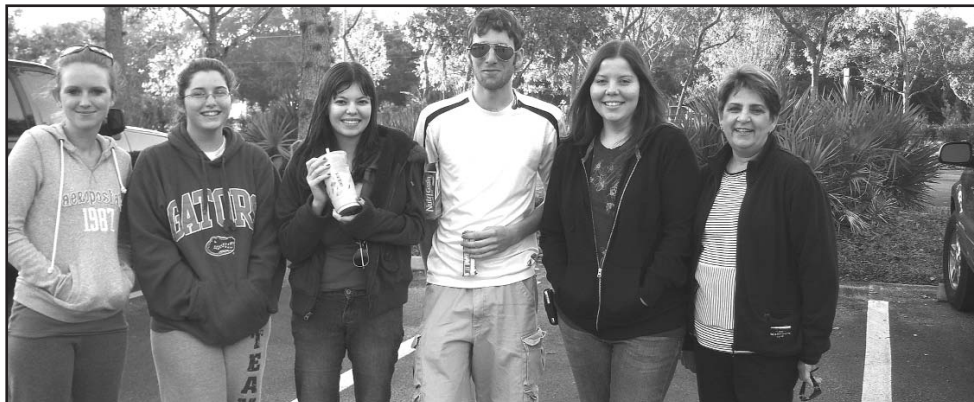
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Sears employees brighten lives of active, disabled military

By I.J. Stagi

Employees of Titusville Sears took time out Dec. 7 to raise money for their company's Heroes at Home program. The employees walked three miles of trails at the Parrish Health and Fitness Center on Cheney Highway. The event raised more than \$500 in donations, which added to the continuing donation drive at Sears.

Heroes at Home's, nationwide donation drive, goal is to provide disabled veterans and active military personnel with money for remodeling homes as well as granting Christmas wishes for military families.

It was a cold morning but Justine Bailey, a Titusville Sears fine jewelry associate, was happy to walk for the military.

"It's a good thing to help veterans and bring people's attention to the needs of past and present military members," Bailey said.

It took the group about one-hour to complete the

three-mile walkathon. Although it made no difference which employee finished first, there was competition during the donation drive among the group.

Parrish Health and Fitness donated a free three-month membership to the first-place winner, a one-month membership to the second- and third-place winners. The rest of the group will receive a free week membership.

"We were glad to be able to be a part of something great," said Melissa Terasse, secretary at Parrish Health and Fitness.

Terasse was instrumental in securing the prizes for the employees and said she was happy to give what she could for a great cause.

"Fundraising is important and working as a team is what makes it fun," she said.

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Rotary stirs up chili cook-off

The Titusville Sunrise and Titusville Rotary Clubs host the 5th Annual Rotary Chili Cook-Off at the Feb. 6 Downtown Titusville Street Party from 6-10 p.m. at the west end of Main Street. The event includes the best chili chefs around competing for "fame and fortune" (cash, trophies and certificates of appreciation.) All proceeds benefit local community service programs including scholarships for local high school students and much needed supplies for County Acres Children's Home.

You can support the cook-off in three ways:

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Sponsorship forms and entry forms are now available from any member of the Titusville Rotary Clubs or online at www.titusvillesunriserotary.org. For further information, call Marcia Ely from the Titusville Sunrise Club at 264-0518 or Rick Smisek from the Titusville Rotary Club at 267-4000.

Legislators to develop regional agenda

Senator Mike Haridopolos of Melbourne and Representative Dean Cannon of Winter Park will host a meeting next week for legislators from nine Central Florida counties to develop a regional agenda for the 2009 legislative session.

State senators and representatives from Brevard, Indian River, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, St. Lucie, Seminole and Volusia counties will meet Dec.12 from 9-11 a.m. at the University of Central Florida Fairwinds Alumni Center.

The group will hear presentations on issues including growth management, economic development, transportation, and the space industry. Former House Speaker John Thrasher will serve as moderator.

This nine-county regional delegation includes 42 legislators, one-third of which are newly elected due to term limits or retirement. In addition to the nine Central Florida counties, these legislators represent at least part of 19 additional counties; their outreach encompasses over half of the state's population.

The meeting is open to the public, though no public testimony will be heard during the meeting. Those attending will have an opportunity to provide written input to the legislators at the end of the program.

For more information, call Leigh Holt, Brevard County legislative delegation coordinator, at (321) 637-5407.



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Kids need gifts

Sand Point Senior Living at 1800 Harrison St., Titusville, is the drop off place to take toys so local, underprivileged children can receive a Christmas/holiday present this year.

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Let's make this Christmas special for the children of North Brevard, by giving from your heart to brighten their lives during this festive season.

These children might have a parent who is in jail, a war zone or in a family who has fallen on hard times.

Please help the kids have a bit of joy in their lives this holiday season.

Go to Sand Point's main office building.

