

OUR TOWNS

AROUND TOWN

STEM Camp deadline looming

The last day to submit AAUW Florida Tech Trek STEM camp applications is Tuesday. Applications were distributed in November to science and math teachers at New Smyrna Beach Middle School, Burns Science and Technology Charter School in Oak Hill, Discovery Academy in Edgewater, and Sacred Heart School. The camp will be held at Palm Beach State College, Boca Raton, from June 12 to 18, 2016. For information, call Margaret Sand at 386-402-8668.

Employees collected cash, food

Port Orange employees collected \$1,672 in cash plus 360 pounds of food for a total of 9,387.6 equivalent pounds of food in the 2015 Feed the Need Food Drive. The Public Works department collected the most at 3,526.4 equivalent pounds of food. This was the fifth consecutive year Port Orange employees joined with public employees from other municipalities and Volusia County to donate food. For information, call 386-506-5522.

Hospice Tree of Remembrance Holiday Collection

The Halifax Health-Hospice 26th annual Tree of Remembrance Holiday Collection of ornaments and collectibles is available to holiday shoppers at the Volusia Mall through Dec. 24. In recognition of each purchaser's donation, by their request, a loved one's name will be placed on a signature memory/honor tag and onto the Halifax Health-Hospice Tree of Remembrance located inside the Volusia Mall, near JCPenney. Halifax Health - Hospice offers three convenient ways for purchasers to place ornament orders: The Tree of Remembrance site at Volusia Mall, 1700 W. International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach, through Dec. 24, 12 p.m.-7

p.m.; closes at 6 p.m. on Sundays; schedule is subject to change without notice. Halifax Health-Hospice Port Orange Care Center, 3800 Woodbriar Trail, Port Orange, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. View online at halifax-health.org/hospice and call 386-322-4747. For information on Halifax Health-Hospice programs and services, visit halifax-health.org/hospice or call 386-322-4701.

Officers of America hold Christmas Gala

The Halifax Area Chapter of the Military Officers of America Association will hold its annual Christmas Gala 5 p.m. Thursday at The Halifax River Yacht Club, 331 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach. There will be an officer installation and entertainment by The Oceansiders. All active or former local area military officers and their spouses are invited to attend. The cost is \$35 and reservations may be made by calling Roger Grubic at 386-441-8958.

Jam with Santa at the NSB library

Children and adults can join a guitar-picking Santa for a Christmas sing-along at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the New Smyrna Beach Regional Library. When the singing is over, Santa will listen to the Christmas wishes of children up to age 10. Reservations are not required. For information call 386-424-2910, option 3.

Korean War Vets to meet

The Korean War Veterans Association will hold its holiday meeting at noon Tuesday at Oceans Buffet, 1854 Ridgewood Ave., South Daytona. Bring a gift worth \$10 for a gift exchange. There will be a special holiday performance by Armando Diaz. For information, call Joe Sicinski at 386-492-6551, Bob Hawes at 386-788-8040 or Ed Stepnowski at 386-761-5041.

DAYTONA BEACH



Forough B. Hosseini, center, speaks with students from Turie T. Small Elementary at Daytona State's annual Holiday Concert and Dinner. PHOTO PROVIDED

Food Brings Hope attends DSC's annual Holiday Extravaganza

DAYTONA BEACH - More than 400 KidsZone and TeenZone students attended Daytona State's annual Holiday Extravaganza held Dec. 4 at The News-Journal Center.

For the sixth straight year, Daytona State College hosted Food Brings Hope students for the popular holiday concert. This year an added surprise was the tour of the DSC campus. Twelve of the 15 FBH schools were in attendance, including: McInnis, Pierson, Starke, Turie T. Small and Westside elementary schools; Campbell, Holly Hill, New Smyrna Beach and Southwestern middle schools; and Atlantic, Taylor and Mainland high schools.

More than 50 DSC volunteers were involved in making this event a success. One student was heard telling a volunteer thank you for being so nice to him.

The holiday festivities began with dinner in the DSC Student Center served by the volleyball and softball teams.

During the evening, schools were taken on a guided tour of the campus by DSC's Student Government Association members. The tour's aim was to familiarize FBH's students with what college classrooms look like and what degrees they can think about attaining.

Later, the students were bused to the News-Journal Center to enjoy the musical extravaganza presented by DSC's music department. Upon arrival, the students were personally greeted by Santa and Mrs. Claus and given a special Christmas treat.

Doug Peterson, chairman of the Mike Curb College of Music Entertainment and Art, conducted the concert that also included a symphonic band, an acapella set and an improvisation group.

"I was really looking forward to hearing the symphonic band," said Chris O'Conner, a band student at New Smyrna Beach Middle. Camron Thomas, a



Westside Elementary KidsZone students with Santa and Mrs. Claus before the start of DSC's Annual Holiday Extravaganza. PHOTO PROVIDED

seventh-grader at Campbell Middle, shared, "I loved the classical music at the concert. I was in TeenZone last year, and I was so happy that we got to come again."

"Bringing our students onto a college campus

teaches them that college is not a scary place. We hope that this visit has opened their eyes to the many opportunities available to them," said Forough B. Hosseini, Food Brings Hope founder and chair.

LIST OF AREA ROAD AND LANE WORK

Here is a partial list of major road and lane work:

DAYTONA BEACH:

1. Bellevue Avenue Bridge from Tomoka Farms Road to Williamson Boulevard: Closed for reconstruction until mid-February so that Interstate 95 can be widened underneath. The detour will go from Tomoka Farms Road to U.S. 92 to Williamson Boulevard. The exit to the Daytona Beach Flea Market will be open for left turn only on Bellevue Avenue.

2. North Seagrave Street

3. Orange Avenue between Nova Road and Beach Street: Closures along this stretch through fall 2016. Signage in place.

4. U.S. 92 (International Speedway Boulevard) between Williamson Boulevard and Midway Avenue: Eastbound and westbound single-lane closures will take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. until about Saturday.

5. 6th Street between Nova Road and Gladiola Avenue: Closed Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Detour in place.

6. 8th Street between Nova Road and Gladiola Avenue: Closed today from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Detour in place.

PORT ORANGE:

7. South Williamson Boulevard from Airport Road to Pioneer Trail: Intermittent lane closures from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for road construction and utility replacement until about July 16.

Times and dates are approximate and may alter because of unforeseen circumstances. To submit information, please email greg.lienesch@news-jrn.com or fax 386-252-4428.

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