

# OUR TOWNS

## DSC athletes mentor Westside students

Food Brings Hope partnership joins college, elementary students

DAYTONA BEACH – Daytona State College Athletic Council and Food Brings Hope recently created a partnership that allows college students to work directly with KidsZone and TeenZone participants. At Westside Elementary, they join together for afterschool academic, recreation and fitness activities on a monthly basis.

On the first Monday of each month, DSC athletes travel to Westside Elementary to help with afterschool tutoring and lead a series of outdoor and indoor sports activities. KidsZone members from

kindergarten through fifth grade get to bond and learn from the group of 30 student athletes.

“It is always an amazing experience when we have youth that are able to be sponsored by college students,” said Dr. Anthony Copelin, Westside Night Alive grant director. “It gives them the ability to have role models from their community that they can look up to and work with. They can see that college is a reality. It gives them an important understanding of what is beyond elementary school.”

Student athletes and program facilitators agree



Daytona State's assistant volleyball coach, Laura Anderson, runs with students who are training for a 5K race in the spring. PHOTO PROVIDED

that the new partnership has proven to be mutually beneficial for all involved.

“The kids are always so excited and eager to play games and do their studies with us,” said Katora Roberts, a sophomore volleyball player and elementary ad

major. “The joy on their faces when we arrive is priceless and I am more than confident that we are making an impact.”

When Laura Stegall, head coach for Daytona State's volleyball team, met with Judi Wench, FBH executive

director, she had the goal in mind of collaborating with the nonprofit to develop opportunities for the student athletes to be models for younger students and servants in the community. “We are so happy to be able to work with Food Brings Hope,” said Stegall. “It has been an opportunity for growth for our student athletes and an excellent occasion for Daytona State College athletics to give back to the community that has given so much to us.”

At the sessions, elementary students are placed into small groups so that athletes may get to know individual students. The college athletes also agreed to help and support the elementary students during the school's science fair.

### AROUND TOWN

#### Ormond Beach veterans to be honored

The City of Ormond Beach is requesting the full name, street address, telephone number, and email of all living Vietnam War veterans currently residing within Ormond Beach city limits so that they may be honored at an upcoming ceremony. The names will be placed on a commemorative plaque which will be displayed in City Hall. Once your information is received, further details will follow via mailed invitation. Contact the Leisure Services office at 386-676-3251, before Monday with the information. There is no cost to the veteran for this event.

#### Reel In The Fun

The City of Ormond Beach will host a free kids' catch-and-release fishing tournament, Reel in the Fun, 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Central Park, 601 Fleming Ave. Preregistration and Ormond Beach residence is required to participate. Each team will consist of one adult and up to two children ages 4-12 years old. Prizes and awards will be given. Register at the Leisure Services registration office 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at 399 N. U.S. 1. Registration ends Wednesday at 3 p.m. For information, call the registration office at 386-676-3250.

#### Classical guitar concert to be held

A concert featuring classical guitarist Stephen Robinson will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, at St. James Episcopal Church, 38 S. Halifax Dr., Ormond Beach. The concert is open to the public free of charge. For information, call 386-677-0872 or visit stjamesobfl.org.

#### Italian American Club meets Tuesday

The Italian American Club of Ormond Beach will meet 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Prince of Peace Church Hall, 600 S. Nova Road, Ormond Beach. There will be a cash bar. The meeting will be followed by a talk by Angel and Phelps. There will be a chocolate fountain with goodies for dipping. For more information, call 386-334-0593 or visit ormondbeachitalianclub.webs.com.

#### Prehistoric Florida fossils

The Ponce Inlet Historical Museum will present Fossils in Florida: Prehistoric Animals Found in Florida, by Zach Zacharias, curator of education and history at the Museum of Arts and Sciences, 10:30 a.m. this Tuesday in the Town Council chambers at Ponce Inlet Town Hall, 4300 S. Atlantic Ave., Ponce Inlet. For more information, call 386-761-2408.

#### Strawberry Festival

St. Jude's Episcopal Church's annual Strawberry Festival will be held 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at 815 E. Graves Ave., Orange City. The festival is seeking vendors to sell merchandise or advertise their businesses. Each space is approximately 10-by-10 feet. Each space is \$25. Tables are not furnished by the church and no food is to be sold at vendor areas unless packaged for home use. Pop-up tents are suggested but not necessary. For information or an application, call 386-775-6200, or email stjudeschurch@embarqmail.com.

#### Money Karma workshop

Funky Trunk is holding a Healing Your Money

Karma workshop 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, at 222 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand. Do you feel overwhelmed each time you think about your finances? Do you find yourself frozen, too impulsive or in complete avoidance over money matters? Join as we work to heal your money karma. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information, call 386-848-4748.

#### DeBary Women's Connection meets

The DeBary Women's Connection will meet 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, at DeBary Golf & Country Club, 300 Plantation Club Drive, DeBary. The speaker is Larry French. The luncheon entrée will be southern braised pork chop for \$15. Reservations must be made by Monday to debarywc@gmail.com or call 386-668-1169. For more information, visit debarywomensconnection.com.

#### SPCA pet shot clinics

There will be three pet shot clinics sponsored by

the SPCA animal rescue on Saturday, Feb. 20. The first clinic is 9-11 a.m. at Royal Oaks Professional Center, 124 Treemont Road, Orange City. The second clinic is 1-2:30 p.m. at Luigi's Pizzeria in the Brandywine Shopping Plaza, 3138 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand. The third clinic is 3 p.m.-5 p.m. at 3 Sisters Ice-cream, 101 E. Ohio Ave., Lake Helen. All vaccinations are administered by a licensed veterinarian; the clinic is licensed and permitted. Cash only for the shots, no appointment needed. For more information, call 386-748-8993.

#### Art Fun for Kids

Art Fun for Kids will be held 10 a.m.-noon Monday, at The Hub on Canal, 132 Canal St., New Smyrna Beach. Kids ages 6-12 will learn about famous artists and experiment with a variety of mediums, bringing home their masterpieces the same day. All supplies included. Cost \$20 per child, including all supplies. For more information or to register, call 386-232-8424 or heather@onebyonedesigns.com.

com.

#### History of Hawks Park

Steve Patrick will present A Pictorial and Postal History of Hawks Park at the New Smyrna Museum of History 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at 120 Sams Ave., New Smyrna Beach. The presentation will feature rare photos, postmarks, signatures, and more. Refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 386-478-0052.

#### Join the Slo' Jam at The Hub

Bring guitars, ukuleles, harmonicas or other instruments to a Slo' Jam session at The Hub on Canal, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at 132 Canal St., New Smyrna Beach. Play books and some refreshments provided. The cost is \$5 per person at the door. For more information, visit thehuboncanal.org or call 386-957-3924.

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