

## Recruiting begins for superintendent's job

*By Susan Walden*

Wanted: one superintendent of Brevard Public Schools. The ad is out to replace Dr. Richard DiPatri, the county's superintendent who leaves his position in June.

At the cost of \$45,000, Cedar Rapids headhunter company Ray and Associates, Inc. is searching for the replacement and includes the position on its web site. The corporation touts itself as being "a professional organization that specializes in school executive leadership searches."

DiPatri's base salary is \$204,941 plus bonuses. The position is listed as being in the range of \$240,000 plus a comprehensive benefits package. The final salary will be negotiated by the candidate and five-member school board, according to Judy Preston, BPS associate superintendent for financial services.

"His salary is not set by the state because it isn't an elected position," she said. "Brevard County is the 44th largest school system in the country and our district is the 14th of the 100th largest in the nation, so this job is like running a major corporation. It's like trying to find a CEO."

But in a time when officials are turning over couch cushions to find a dollar, taking \$45,000 away from the school coffers raises eyebrows.

"It's terrible. Surely there are other ways to advertise for that job, such as business and educational magazines," said C.L. Lozier, a Titusville resident, who is also aggravated at the amount of money the next superintendent is going to make. "In other sectors, they start out the pay at the bottom for new employees. Why start the salary above what he makes?"

Mims resident Richard McEarchern is so fed up with the educational budget cuts he can hardly talk about it.

"It's ridiculous paying \$45,000 to find another superintendent. It's also ridiculous to pay for such things as \$50,000 to replace a fence when they already had a good one (at Titusville High School)," he said, even though McEarchern understands the fence replacement was money earmarked from rebuilding funds. "You can always transfer that money somewhere else."

McEarchern is worried about the proposal to close Pinewood Elementary, his daughter's school. "I feel most sorry for the teachers. What happens to the ones who've taught at that school and in

## Oh Drewww!

*Special performer Drew Seeley from "High School Musical" and "Another Cinderella Story" excites the teen girls at Day of Dance Feb. 28 in Sandpoint Park. The event included dance groups, health screening, games, Radio Disney, children's activities and a variety of vendors.*



Susan Walden

## Commissioners abolish impact fees

*By Susan Walden*

It just got easier to do business in Brevard County.

The county commissioners voted unanimously Feb. 26 to waive commercial impact fees for one to two years.

"We want to stimulate growth," said Commissioner Robin Fisher. "These are tough times. If we can stimulate the economy by stopping the impact fees it will help businesses that want to develop and create new jobs especially in construction."

Although the commissioners still need to hammer out the details of the moratorium, Fisher said he's pushing for it to cover two years.

"By the time we permit a project, the whole process for construction takes about two years anyway," he said.

Throughout the county many developers tell the commissioners that because of the impact fees they cannot do a project, said Fisher.

Fisher is optimistic that the North Brevard area will especially benefit from the moratorium on commercial impact fees because he said many times cities sue with the county. Those who have to pay impact fees in the city also pay for the county's fees.

Many business owners and those in the construction field have complained that Titusville's impact fees are too high, which has been a major deterrent in attracting new business.

"Hopefully the city will do the same. The key is to stimulate the economy."

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## School board cuts salaries

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others that may close? Do they just lose their jobs?"

Last week the school board approved to cut their salaries from \$38,290 to \$36,000, a first-year teacher's pay.

"Years ago, (the school board's) salary was under a beginning teacher's salary," Preston said. "That has been conversation by the board and the public at times."

Because the school board members are elected officials, their salaries fall under Florida statutes. However, in January the Florida legislature passed a bill allowing school board members to cut their salaries.

How much can they cut?

"Whatever they want," said Preston.

# Obama: No shuttle extension

*By Susan Walden*

After political rhetoric and a lot of finger-crossing, hopes to extend the space shuttle past 2010 are gone.

According to an outline of the nation's budget Feb. 26, President Barack Obama intends for NASA to fly the space shuttle to complete the International Space Station and then retire the fleet in 2010. An additional flight could be conducted if it can safely and affordably be flown by the end of 2010. Funds freed from the shuttle's retirement will enable the agency to support development of systems to deliver people and cargo to the ISS and the moon.

NASA will receive more money than in the past — \$17.8 billion in 2009 and a projected \$18.7 billion in 2010. Last year it received \$17.2 billion, \$16.3 billion in 2007 and \$16.7 billion in 2006. In addition, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 includes \$1.0 billion.

NASA will stimulate private sector development and

demonstration of vehicles that might support the agency's human crew and cargo space flight requirements.

According to the breakdown, NASA will continue developing the ISS including having permanent crews. It will also continue to do these tasks with other countries, commercial industries and academic institutions.

Calling it "a new chapter of this legacy," referring to a robust program of space exploration involving robots and humans, NASA will press on with the Bush Administration's vision to return to the moon by 2020. It also includes robotic missions to places throughout the solar system.

Funding highlights also include aeronautics research to address aviation safety, air traffic control, noise and emissions reduction and fuel efficiency. Money will also fund a program of space-based research that supports the administration's commitment to deploy a global climate change research and monitoring system.

# Comments needed to preserve PEG channels

*By Martha Long  
Titusville City Councilmember*

Comments are needed by March 9 from municipalities in a Federal Communications Commission proceeding to preserve public education and government ("PEG") channels.

The FCC has opened a case on preserving PEG channels as they have always been provided and thwarting attempts by AT&T, Comcast and others to make them hard to find (via several Internet web page menus), hard to view (poor quality) and hard on the wallet (some people will have to pay to get a converter box to view them). Success in this case is important to preserve PEG channels and prevent these attempts to thwart them from spreading.