Get on happy holiday trail

Saddle up and join the fun – the Old Time Christmas Trail Ride Dec. 14, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. In the past, people would saddle up their horses, hitch up wagons or go

walking to visit neighbors for the Christmas season. Join the Wild Horse Rescue Center for a special eight-mile trail ride, visiting several local homes and barns along Hammock Road in Mims. The stops offer seasonal treats such as eggnog, apple cider, gingerbread and more. It starts at the large field directly south of 4750 Dixie Way. Registration begins at 9 a.m., ride begins at 10 a.m. The cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 the day of the ride. For more info, call Diane Delano at 427-1523.

Christmas dinner offered

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

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

To volunteer or make a tax-deductible donation, contact Housing Enhancement for Lower-Income People, Inc. at (321) 567-4949, 2452 U.S. Highway 1, or mail to P.O. Box 783, Mims, 32754.

Order your sea oats

Beachside residents are encouraged to order early this year when purchasing sea oats for dune planting through the

sixth annual bargain sea oats sale offered by Brevard County's Natural Resources Management Office and Keep Brevard Beautiful, Inc.

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For more information, call Paula Berntson at (321) 633-2016 ext. 52431 or e-mail paula.berntson@brevardcounty.us. To order, visit http://natres.brevardcounty.us/documents/09_sea_oat_gen_info_order.pdf.

Learn CPR

Titusville Fire and Emergency Services Department, in partnership with Parrish Medical Center offers CPR classes to the public. These classes are American Heart Association Heartsaver Adult/Child (citizen CPR). Infant CPR is not included in these classes.

These classes are free and on a first-come, first-served basis. Class size is limited to 10 students and early registra-

tion is mandatory. You must be at least 16 years of age or older to register. Class location will be the department's Training Room, located on the second floor of the Titusville Fire Headquarters Building, 550 South Washington Ave., Titusville. Class is Dec. 12, 6-10 p.m.

To register, call 383-5708 to register.

Have fun at Senior Center

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

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

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

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

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

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Learn your genealogy

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

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

Get book on area

Local author and history lecturer Ray Osborne signs his new book "Images of America Cape Canaveral" at Barnes and Noble in Merritt Island Dec. 13, 1-3 p.m. and Walden Books, Miracle City Mall in Titusville Dec. 14, 2-4 p.m. The books is a visual showcase of local history and includes photos of early days at the space center, Canaveral lighthouse, visiting

presidents, pioneers and more.

Heritage Foundation holds event

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

Can you spare a bed?

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

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

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

BSO guild offers Christmas fun

The Brevard Symphony Orchestra North Guild hosts a "Christmas in the 1950s" open house Dec. 13 from 2-5:30 p.m. at the home of Ann-Marie Brush and Janet Makarevich, 580 Willowgreen Lane, La Cita, in Titusville.

More than 850 pieces of the Snow Village from Department 56 will be displayed in themed formats throughout the house. Many are animated and fully lighted.

The design and layout is centered on what an American town and surrounding countryside might have looked like in the 1950s. Brush began collecting village pieces in 1997.

Admission is \$5 per adult with all proceeds going to the Brevard Symphony Orchestra. Children under 12 years of age are admitted free. There will be a drawing for a Christmas Gingerbread House donated by a guild member. Tickets for the drawing will be available at a cost of \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Reservations are not required and all children must be accompanied by an

adult. For further information call 385-1513.

Kids have camp fun

Brevard County Parks & Recreation offers an intersession day camp, for children in kindergarten through sixth grade, Dec.19 through Jan. 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Tom Statham Park, 7101 South U.S. Highway 1. There will be no camp on Dec. 24-25 as well as Jan. 1.

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

Extended care is available from 6:30-9 a.m. and from 4-5:45 p.m. The fee for early or late care is \$15 per week or \$7 per time; for early and late care, the fee is \$30 per week or \$12 per day.

Late pickup fee (15 minutes after conclusion of program) is \$12.50 per child/per time. Fees are due at the time of registration or on the first day a child attends.

Registration and program information is available at the Port St. John Community Center, 6650 Corto Road, Cocoa, and North Area Parks Operations Office, 475 North Williams Avenue, Titusville.

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Jog for fun

The Central Area of Brevard County Parks and Recreation hosts Jingle Bell Jog, a 5-K race for all ages and family groups, on Dec. 20, at Kiwanis Island Park, 951 Kiwanis Island Park Road, Merritt Island.

Prizes are awarded in seven age categories, separated by gender, and to the fastest family.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the race following.

The entry fee is \$10, on or before Dec. 10. The fee is \$15 after Dec.10, including the day of the race.

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

Library holds events

The Titusville Public Library holds the following events:

Ongoing Childrens' Programs - Family Story Time, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. (All Ages); Toddler Story Time, Wednesdays, 10 a.m. (Ages 2-3); Preschool Story Time, Wednesdays, 11 a.m. (Ages 3-5); Infant Story Time, Thursdays, 9:15 a.m.

(Ages 1 month-walking); Pre-Toddler Story Time, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. (Ages walking-2 years) ; Christmas Paper Craft, Mondays, 6 p.m. (Ages 6-12) ; Puppet Club for Teens, Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. (Ages 13-up) ; Manga Drawing, Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. (Ages 10-up)

Special Childrens' Programs-Christmas Party for Children with a Puppet Show and a Visit from Santa. Free books will be given out. Refreshments will be served.

