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MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

(Newsletter Editor – Judy Davis)

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| ** Museum closed on Thursdays ** | |
| • March 18th | Board meeting at 10 am (Museum) |
| • March 23rd | “Spring Fling” (Fox Lake Park) |
| • April 15th | Board meeting at 10 am (Museum) |
| • April 22nd | Member meeting at 5:30 pm (Dixie Crossroads) **please make a reservation** |
| • May 20th | Board meeting at 10 am (Museum) |



President’s Message

by Bill Baldwin

HELP! The Museum has a Newsletter economics issue. In a short period of time, the Board will need to make a decision concerning the most cost effective way of mailing newsletters. Since the bulk rate for a newsletter mailing is about 18 cents each and we mail a little over 200 (post office minimum for bulk rate) newsletters, then the average cost is about \$40 per mailing. But, if the number of newsletters is a little less than 200, we would need to mail them first class at 55 cents each which would be about \$105 to \$110 per mailing. The difference would be a little over \$60 per month or about \$500 per year.

The best answer is to just not have an issue. It all goes back to non-payment of dues and non-registration for 2019. To date, the Museum has received 2019 dues payments for about 56% of all active members. Our goal is to have “**All**” members remit their dues for 2019 as soon as

possible to preclude the Board from having to make any decision other than maintain status quo.

Most of us can’t remember if we have paid our dues or not. So, if (by our records) you have NOT paid your dues, an asterisk (*) will be placed by your name on the newsletter address label. Delinquent dues and registration can be sent (or taken) to the Museum anytime. Checks should be sent to the North Brevard Historical Museum, PO Box 5265, Titusville, FL 32783. So, **PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DUES ASAP!**



Ole One-Eye

by Bill Baldwin

Seems our stuffed gator, “Ole One-Eye” is showing signs of wear and tear (missing tooth and surface blotches). Our gator head is a great attraction at the Museum and was a super magnet at Pioneer Day this year. The Board wants to repair and recoat it to give us several more years of use. Therefore, I have contacted a taxidermist in Mims to take a look at it. This notice is to just let you know that it might be missing sometime in the next few weeks.



2019 Spring Fling for Museum Members Only

by Amy Spillers

In case you haven't heard, the "Afternoon in the Park" has been moved to October, this year. In the past, Cracker Day was always the big draw in October. Unfortunately, those that have hosted Cracker Day previously have informed us there will no longer be a Cracker Day. The Museum has decided to take this opportunity to host the "Afternoon in the Park" in October instead. The months will be cooler barring there are no Hurricanes to contend with.

In light of this change, the Board has decided it would be fun to give back to our Museum Members by hosting a good old-fashioned Spring Fling Pot Luck in March. The Pot Luck will be held on **Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Fox Lake Park in the "Page" pavilion from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** The "Page" pavilion is the first pavilion you see as you enter the park. The Museum will provide Hot Dogs and Hamburgers and cold drinks and members are to provide a side dish. For you single guys and gals that aren't inclined to cook a side dish, you may purchase chips and dips, store bought salads, cold drinks or store-bought baked goods.

So, crack open that family recipe book and show off your best Pot Luck dish! You might want to bring the recipes with you too. Invariably someone is going to want your recipe! There will also be games of Corn Hole (Bean Bag Toss), Horse Shoes, Checkers, and Music too. If you are interested in bringing additional family members that are not Museum members, now would be a good time to switch from a Single paying membership to a Family Membership. The cost is minimal and the benefits are great! There will be a sign-up sheet at the Museum to help us with a head count for food. Or you can call the Museum and ask to have your name added to the sign-up sheet. We do hope you will join us March 23rd, Saturday, at Fox Lake Park "Page" Pavilion! Don't forget to bring your own lawn chair!



NORTH BREVARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
SPRING FLING
POT LUCK
*** MEMBERS ONLY ***

DATE: SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2019
TIME: 11:00 A.M. ~3:00 P.M.
LOCATION: FOX LAKE PARK @ THE PAGE PAVILION

Bring your best dish, and lawn chair too. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Drinks will be provided. Corn Hole (Bean Bag Toss), Horse Shoes, Checkers, and music will be provided.