The action for the residents of Titusville is to call or e-mail the City of Titusville and request their support for this fight. According to the web site [www.varnumlaw.com/serviceGroups/cableTV/cableFranchising](http://www.varnumlaw.com/serviceGroups/cableTV/cableFranchising), the cost per municipality is \$300. Go to the site, as it has detailed information on how municipalities can file comments. At the same time, express your opinion on the state of affairs concerning your experience of the current Titusville Government channel viewing, or not

viewing.

The case combines a case filed by Dearborn Michigan/Meridian Twp about Comcast providing PEG channels only as digital channels in the 900 number range and a case filed last month by the City of Lansing, Michigan and one filed by the Alliance for Community Media challenging AT&T's provision of PEG channels as Internet-style videos.

The March 9 deadline for comments is important. It is paramount that the FCC get comments from many municipalities and others who use PEG channels. Otherwise, cable/AT&T will claim that the lack of such comments shows that keeping PEG channels viable is not important.

The most important thing municipalities can do now to preserve PEG channels as they have always been provided is to file comments with the FCC by March 9.

This is an important and possibly landmark case on preserving PEG channels. Please give it your careful attention.

If you have questions call or e-mail me at (321) 298-5996 or [Martha.Long@titusville.com](mailto:Martha.Long@titusville.com).

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# Tipsters text cops

By D.D. Remini

Text messaging is so popular the Titusville Police Department is capitalizing on it.

There's now a new way for citizens to anonymously submit a tip to the police about a crime, reporting gangs, drugs, violence, threats, abuse and vandalism. It's called Text-A-Tip.

Using a cell phone, people can simply text "TPD" plus their tip information to CRIMES (274637). The person will then receive a unique confirmation code to confirm the tip has been received.

Working with TIPSOFT Inc., TPD receives the tip, communicates with the tipster if necessary, assigns the tip to the proper division for follow-up and to record and track crimes solved as a result of the tip.

The tipster's anonymity is maintained by TIPSOFT who first receives the tip and then assigns a generic number that becomes the tipsters ID. Citizens can also submit a tip online by going to [www.titusvillepd.com](http://www.titusvillepd.com). The same anonymity ap-

plies to this type of submission as well.

Highlights of the program are:

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☐ Your message/thread can be terminated at any time by texting "stop."

There are no additional costs for this service, however standard text messaging rates with the person's carrier apply.

"Having the ability to tap into a resource such as this will be beneficial on several levels. Allowing citizens to send a tip, who many have otherwise not done so, will simply help make Titusville a safer place," said Chief Tony Bollinger.

"Text messaging is such a widely used form of communication, opening up a source such as this just makes sense."

*In other news ...*

## Attorney General gives \$40,000 to Red Cross from price-gouging settlement

Attorney General Bill McCollum Feb. 25 presented the Capital Chapter of the American Red Cross with a check for \$40,000 from a price gouging settlement his office reached earlier this month. The check will go to the American Red Cross National Disaster Relief Fund.

"As Attorney General, I take my responsibility to enforce Florida's price gouging law very seriously, and I'm pleased to be able to present such a deserving organization with these settlement funds," said Attorney General McCollum. The Attorney General announced a settlement with Flash Foods, Inc. on February 10, resolving allegations of price gouging during Hurricane Ike. Flash Foods, Inc. is a convenience store and gasoline retail chain with 16 Northeast Florida locations. The company cooperated with the investigation.

Under the terms of the settlement, Flash Foods will reimburse consumers

who were overcharged for gasoline at a Florida Flash Foods store between Sept. 12 and Sept. 20, 2008. The company was also required to pay \$40,000 to the American Red Cross National Disaster Relief Fund.

"We are very grateful to Attorney General McCollum for supporting our critical mission," said David Chayer, Regional CEO for the American Red Cross. "The money we receive today will be used to provide disaster help to families, neighbors and communities when they need us the most." Chayer added that \$40,000 would allow the Red Cross to serve over 13,000 meals in a day; open and staff two shelters for up to two weeks; or provide 60 families with cash needed to buy immediate needs like clothes, food, and other basic needs following a disaster.

The Attorney General's Office still has

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## Opinions

# Can't trim school budget fat? Leaders should look in mirror

### My View

By  
Susan  
Walden



A lobster diet on a Spam budget.

That's what's plaguing the nation's corporations down to the school districts like ours.

Teachers and others in the school system can't say anything for fear of losing their jobs, but there are some valid points that have to be said. And I'm going to say them.

When you make \$204,941 a year plus bonuses as a superintendent, don't tell teachers they might want to think about cutting their salaries. Brevard County teachers' average salary for a bachelor's

degree is \$42,966. A first-year teacher's pay in this county is \$36,000.

And isn't it special that Dr. Richard DiPatri, Brevard superintendent, refused to give himself a raise this year? How nice of him. Since teachers' wages are frozen, what else could he do?

If you're a new teacher in the county, you're biting your nails right now because DiPatri's proposal is to fire up the chainsaw in the new teacher area when pruning begins. These poor people worked hard and finally got teaching jobs.

Here's an age-old question. Why is it teachers make the least pay yet they are the ones on the battlefield molding our children? This isn't to say that administrators don't do anything, but the ones in my book who are the most important in our children's lives get paid so much less than the higher-ups.

There's fat to be cut.

I know! How about not spending \$45,000 for a headhunter to find a new superintendent? That could save more than one job. Paying that kind of money

right now when thousands are rallying against the worst cuts in history, is simply disgusting and flagrant. In the age of cyberspace and publications, it doesn't cost \$45,000 to advertise for a new superintendent, come on.