Dec. 13 at 10:30 a.m. (Age Infant-12); Holiday Bracelet Craft. Taught by Beverly McNally.

Dec.13 at 2 p.m. (Age 13-up); Christmas Place-setting Craft, Dec. 14 at 2-4 p.m.

Christmas Crafts – Dec. 15-18 at 3-5 p.m., Dec. 19 at 3-4:30pm.

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.

Have breakfast with Santa

Brevard County Parks and Recreation

offers Breakfast with Santa for children ages Pre-K through 4th grade Dec. 20 from 9-11 a.m. at Kiwanis Island Park, 951 Kiwanis Island Park Road, Merritt Island.

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

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

Kids call Santa

Special arrangements have been made for Santa to telephone preschool through second grade children from his headquarters at the North Pole.

Through "Santa Calling," calls will be made Dec. 15-17, between 5:30-8:30 p.m. to phones in north Brevard. Request forms should be faxed to (321) 264-6428 or mailed to North Area Parks Operations, 475 North Williams Ave., Titusville, FL 32796. The deadline to submit a request is Dec.12.

Through "North Pole Calling," calls will be made Dec. 16-18, between 5:30-8:30

p.m. to phones in central and south Brevard. Request forms should be faxed to (321) 633-1850 or mailed to Central Area Mainland Office, 840 Forrest Avenue, Cocoa, FL 32922. The deadline to submit a request is Dec.15.

Request forms are available at www.brevardparks.com, community centers, and parks operation offices.

There is no charge for this service.

For more information, call (321) 264-5105 in North Brevard or (321) 633-1874 in Central or South Brevard.

Have fun at library

The Merritt Island Public Library presents the following events in December:

Dec.12 and 19 from 9-10:30 a.m. Zoombah fun exercise. Dec. 12, and 19 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. watercolor art class. \$5 charge for class and \$5 for supplies.

Dec. 12, and 19, 1:ep-3:30 p.m. acrylic and oil painting workshop. \$5 charge for class; bring your own art supplies.

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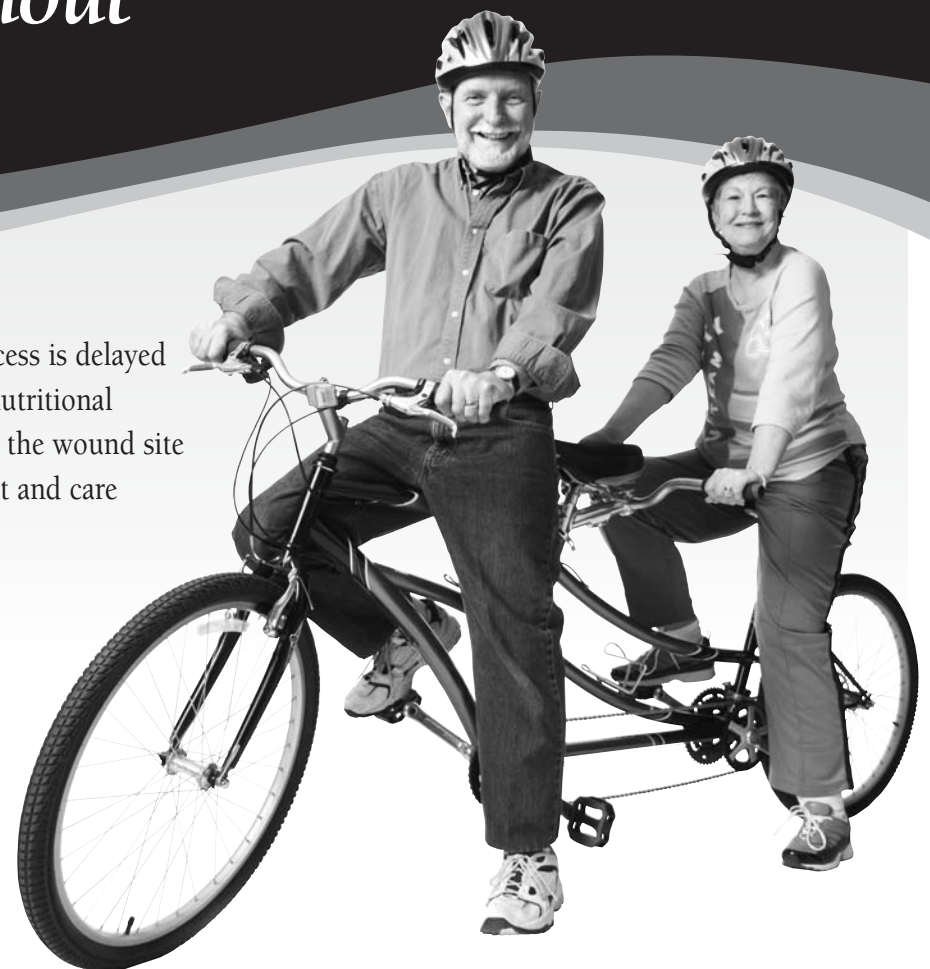
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Veterans can now salute flag

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



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