What's in There?

by Amy Spillers

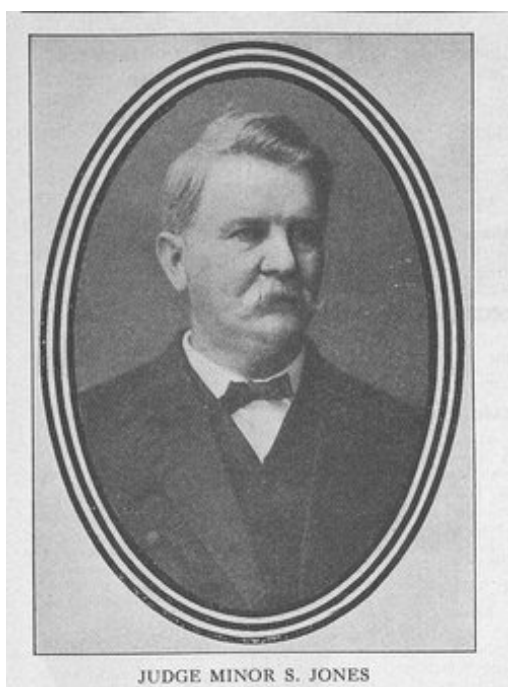
Looking through the front windows of an old former Piggly Wiggly/ Drug Store building, the remains of a by gone era of the quintessential small "Downtown", one might not realize the treasures inside. In our Lobby (Room #1), we tell the story of how Titusville's name changed from that of Sand Point to how our geographical boundaries and naming of Brevard County define us. In room #2 we have a "School Pride" area, a North Brevard history research area, Titusville Centennial display, a Panorama flip chart of photographs displaying North Brevard history, a unique Space Industry display, a Museum Sales area, history on local Churches and prominent people, alongside displays of local archeological digs of indigenous Indians, artifacts and old Florida handcrafted items. In room #3 we have displays of vintage essentials, Dental/Medical apothecary items, Media, Fashion, Community Clubs, Vintage toys, local Dairies, and vintage household items. In room #4 we have a proud collection of Militaria, Banking, Business and Photography equipment, in addition to

Car Clubs, Police/Fire, Canaveral Hunt Club, Titusville Beach, PlayaLinda Beach, Dummitt Castle, our Citrus Industry, Railroad, Pier/Bridge and Fishing industry displays. And last but not least, an ever-growing resource area accessible by Museum Docents to aid visitors looking for information on North Brevard history. But best of all its all locally donated items run by volunteers and general admittance is Free!



First Mayor of Titusville, Minor S. Jones

By Michael Knight



Titusville was first incorporated as a municipality November 10, 1886, and the official seal now used in the City office bears that date. The first Mayor was Minor S. Jones, who later became a Circuit Court Judge and served a long and honorable term in this capacity. The first City Clerk was Robert Ranson. The oldest City records were destroyed in the fire of 1895. The first City hall was in a rented building on Main Street, across from the Star-Advocate building. The first City-owned City hall was erected in 1925 across from the Courthouse. It housed the Fire Department downstairs, with the City offices on the second floor.

SPOTLIGHT Titusville

By Bill Baldwin

In mid-February, a crew from the **Florida Channel** (Tallahassee, FL) came to the Museum to tape a segment to be used during a PBS sponsored telecast. The edited 4-7 minute segment would be used as a “filler” without a definite timeframe for airing, since PBS would control when it would be used. But the TV crew assured us that they would supply a link for just “our” segment which could be directly viewed on our webpage, Facebook or directly. We will keep you posted.

I could not entice ‘someone’ with a more historical background to be the interviewee, so what you got was yours truly. However, Mike Knight was there to validate or correct any errors and Margaret Vessels made a great *Vanna White* with the que cards. The interview format was not necessarily about the Museum, but more about Titusville and our history.



Check us out on **Facebook** and on our **website** below. If you wish to be added to any of our occasional e-mails, please contact us. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments at all.

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Herman Wattwood, Jr.
Is Having A Birthday Party

Come Celebrate

Saturday, April 6 • Between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm
First Christian Church Fellowship Hall
2880 Jay Jay Road, Titusville, Florida

RSVP by March 27 to Beth
1-423-968-7365 or Gewatwebb@aol.com
Please gift him only with your presence

You are invited to a birthday celebration on April 6th for Herman Wattwood's 90th. Please note: **RSVP by March 27th** to Beth at Gewatwebb@aol.com or 1-423-968-7365. If you need more information, feel free to call the Museum too.