DiPatri said there's no more places to trim the fat but he forgot to look in the mirror and so did the school board.

Brevard County school board members make \$38,000 and some change. For most if not all, this is an additional salary to another job they have. Now they decided the other day to cut their own salary back to a starting teacher's pay of \$36,000. Why not cut it more?

The legislature has given Florida school board members the leeway to do it. For the school board members who feel such a calling to do the job, help our children and teachers and make a difference in education (that's what you all said when you wanted us to vote for you), cutting your salary some more would be helpful to say the least. I mean, if the teachers were asked to consider it, then why not you? I know the school

board works hard and we appreciate everything they do. If you shave, let's say, \$16,000 more off you'd save the schools \$80,000. Can you do the job for \$20,000 instead? I'd do it for that. I'd do it for a lot less if that's what it would take to make even a little dent in the budget cut.

Yes, these things won't solve all the problems, but it's a start.

Just like the automotive industry CEOs who arrived in their private jets on Capitol Hill only to do the Poor Pitiful Pearl act and turn out their "empty" pockets, you can't convince teachers, parents and the rest of the community that the Brevard Public Schools has no money when there are high salaries.

I don't want to hear that the superintendent's salary or that the school board's pay is the going rate of the state or the country. It isn't about comparing. It's about doing. Someone has to make the change.

If these are truly desperate times as DiPatri says, then act it. Set the example as leaders, please.

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five open investigations into gasoline price gouging from last year's hurricane season and is working on an additional 16 investigations jointly with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

**Budget backs \$28 billion in small business credit**

WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama's FY 2010 Budget Overview offers full support for the U.S. Small Business Administration's credit programs, authorizing SBA to support loan guarantees of \$28 billion to small businesses.

The FY 2010 Budget Overview provides a broad outline of the president's budget priorities, including an appropriation for SBA of approximately \$700 million. The full budget proposal with account level appropriation details is scheduled for release in April.

The spending cited in the broad proposal would be in addition to the \$730 million funding provided for SBA credit programs in the recently enacted Recovery Act. That Act – for which most spending is targeted for use in 2009 and 2010 – authorizes SBA to raise guarantee percentages on some SBA loans to 90 percent, temporarily reduce fees on SBA-backed loans, expand funding for Microloans, and raise the maximum size of SBA-guaranteed surety bonds.

The bill outlines maximum authorization levels for SBA credit programs well above current demand for those programs. It sets a maximum of \$17.5 billion for SBA's 7(a) General Business Loan Guarantee program, \$7.5 billion for the 504 Certified Development Company Loan program, \$3 billion for the Small Business Investment Company debenture program and \$25 million for the Microloan program.

The bill also provides for \$1.1 billion in direct disaster loans and provides for the launch of a pilot program to test the use of SBA-guaranteed loans as part of the agency's response to disaster declarations.

**National budget online**

The budget overview of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2010 is now available online at [www.omb.gov](http://www.omb.gov). The budget overview of the U.S. Government for Fiscal Year 2010 is now available online at [www.omb.gov](http://www.omb.gov).

**Tolls could go up**

The Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority votes this week on raising tolls 25 cents to continue to pay to build and maintain the expressway system. The agency said they're goal is to increase the speed of construction and this will create thousands of jobs.

# Heritage Park on hold

The national economic crisis has forced the postponement of the planned construction of Brevard Heritage Park, a collaborative project between the North Brevard Heritage Foundation, Brevard Community College Titusville Campus, Brevard County and Parrish Medical Center.

The park is a multi-million dollar project planned for construction on 10 plus acres behind BCC and between the North Brevard Chain-of-Lakes and the planned site for the Health Village at Main Street PMC (on BCC land). However, Brevard Heritage Park was contingent upon obtaining the necessary funding.

"It is unfortunate and we are disappointed that at this time given the unprecedented economic realities we are all facing, funding for this multi-million dollar project is currently not available, which means needing to postpone the project for now," said District 1 Brevard Commissioner Robin Fisher.

"Having to postpone such a visionary project weighs heavily upon everyone involved," said Jim Drake, BCC presi-

dent. "Hopefully we will be able to complete the project when the economy recovers its stability."

The delay will result in changes to the project master plan. For example, the planned site for the Health Village at Main Street PMC was selected because of its connectivity to Brevard Heritage Park. With the postponement, Parrish Medical Center, in collaboration with Jess Parrish Medical Foundation, BCC, Brevard County and the North Brevard Heritage Foundation, will modify plans for the Health Village at Main Street PMC.

"Revised plans are being drawn up that will ensure the Health Village at Main Street PMC remains a one-of-a-kind location for health care services for seniors," said George Mikitarian, PMC president and chief executive officer. "The plan may be changing, but the goal or the outcome. The Health Village at Main Street PMC will be a healing center for seniors like nothing else in America, and it will be located right here in North Brevard."

## Titusville Follies gives back to community

*By Debi Fleming*

Beverly Matthews isn't one to tap around problems, or spend the rest of her twilight years yearning for the good old days. She's one of around 50 local folks who have found joy in singing, performing, and in her case, tap dancing up a storm. Matthews, along with the others are gearing up for the Tenth Annual Titusville Follies.

The Titusville Follies will be presented in performances beginning at 7:30 p.m. March 19, 20 and 21, and has become a community involved production since its inception and first performance at LaCita County Club 10 years ago.

