

OUR TOWNS

AROUND TOWN

CCFAW pet shot clinic

A pet shot clinic will be offered to benefit Concerned Citizens for Animal Welfare 9 a.m.-noon Sunday at Kitty's Dog Grooming, 642 N. Dixie Freeway, New Smyrna Beach. All cats must be in a carrier and dogs must be on a leash. A donation of pet food is appreciated. For information, call 386-760-6330 or visit ccfaw.org.

St. James holds patriotic picnic

St. James Episcopal Church will hold its All-American Picnic 5-8 p.m. Monday at the Parish Hall, 38 S. Halifax Drive, Ormond Beach. Tickets are \$5 for a hot dog plate and \$8 for a burger plate. There will also be chips, coleslaw and watermelon. Ice cream and cupcakes are 50 cents each at the picnic. Kids can decorate their own cupcakes. Soft drinks and coffee will be available or attendees may bring their own beverages. Movies, in addition to games and prizes, will be available for the kids. Tickets are available at the church office or at the door on the day of the event. For information, call 386-624-5705.

Freedom and Fireworks in DeBary

The City of DeBary's Freedom and Fireworks celebration will be held 4-9:45 p.m. Monday at Gemini Springs Park, 37 Dirksen Drive. There will be live entertainment and free activities for kids and adults. Vendors will be on site selling food and drinks. Admission to the event and parking is free. The

fireworks show begins at 9:15 p.m. For information, call 386-668-2040, option 4.

NSB celebrates Independence Day

New Smyrna Beach will celebrate Independence Day with music, food and fireworks Monday in the Canal Street Historic District. Gourmet food trucks will begin serving at 4 p.m. along Riverside Drive. Cactus Jack and the Cadillacs will play from 5-9:30 p.m. outside the Brannon Civic Center. Fireworks begin over the river at 9:15 p.m. Riverside Drive will be closed to vehicular traffic from 4:30-10 p.m. For information, call 386-424-2175.

VFW holds July 4 bake sale

The VFW Post 3282 will hold a bake sale 1-4 p.m. Monday at 5810 S. Williamson Blvd. There will also be food, raffles and entertainment. Open to the public. For information, call 386-761-7217.

Annual Fireworks Extravaganza in Deltona

Deltona will hold its 12th annual Fireworks Extravaganza at 9:15 p.m. Monday at the Dewey O. Boster Sports Complex, 1200 Saxon Blvd. Children's activities will be held 6-8:30 p.m. and the disco/throwback band Then2Now will perform 6-9 p.m. There will be food and vendors on site. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. A free shuttle service will run from City Hall, 2345 Providence Blvd., from 5:30-8:45 and 9:45-10:15 p.m. For information, call 386-878-8900.



Prince of Peace women

The new Prince of Peace Council of Catholic Women officers for the 2016-17 are, from left, President Pat Ostrowski, Vice President Marcia Rudman, Recording Secretary Rose Dattilo and Treasurer Mary Brown.

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FBH kids, teens celebrate school year

DAYTONA BEACH – Participants of Food Brings Hope afterschool programs, KidsZone for elementary schools and TeenZone for the middle and high schools, recently attended the annual End-of-the-Year Celebration at the News-Journal Center.

The celebration kicked off with more than 400 students and chaperones gathering in the lobby of the News-Journal Center for pizza and drinks, catered and donated by Sodexo Campus Services. After eating, schools were ushered to the auditorium to begin the program which included an FBH Awards celebration and a Talent Showcase.

Of the 16 FBH partnered schools, 15 were in attendance. Those schools included McInnis, Osceola, Pierson, Starke, Turie T. Small, Westside elementary schools; Campbell, Holly Hill, New Smyrna Beach, Ormond Beach, Southwestern middle schools; and Atlantic, Taylor



Food Brings Hope Citizenship of the Year Award winners. PHOTO PROVIDED

Middle-High, Mainland, and Spruce Creek high schools.

Principals in attendance included Jim Tager, Atlantic High; Richard T. Myers, Holly Hill School; Alba Perez, McInnis Elementary; Kevin Flagg, Osceola Elementary; Willie Williams, Westside Elementary; and Stephen Hinson, Turie T. Small Elementary. Other special guests included FBH Advisory Board members Fred Costello and Bill Ward.

Mainland High School student, Michelle Marie, a former American Idol participant, was the featured performer for the FBH Talent Showcase. Marie also shared a few

words of encouragement and answered questions from the students.

The Talent Showcase featured student acts from 11 of the 15 schools in attendance. Those acts included, singers, dancers, step teams, musicians, and a photographer. Each school took home a plaque recognizing their participation in the show.

Citizenship of the Year awards were presented to a student from each school for positive attitude, dedication and willingness to help others throughout the school year. The recipients were selected by Forough B. Hosseini, FBH founder and chair, and Judi Winch, FBH executive director.

Priscilla Sparks was recognized as Volunteer of the Year and Southwestern Middle School was awarded the Site of the Year award.

"On behalf of Food Brings Hope, I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the principals, teachers, volunteers, and companies who help us each year to nourish the brilliant young minds of the students we have the honor of helping," said Hosseini. "Each year we have been blessed with more opportunities to grow and serve additional disadvantaged students through the generosity and support of our community."



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