

# OUR TOWNS

## AROUND TOWN

### Genealogical Society meets

The Volusia County Genealogical Society will meet 6 p.m. Thursday in the auditorium at City Island Library, 105 E. Magnolia Ave., Daytona Beach. B Clyde and Kathy Stickney will speak about the Florida Pioneer Program. The public is invited. For information, call 386-257-7828.

### Learn to find, purchase health insurance

Learn how to find and purchase a health insurance plan that fits your family and budget during a free seminar 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Edgewater Public Library, 103 Indian River Blvd., Edgewater. Reservations are requested; call 386-424-2916.

### Holidays at The Casements

An open house and social will be held at The Casements, 6 p.m. Thursday at 25 Riverside Drive, Ormond Beach. A holiday music concert will follow at 7 p.m. featuring The Moonlighters Orchestra. For information, call 386-676-3216.

### Watch 'Top Hat' in the park

The 1935 classic "Top Hat" will be shown at dusk Friday in Riverfront Park on the corner of Beach Street and Magnolia Avenue in Daytona Beach. Moviegoers should bring lawn chairs or blankets. Hot dogs, popcorn, candy and soft drinks will be available for sale. In case of rain, the movie will be shown the following evening in the park. For information, call Adult Program Librarian Cindy Fouraker at 386-257-6036, ext. 16166.

## Realty spreads holiday cheer



Brokers and Realtors at Ponce Inlet Realty donated one percent of their earned commissions and spread holiday cheer around town recently to several charities. Local groups receiving \$1,000 each included Salvation Army, Adopt-a-School, Breast Cancer Research, Food Brings Hope and Operation Changing Lives. PHOTO PROVIDED

### 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 at 132 Canal St., New Smyrna Beach. Play books and some refreshments provided. The cost is \$5 per person at the door. For information, visit thehuboncanal.org or call 386-957-3924.

### North American Right Whale lecture

The Marine Discovery Center Public Lecture Series presents guest speaker Julie Albert who will talk about the North Atlantic

Right Whale 6-8 p.m. Thursday at 520 Barracuda Blvd., New Smyrna Beach. The public is invited, no charge, no reservations required. For information, email mark@marinediscoverycenter.org or call 386-428-4828.

### Spruce Creek HS winter dance concert

The Papillon Dance Ensemble of Spruce Creek High School will hold its annual winter dance concert 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, in the school's auditorium, 801 Taylor Road, Port Orange. Tickets are \$5 at the door. For information, call Brooke Adkins at 386-322-6272 ext. 37766.

### Holiday Craft Day at the Farmers Market

Bring the kids to the Orange City Farmers Market at 120 E. Graves Ave., 9-11 a.m. Friday for some holiday crafting fun. All crafts are free of charge. For information, call 386-775-5410.

### Winter Wonder Day at The Pavilion

Halifax Health will celebrate the holiday season with Winter Wonder Day 5-8 p.m. Friday at The Pavilion at Port Orange. This free event will feature a visit from Santa, treats, complimentary stockings for children, face painting, music and

entertainment by the Halifax Health Holiday Choir and Kinetic Expressions Dance Academy, and a tree lighting. For information, call 386-254-4224.

### American Legion holds ham dinner

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 285 will have a ham dinner 5:30 p.m. Friday at 4497 U.S. 1, Edgewater. Cost is \$8. A Christmas party will follow with entertainment. Open to the public. For information, call 386-210-4926.

### Rogers holds pair of book signings

Connie Rogers, certified holistic health coach and

author of Path to a Healthy Mind & Body, will hold a book signing 4-6 p.m. Friday at Café Heavenly, 115 Flagler Ave., New Smyrna Beach and 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at Inn on the Avenue, 309 Flagler Ave., New Smyrna Beach. For information, call Café Heavenly at 386-427-7475 or Inn on the Avenue at 386-693-4808.

### NSB library hosts blood drive

OneBlood's Big Red Bus will be available for blood donations from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday in the parking lot of the New Smyrna Beach Regional Library, 1001 S. Dixie Freeway. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are strongly encouraged. Appointments can be made by visiting oneblood.org and clicking on "where to donate." For information, call 386-424-2910.

### Caribbean American Association holds dinner, dance

The Caribbean American Association will host a Christmas Dinner and Dance from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday at The West Volusia Council, Knights of Columbus Hall, 230 E. International Speedway Blvd., DeLand. Tickets are a \$20 donation. For tickets, call David Dawson at 386-717 3682.

### Let There Be Christmas concert

The choir of Trinity United Methodist will hold its annual Candlelight Concert "Let There Be Christmas" on at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 306 W. Wisconsin Ave., DeLand. Admission is free. For information, call 386-734-4425.

## OFF-CAMPUS WEAPONS INCIDENT

# Seabreeze student with gun arrested

Daytona Beach freshman charged with possession of firearm

By **Patricio G. Balona**  
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DAYTONA BEACH — A Seabreeze High School student was arrested Tuesday morning after police found him with a handgun, authorities said. The 14-year-old ninth-grader, Tjuan Williams of Daytona Beach, was arrested other students reported seeing him with a pistol while at a McDonald's, Volusia County school district spokeswoman Nancy Wait said. The high school's assistant principal sent out an automated phone message to parents about the incident.

"This morning some very observant students reported that another student had a weapon off-campus at McDonald's after riding the bus to school," Assistant Principal Kathy Gibbons said. "The student was immediately questioned by law enforcement and a handgun was confiscated." Police said the student never threatened anyone

with the firearm but was arrested for possession of a handgun. Daytona Beach police said that a School Resource Officer was flagged down around 8:10 a.m. and told that a student on the back access road of the school was armed with an automatic handgun. The students entered the McDonald's at 3001 N. Atlantic Ave. and then exited quickly, said Daytona Beach police Sgt. James Chirco. Units responded to the scene and made contact with Williams in the 900 block of Atlantic Avenue. He was found with an unloaded 9-mm Taurus semi-automatic pistol, Chirco said. The quick response by police prevented a school lockdown. Williams is charged with carrying a concealed firearm, a

felony. The teen was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia as a tobacco grinder with marijuana residue was also found in his backpack, Chirco said. Gibbons said disciplinary action will be taken as the school district has a no-tolerance policy

regarding weapons, her message to parents said. "We are proud of the students who came forward to report their suspicions," Gibbons said. "The safety of our students is a top priority and we are committed to the well-being of your child."

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