According to Jerry Lapidus from the playhouse, Follies' date back to the early 1920's and have come to mean "fancy variety shows," Lapidus said. Singing, dancing and comedy are all involved.

According to producer Penny Storm, every dime raised from the performances is donated to the playhouse, amounting to nearly \$15,000, if last year's figures are used.

Everyone who wants to be involved in some way is welcomed, and this year's production involves more than 50 individuals, in singing, dancing and handling the behind-the-scenes jobs.

"The Follies is unique because if you want to give back to the community and you want to be involved in the production we'll find something for you to do," Storm said. "You don't audition for a show, but you audition for what part you'll play in the show. Everyone who tries out is accepted and welcomed to participate."

In fact, many who audition did so because they were so enthused just watching the show. That and the fact that the show isn't about featuring professionals. More like involving people who love singing, dancing and those who have always wanted to be a part of a theatrical production but never had the chance. While Follies' typically involve seniors, the Titusville Follies welcomes those of all ages and this year's

production includes those from age three to those in their 70's.

This will be the eighth Follies' for Lynne Librizzi, who does a little of everything in the show.

"It's been interesting to see the Follies grow from about 20 people the first year to around 50 this year," Librizzi said. "Initially it was performed at LaCita Country Club, and only club members were in the show and attended the performance."

"It's enjoyable to see people with different talents at different stages of life participate. Some have never done this type of thing before, and everyone who wants to be part of show is welcomed. Nearly a quarter to a third of the cast are snowbirds, many come back every year to participate."

The singers have been practicing for a couple hours once a week at the First Presbyterian Church in Titusville, while the dancers practice at the North Brevard Senior Center. While only a handful of last minute rehearsals are held at the theater, it somehow always comes together Storm said.

For First Presbyterian Church Pastor Mary Sample, involvement in the Follies gives her a chance to take on new roles.

"I'm typically given singing parts that are out of the norm for a pastor, and it's nice to get to be just a normal person," Sample said. "And it's nice to be able to open the church up to the community for practice because we see this as an outreach to the community."

The Follies' music is live, and in this year's show there will be four production or full cast numbers and one solo pre-recorded by the Follies' singers and musicians.

Tickets are \$15 for balcony and \$17 for orchestra seating and may be purchased at the playhouse any weekday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by paying using a credit card by calling 268-1125, or by paying the door. For more information contact Storm at 393-2288.

## Kudos

The Brevard County Sheriff's Office held its annual awards ceremony Feb. 26 at Viera High School.

The department formally recognized the following employees, volunteers and civilians as top performers in their respective categories:

✓ Sergeant Lucy Ross Award: FTO Jeremiah Mackey

✓ Citizen of the Year: Jim and Jonnie Swann

✓ Volunteer of the Year: Fred Mastin

✓ Reserve Deputy Sheriff of the Year: Don Frantzen

✓ Communications Officer of the Year: Cheryl Pelletier

✓ Civilian Employee of the Year: Kerri-Ann McGuire

✓ Corrections Officer of the Year: Sergeant Brian Seeley

✓ Deputy Sheriff of the Year: Corp. Will Haggerty, Deputy Raonel Barrial and Deputy Brad Cervi

Hospice of St. Francis volunteers, Dee and Norm Edkins, were present-

ed with the Rainbow Award in recognition for their hard work and dedication. Dee and Norm each work as patient/family care volunteers providing companionship to the patients and respite to the family members. Norm also donates his woodworking skills to HOSF's child grief program, North Star, assisting with projects for the children.

The Rainbow Award is sponsored by Brevard Association of Human Services (BAHS). It is awarded to volunteers throughout the community who provide exceptional service. BAHS represents human service professionals in Brevard County. The organization focuses on education and networking to keep the membership abreast of the many services and changes in the industry.

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## Commission meets

The North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation will hold its next monthly meeting March 12, at 5 p.m. in the Brevard Room at 518 South Palm Avenue in Titusville.

One or more members of Titusville City Council and the following committees may be present: Causeway Improvements Referendum Committee, Equestrian Trails & Facilities Referendum Committee, Marina Park Referendum Committee, Mims-Scottsmoor Community Center Referendum Committee, Sand Point Park Referendum Committee, and the Fay Lake Wilderness Park Committee. The public is invited to attend.

The Brevard Room is located in a building on the north side of the parking lot behind the Brevard County Government Center-North.

For questions call Terry Lane at (321) 264-5105.

## Parks Dept. hosts fund-raiser

Brevard County Parks and Recreation and Brevard County Special Olympics will host the Karin Rood Memorial Stroll-N-Roll, a Special Olympics fund-raiser honoring the

original event organizer March 29 at Kiwanis Island Park, 951 Kiwanis Island Park Road, Merritt Island.

This one-mile event encourages people in wheelchairs, with strollers, roller skates, or other wheeled devices to join with others for a "moving activity" to raise money for Brevard County Special Olympics. Check-in begins at 1 p.m. with a 1:30 p.m. start time.

A participant's minimum \$15 pledge will ensure a T-shirt and lunch. Pledges go directly to the Special Olympics program to fund such items as transportation, uniforms and equipment. Sponsorship levels include Gold - \$1,000, Silver - \$500, Bronze - \$250 and Friend - \$100.

For additional information or a pledge form, call Nancy Taback at 321-455-1380.

Donations are now being accepted for a huge rummage sale sponsored by Titusville High School Project Graduation '09. The sale is in April in Titusville.

If you have any unwanted or unused items to donate to the project, contact Hillary Arena at 269-0085 or Matt Horner at 268-2820. Arrangements can be made for pickup of these items.

