

OUR TOWNS

AROUND TOWN

Lecture series to discuss Three Dunlawton Bridges

The Three Dunlawton Bridges is the subject of the next Port Orange Center will hold its 25th anniversary celebration open house 5-7 p.m. May 27 at 600 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand. There will be cupcakes and champagne as well as music by the Volusia Community Symphony. RSVP required by Friday to contact@moartdeland.org or 386-734-4371.

Anniversary celebration

The Museum of Art-DeLand's Cultural Arts Center will hold its 25th anniversary celebration open house 5-7 p.m. May 27 at 600 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand. There will be cupcakes and champagne as well as music by the Volusia Community Symphony. RSVP required by Friday to contact@moartdeland.org or 386-734-4371.

American Legion serving meatloaf

The American Legion Post 285 Auxiliary will host a meatloaf dinner at 5 p.m. Friday at 4497 U.S. 1, Edgewater. Cost is \$8. Open to the public. For information, call 386-210-4926.

Painting with Heather

Funky Trunk Treasures will host a Painting with Heather class 6-9 p.m. Friday at 222 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand. Create an acrylic painting in less than three hours with step-by-step instructions by artist Heather Pastor. Cost is \$40 per person. To register and pay online, visit funkytrunktreasures.com and click on Funky U. For information, call 386-848-4748.

OSCEOLA ELEMENTARY ADOPTED



Hersha Hospitality Management Leadership Conference attendees fill grocery bags of nonperishable food items for Osceola Elementary families participating in Food Brings Hope's weekly food bag program. Osceola has been a school partner to FBH for more than seven years. In addition to the food bag program, students receive additional tutoring and enrichment activities. Jim Berkley, general manager at the Hilton Daytona Beach Resort, announced at the conference that his team adopted Osceola Elementary and said he looked forward to working with the students and administration. PHOTO PROVIDED

Flags, 3048 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores. This is a free event honoring all branches of the military past and present with patriotic music sung by Norton Christeson, a fly over, guest speaker, Stan Escudero, drill team presentation, and a complementary hot dog and apple pie lunch. For information, call 386-763-5364 or 386-763-5373.

provide large dumpsters at 2391 Day Road. Do not bring tires, motor oil, auto parts, paint, hazardous materials, pool chemicals or large appliances. For information, call the Solid Waste Compliance Office at 386-878-8723 or e-mail dmiranda@deltonfl.gov before 5 p.m. Saturday.

CUMC to have Memorial Day concert

Covenant United Methodist Church will hold a Memorial Day Community Choral Concert Saturday at 3701 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., Port Orange. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. Concert begins at 7 p.m. Dinner is free to all veterans. For information, call 386-767-8544.

First Christian plans community picnic

First Christian Church

EDGEWATER PUBLIC'S SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENT

Young Athletes show off skills

By Kelly Faulkenham
Correspondent

EDGEWATER - Young athletes put on an exhibition of their skills May 10 at Edgewater Public School. This was the third year for this Special Olympics event that featured more than 60 students in a wide variety of events that showed off the progress of what they've learned.

"The Young Athletes program is an innovative sports play program for children ages 2-7 with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities and their peers, designed to introduce them into the world of sports," said Denise Breneman of Special Olympics Florida - Volusia County. "First and foremost, these activities will help the children improve physically, cognitively and socially. This program also raises awareness of the Special Olympics program and serves as an introduction to the resources and support available within Special Olympics Florida to families, agencies and schools."

She explained that the program is designed to address two specific levels of play. Level 1 includes physical activities focused on developing fundamental motor tracking and eye-hand coordination. Level 2 concentrates on the application of these physical activities through a sports



Nicholas Martin, 5, carries a "torch" and leads others in the opening march of the athletes.

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throwing, striking and kicking.

"We have 10 elementary schools in Volusia County who participate in the Special Olympics Young Athletes program, over 500 Young Athletes. Edgewater Public was the first school to start this program in Volusia County. We want to encourage parents to continue to involve their children in our local program," Breneman said.

"We have 12-15 volunteers here helping today," added Carol Casey, a teacher at the school. "These students



Lia Seifert, 4, shows off her motor skills crawling through a colorful tunnel.

for the community that