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All proceeds from the sale benefit Titusville High School Project Graduation'09. Project Graduation is an all night celebration of fun, food games & prizes to keep graduating seniors safe and drug & alcohol free.

For more information on volunteering or donating to Project Graduation, contact Matt Horner, Chairman, at THSPG09@bell-south.net or call (321) 268-2820. Information on upcoming events can be found on the website at [www.thspg09.schools.officelive.com](http://www.thspg09.schools.officelive.com)

**Get a calendar**

The Central Brevard Humane Society has marked down the remaining copies of their 17th Annual "Best Pets of Brevard" Calendar, from \$10 to \$5 each. Copies of the calendar can be purchased at the Humane Society located at 1020 Cox Road in Cocoa, the Molly Mutt Thrift Shops in downtown Melbourne, Merritt Island and Rockledge, Accent Framing in Titusville and at local veterinary offices.

All proceeds help pay for food, shelter and medical care for thousands of homeless animals in our community. For more information, contact the Central Brevard Humane Society at (321) 636-3343 or visit [www.crittersavers.com](http://www.crittersavers.com).

**Come to garage sale**

The Merritt Island/Beaches Area of Brevard County Parks and Recreation hosts a Community Garage Sale March 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kiwanis Island Park gym, 951 Kiwanis Island Park Road in Merritt Island.

Garage sale tables may be rented for \$15 each; browsing is free.

For additional information, call 321-455-1380.

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Applications should be submitted in the county in which the student is registered to vote.

Scholarship applications must be returned by March 20 to Lori Scott, Brevard County Supervisor of Elections Office, P.O. Box 410819, Melbourne, FL 32941-0819.

For additional information or to receive an application by mail, please call the Brevard County Supervisor of Elections office at (321) 633-2124.

**You're invited to a brunch**

The North Guild of the Brevard Symphony Orchestra hosts a brunch buffet and conversation with Christopher Confessore, BSO music director and principal conductor March 13, 10 a.m., at Pumpnickel's Fest Haus in

Titusville. This annual event provides an opportunity for BSO patrons and community members to meet with the conductor and other guests in an informal setting. A special guest will be Bobby Horton, Folk Musician, who will perform with the orchestra during its "An American Salute - Pops Concert" at the King Center on March 14.

Cost for the brunch and program is \$15 per person. The public is invited to attend. Seating is limited so early reservations are advised.

For more information or reservations call 269-1259, 269-7407 or 385-1513, or visit <http://nbdd.com/npr/northguild>.

**Help Project Graduation**

Astronaut High School's 2009 Project Graduation committee hosts a golf tournament fund-raiser March 14 at Sherwood Golf Club. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and a shotgun start at 8 a.m., with lunch following the tournament. Cost is \$60 per player, and includes golf cart, lunch, and goodie bag. There will be a 50-50 raffle and mulligans. We are in need of hole sponsors for \$100 per hole. Contact Karen Ails at 269-5081 or 652-7770. Space is limited, so sign up today. To sign up, go to [www.astroprograd.com/Home\\_Page.html](http://www.astroprograd.com/Home_Page.html) and click the golf tournament link on the left.

A bucket drop is planned for the Titusville Walmart March 28. Sponsors and donations are needed for the Project Graduation May 23. For more information, visit [prograd.com/Home\\_Page.html](http://prograd.com/Home_Page.html) or contact coordinators Mary Ann Grant at 269-9216, Mark DeVoss at 268-5062, or Sheila Day at 501-8477.

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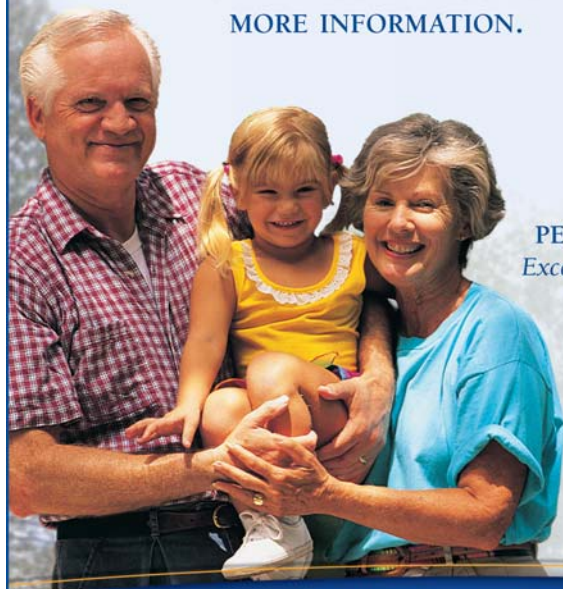
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the wrong size, contributing mightily to the possibility of developing the irritation that could become an ulcer.

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The cost for businesses to be a part of the vendor village at Mardi Gras Paws in the Park is \$50. All rescue groups can participate at "no charge" (pending space availability). Vendors and rescue groups must supply their own tables, chairs, promotional materials, display racks and setup staff.

The event is free and includes rescue groups, a vendor village, pet contests, the crowning of the "furry" King and Queen of the Park, a demonstration from the Brevard Sheriff Department's Paws & Stripes Cadets, a Mardi Gras Parade of Pets and live entertainment. All animals must be on a leash and have proof of current shots along with a county tag.

The Central Brevard Humane Society unlike the County's Animal Care Centers in Melbourne and Titusville, is not funded through tax dollars. All of their funding comes through donations, adoption fees, product sales, fundraisers and their (3) Molly Mutt Thrift Stores located in downtown Melbourne, Merritt Island and Rockledge.

For more information, contact the Central Brevard Humane Society at (321) 636-3343 or visit [www.critter-savers.com](http://www.critter-savers.com).

## Space Walk holds events

The Space Walk of Fame offers:

March 14 - Lunar Legacies Space Memorabilia Live Auction - Lunar Legacies is hosting a space memorabilia auction March 14 at the Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn where there will be live floor bidding and live real-time internet bidding. The auction will be open to the public and the media. The auction catalog can now be viewed online at [lunarlegacies.com](http://lunarlegacies.com) and at [proxibid.com](http://proxibid.com). There are currently 647 separate auction lots to be sold and part of the proceeds from the auction will benefit the Space Walk of Fame Museum.

✓ March 19 - The Space Walk holds its annual Astronaut Reception in appreciation of its members, and this year's event will be at the Courtyard by Marriott in Cocoa Beach, Florida. Former astronauts scheduled to attend are Apollo 15 astronaut Al Worden, STS-1 astronaut Bob Crippen along shuttle astronauts Bob Springer and Winston Scott. If you are interested in becoming a member of the museum or would like to attend this event, call Karan Conklin at 321-264-0434, or visit the museum located at 4 Main Street in Titusville.

✓ March 28 - The Motorcycle Coalition will be riding to the museum around noon on the March 28 to visit the monuments at the Space View Park and to participate in guided tours. The coalition is riding for a cause and is collecting non-perishable foods to support Downed Biker Pantry, a fund to support those who have fallen. For more information, call Bear at 321-298-6046

or e-mail Bob Bailey at [rbailey44@cfl.rr.com](mailto:rbailey44@cfl.rr.com). The Space Walk of Fame is collecting non-perishable foods to donate to the coalition now through March 28. Drop off your donation and receive a free gift.

✓ May 2 - Don't forget about Space Walk of Fame's 7th Annual Space Art Contest. All of Brevard's K-12 students will have the opportunity to display their art at the Searstown Mall April 29 through May 2. The awards and prizes, given in savings bond, will be presented at noon May 2. Contact your school's art teachers for more information.

✓ May 4 - The documentary "The Wonder of it All" will be shown at the IMAX theater at the KSC Visitors Complex at 6:30 pm to benefit the Space Walk Museum. This documentary recounts the narrative of seven men who walked on the moon and of their journeys from childhood to the present. There will be further information to follow.

For more information, call the Space Walk of Fame at 264-0434.

## Library has fun

The Titusville Public Library holds these March events:

March 15. 2-3:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Day Craft (Ages 3-12)

Ongoing Events:

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); Knitting and Crocheting, Mondays, 4:30-6:30 p.m. (Ages 9-up); Teen Puppet Club, Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. (Age 13-up); Learn Manga, Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. (Pre-Teens & Teens)

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

## Come to meeting

The Central Brevard Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals invites all administrative support personnel to our monthly meeting March 10, at 5:30 p.m. at Courtyard by Marriott, 3425 N. Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach. Topic is Grace Under Pressure by Laurie Boehm CPS/CAP. This 60-minute program is worth one recertification point. Guests welcome. Optional dinner \$13. Reservations by March 6, can be made through the chapter web site at [iaapcentralbrevard.homestead.com](http://iaapcentralbrevard.homestead.com). Additional information contact Charlene Spangler at [crscps@bellsouth.net](mailto:crscps@bellsouth.net) or 321.639.1780. Regular chapter meetings are the second Tuesday of each month.

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Dear Christian Allen,

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Signed,  
Flipping frustrated

Dear Hair Flipper,

It sounds to me like you have a styling issue rather than a stylist issue. There are many good cuts for curly hair on the market today. Not everyone is for you but lets assume you get a good style cut into your hair. When styling your hair at home it doesn't look the same as when you leave the salon. Then there must be a dif-

ference in the way you style your new cut.

Your stylist should discuss the products they used and a complete explanation of how to manage your hair. I have seen this common problem of the one side flips all.

Do you change hands with the brush and the blow dryer when you change sides of your hair? For instance put the brush in the other hand when you switch to the other side of your hair.

This helps keep the same angle of the brush and heat on both sides while drying. If this doesn't work, then-take it as a sign and flip the other side out also. It is time for a change.

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The North Brevard childbirth class schedule is at Children's Center, South U.S. 1, Titusville - Tuesday classes will be held April 7 - May 5 for 5 sessions from 6:30-p.m.

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

**Kids get into bubbles**

The Merritt Island/Beaches Area of Brevard County Parks and Recreation sponsors Breakfast and Bubbles for children from pre-kindergarten through age 10 March 28, from 9-11 a.m. at Kiwanis Island Park, 951 Kiwanis Island Park Rd., Merritt Island.

The cost to attend is \$5, and includes breakfast, bubble stations and sprinkler stations. Adults may enjoy breakfast for \$2. Reservations are required.

Children should wear swimsuits and bring towels, and must be accompanied

by an adult.

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

**Learn bridge**

Enjoy easy bridge beginner lessons at North Brevard Senior Center, 909 Lane Ave., Titusville — Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 AM, now through April 29. Bring a partner, or come alone and a partner will be provided. Cost \$36 for the first 6 lessons and \$25 for the month of April. Easybridge! books are available for \$10 to registered students. To register and for more information, call Charlotte 321-385-0793 or Cat 321-268-9530.

**Help cancer effort**

Rally Against Cancer Day is March 21 in Titusville and includes a Poker Run beginning at 9:30 a.m. where cars, trucks, bicycles and motorcycles are involved. It's \$20 per poker hand and includes a T-shirt. Lunch is \$15 and there are package deals. The run departs Space Coast Cancer Center, 490 N. Washington Ave. and travels the poker route ending at Foxl Lake Park.

At 1 p.m. there's a reverse raffle at the park, which is \$100 a ticket and includes lunch, a day of fun and a chance to win. Only 500 tickets will be sold. Every ticket drawn wins. Grand prize is a 2009 Harley Road King Classic.

The event needs donations to make it successful. Along with a monetary donation, the association is also in need of gift baskets, drawing items and gift certificates. Make donations to Space Coast Medical Associates Foundation, 490 N. Washington Ave., Titusville, 32796 or call Alice at 268-4200 or Debbie at 264-6160 for more information.

**Cruise-In moves**

The next Cruise-In is March 7, 4-8 p.m. and moved to Sand Point Park in Titusville.

**League holds job fair**

The Florida Winter Baseball League, the state's newest professional sports league, holds a job fair March 14, 10 a.m. at the the Space Coast Sports Academy, 630 Atlantis Rd., Melbourne.

The organization is looking for qualified sports-minded sales professions to join its front office staffs with jobs ranging from upper management to internships and game day staff. For more info, go to [www.fwbl.com](http://www.fwbl.com).

**Craft festival on tap**

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

Tables and spaces are \$15 each plus

Florida state sales tax and are limited to two per crafter. All items must be handmade or homemade.

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

Call (321) 264-5105 for additional information on this and other recreation programs in North Brevard.

**Follies perform**

The annual Titusville Follies, a popular dance group, returns to Titusville Playhouse March 19-21 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and \$17 and can be purchased at the playhouse any weekday from 9 a.m. — 4:30 p.m., on the phone with credit card information at 258-1125 or at the door. For more information, call Penny Storm at 383-2288.

**Church helps others**

Do you have a hurt, habit or hang-up? You are invited to the Central Community Church every Friday evening, 6:30-8 p.m. for Celebrate Recovery, a Bible-based recovery program.

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

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**Is your animal missing?**

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

For information about lost or adoptable pets, call (321) 633-2024.

**Get rebate**

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

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

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

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

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

**Have fun at library**

The Mims-Scottsmore Library holds the following events: Mondays and Thursdays Cathy Johnson teaches line dancing at 10 a.m. Fee is \$4, \$2 for seniors. Call her at 269-3082. Every Friday join the new group Knit Wit Club 12:30-2:30 p.m. Join the knitters and crocheters for conversation, tips and ideas.

Beginners are welcome. March 17, 24 and 31 is Jazzercise For Beginners 6:16-7:15 p.m. Cost is \$20 for four classes paid the first class. Feb. 26 author Pat Duggins discusses how Florida will be affected by NASA's new goals. Call 264-5080 for details.

March 7 is an acrylic painting class from 9 a.m. – noon. Cost is \$10 for materials. Registration is required. March 9, 2-3:30 p.m., is the Master Gardener Clinic with Nora Drown, who will solve your gardening problems. March 13 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and March 14 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. is the book and bake sale. March 17, 1 p.m. is the Consumer and Investment Fraud Protection presentation. March 26, 6:30 p.m., the original highwayman artist R.L. Lewis displays his paintings and demonstrates his technique. March 28, 10 a.m. – noon, is the Quilter's Anonymous monthly meeting.

**Beds needed**

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.

**Scholarship offered**

The Jess Parrish Medical Foundation is accepting scholarship applications from high school seniors who plan to pursue a career in a medical/healthcare field. Scholarship amounts range from \$500 to \$1,500 and recipients will be announced in May.

Scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who reside in the North Brevard County Hospital District (Fay Boulevard in Port St. John north to the

Brevard/Volusia county line). Students must have a 3.0 grade point average or greater, based on a 4.0 scale. Students who have been awarded a JPMF scholarship in previous years may reapply, provided they are continuing in a medical/healthcare field and have maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average.

High school students attending Astronaut High, Space Coast High and Titusville High may obtain an application from the Guidance Office at their school. Others may obtain an application by calling the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation at 321-269-4066. The deadline for submitting applications is April 3.

**Moms get relief**

MOPS understands that the years from infancy through kindergarten are foundational in a mother-child relationship and are filled with unique needs. MOPS exists to meet the needs of every mom - urban and suburban moms, stay-at-home and working moms, teen, single, and married moms - moms with different lifestyles who all share a similar desire to be the very best moms they can be! MOPS is for Moms to be, new moms, and all moms of children from infancy through kindergarten. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Monday (Sept through May). Meeting fees are \$5 (scholarships available). Group activities are planned throughout the year, so don't hesitate to call and join us at any time of the year! MOPS meets at Indian River City United Methodist Church located at 1355 Highway 50, Titusville, 32780. For more information call Titusville MOPS Coordinator Linda Benson (321) 383-8293 or visit [www.orgsites.com/fl/titusvillemops](http://www.orgsites.com/fl/titusvillemops) or MySpace page <http://www.myspace.com/mopsoftville>.

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**Kids love nature**

The Central Area of Brevard County Parks and Recreation sponsors Nature Nuggets, a nature class for 3- to 5-year-olds that includes story time, crafts, songs, puppets and fun.

Nature Nuggets is offered the first and third Tuesday of each month at Rotary Park on Merritt Island at 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The class fee is \$4 per child and registration is necessary. For info call 321-455-1385.

**Cancer Society needs volunteers**

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.

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

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service. For information about cancer, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

**Group meets**

Overeaters Anonymous (struggling with food addiction) weekly meetings are Monday, 7 p.m. at Hope Community Fellowship Church, 29029 Cheney Hwy, Titusville (Big Book meeting) and Saturdays, 9:15 a.m., Port St John Public

Library, 6500 Carole Ave., Port St John (beginner's/discussion meeting). No dues, fees or weigh-ins. Everyone is welcome. Contact Diane at 266-1910.

**Support group gets together**

The Central Brevard Multiple Sclerosis Self Help Group meets every second Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. in the Central Brevard Library, 308 Forrest Ave., Cocoa. All family members are welcome. For more info and to verify the next meeting day, call 636-0235 or go to [www.cbmsgroup.org](http://www.cbmsgroup.org).

**Merritt Island moms meet**

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. **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. No appointments are necessary. Call 269-0109 for more information.

**Legion meets**

The American Legion Post 1 meets the third Monday at 7 p.m. 1281 N. U.S. 1, Titusville, (321) 269-9959. Brevard County Knitters get together on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 780 E. Merritt Island Causeway, Merritt Island. Call 784-8697.

**Get into gems**

Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club meets the first Thursday, 7 p.m. at Merritt Island Public Library, 1195 N. Courtenay.

**Retired group meets**

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees meets the second Monday of the month, 1 p.m. at Sand Point Living Center. For more details, call 385-2545.



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As always, consult with your physician before taking any supplements.

Happy Health,  
Kim Kuhn

### Obituary

Everett S. (Mac) McAlister of Loganville, GA, and formerly of Titusville, FL, went home to his eternal reward on Sunday, March 1, 2009. He was preceded in death by son: Kevin McAlister in 1974 and is survived by his wife of 55 years, Patricia A. McAlister; daughters: Cindy Bowers and husband Phil of Lilburn, Linda Cheek and husband Chris of Lawrenceville; granddaughters: Ashley Wood of Lawrenceville, Kate Bowers of Abilene, TX, and Amanda Bowers of Lilburn; sister Harriet Perrett of Pittsburgh, PA; and numerous nieces, nephews and cherished friends.

Mac was born in Pittsburgh, PA on May 20, 1932. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, he received a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Pittsburgh in 1960. He began his career in the aerospace industry in 1960 with Boeing Aerospace and retired in 1996 after a career spent primarily at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, FL, where he was actively involved in the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo and Space Shuttle programs.

During their years in Florida, the McAlisters were active members of the Mims United Methodist Church where Mac was active in a number of ministries, including the choir, Sunday school

teacher, and men's ministry. He played a leading role in many church fund-raising activities, often entertaining with his unique blend of humor and music.

Mac was also a volunteer fireman for Mims, and a volunteer baseball coach for Titusville Astronaut High School. An avid golfer and tennis player, he enjoyed life while remaining involved with his church and his family. Mac's love of people, and his self-deprecating sense of humor endeared him to all who knew him.

Upon retirement, the McAlisters moved to Loganville to be nearer to their daughters and granddaughters. They were active members of the Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, where Mac served in a number of capacities, including lay leader and choir member.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Walnut Grove United Methodist Church March 7 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Jamie Hudgins officiating. The family will receive visitors on Friday evening, March 6 from 6-8 p.m. at the Tim Stewart Loganville Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Walnut Grove United Methodist Church building fund, 940 Church Way, Loganville GA 30052. Please sign online registry at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com).



## DEATH NOTICES

BARKER Scott, 41, of Titusville, died Feb. 18. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

BENJAMIN Harold, 74, of Titusville, died Feb. 23. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

BROUILLETTE Patsy, 66, of Titusville, died Feb. 23. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

COFFIN Nell, 75, of Titusville, died Feb. 21. Arrangements by Settle0Wilder Funeral Home in New Smyrna Beach.

CROVO William, 79, of Titusville, died Feb. 18. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

CRUZ Matthew, 24, of Port St. John, died Feb. 26. Arrangements by Brevard Funeral Home in Cocoa.

DANIELS Nancy, 47, of Port St. John, died Feb. 19. Arrangements by Funeral Solutions in Cocoa.

DAY Burnett, 89, of Titusville, died Feb. 19. Arrangements by Newcomer Funeral Home in Titusville.

FREY Janet, 71, of Titusville, died Feb. 18. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

HECTOR Michael, 70, of Titusville, died Feb. 24. Arrangements by Newcomer Funeral Home in Titusville.

HOUGHKERK Jeanne, 89, of Titusville, died Feb. 21. Arrangements by National Cremation and Burial Society, Rockledge.

LUCIER Clarice, 92, of Mims, died Feb. 18. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

MEER Elizabeth, 58, of Port St. John, died Feb. 24. Arrangements by Funeral Solutions in Cocoa.

PERRY Raymond, 88, of Titusville, died Feb. 25. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

POWELL William Jr., 55, of Mims, died Feb. 27. Arrangements by Funeral Solutions in Cocoa.

RHODES Jacquelyn, 60, of Titusville, died Feb. 26. Arrangements by Davis Seawinds Funeral Home in Melbourne.

RIDGWAY Leslie, 62, of Port St. John, died Feb. 23. Arrangements by East Coast Cremation in Rockledge.

SEEFLUTH Robert, 83, of Titusville, died Feb. 25. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

SILVA Edward, 84, of Port St. John, died Feb. 27. Arrangements by Brevard Memorial in Cocoa.

SMITH Sarah, 79, of Titusville, died Jan. 22. In lieu of flowers, memorials made in her memory should go to Indian Rier City UMC, 1355 Cheney Hwy. Titusville.

VAN NESS Vince, 64, of Titusville, died Feb. 19. Arrangements by North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

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