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Submit your event announcements for free at mycommunitynews@news-jrnl.com. Include the event description, date, time, cost, address and phone number to be published. Items must be sent 14 days before the event.

PACE DAYS AT THE CAPITOL



Members of PACE Center for Girls Volusia-Flagler in Ormond Beach participated in PACE Day at the Capitol Feb. 2 in Tallahassee. PACE Day participants advocate for continued state funding to support the centers, as well as for at-risk girls throughout the state. The Volusia-Flagler delegation toured the Senate Chamber and the offices of senators Dorothy Hukill and Travis Hutson, and representatives David Santiago and Fred Costello. After the tour, they participated in a mock vote from the Senate Chamber. Pictured, from left, Training Specialist Alexis Peterson, Spirited Girls Teacher Susan Miller, Taziyah B., Rep. Fred Costello, Kamaria S. and Executive Director Lori Richards. PHOTO PROVIDED

Hope for the Hungry campaign receives community support

Ongoing fundraiser provides food for 200 families in its first month



Ormond Beach Mayor Ed Kelley and Nellie Kargar were among the first to become recurring donors of Hope for the Hungry. PHOTO PROVIDED

DAYTONA BEACH – Because of the outpouring of kindness and generous support from the community, Food Brings Hope was able to provide 200 families with weekly food bags throughout the month of January through its Hope for the Hungry campaign.

In January, more than \$8,000 was raised to provide Volusia County's neediest families with weekly groceries. The

Hope for the Hungry campaign is a yearlong fundraiser designed to assure that the neediest children and families receive guaranteed food throughout the weekend. Volusia County has

more than 2,000 homeless students and thousands more who are economically disadvantaged and on the verge of becoming homeless. Many of these students and their families will often go to bed hungry. For \$40 a month, donors can ensure that a family will receive a food bag each week for as long as they are willing to donate. When meals are provided, economically disadvantaged families are able to dedicate their limited funds to paying their rent and utilities thus avoiding becoming homeless. The weekend grocery

bag initiative involves the distribution of 40-pound bags of non-perishable food items plus six pounds of frozen meats provided in partnership with Halifax Urban Ministries. A bag of groceries can feed a family of four for a weekend. Food Brings Hope has been partnering with HUM to put an end to hunger and homelessness in our county for the past four years.

For more information or to sponsor a family, visit FoodBringsHope.org. Checks may also be sent to Food Brings Hope at 2379 Beville Road, Daytona Beach, FL 32119.

BAD BREAKUP: \$6.1 MILLION LAWSUIT

Businessman sues ex-fiancee over jewelry

The Associated Press

PALM HARBOR — A Florida businessman has sued his ex-fiancee alleging that she and her parents conspired to steal \$2.1 million in gold, diamonds and other jewelry after their breakup last summer.

Scott Patrick Mitchell of Palm Harbor says his ex took 99 three-diamond necklaces, 147 gold rings and 172 loose diamonds from his vault, according to The Tampa Bay Times.

The ex-fiancee Mary Catherine Hunt is also facing criminal charges of grand theft in Pinellas-Pasco Circuit Court

for the alleged heist. Her attorneys have denied the allegations and say more facts will come to light.

Mitchell, CEO of salon products company Simply Organic, told investigators that he and investors bought the jewels from struggling jewelers during the recession in 2008. They paid \$900,000, but now estimate the worth at \$2.1 million.

He says only he and Hunt knew the combination needed to access the vault.

Mitchell told investigators that when he broke off his engagement to Hunt in June and called off

their August wedding, the jewelry disappeared. He turned over surveillance video to investigators.

Hunt has since sold her home in Hillsborough County and moved back to Virginia. However, before leaving Florida surveillance video shows Hunt and her mother at a UPS Store.

The pair told the clerk they were mailing a laptop and an antique plate, but tried to insure the package for \$50,000, the

maximum allowed.

Sheriff's reports also show that on Aug. 19 Hunt's father, Michael Hunt, called Mitchell from Virginia to say UPS had delivered a box of gold, diamonds and silver. Mitchell recorded the call and gave it to investigators.

Mitchell's lawsuit seeks \$6.1 million for the value of the stolen jewelry and damages, his attorney Todd Foster told the newspaper.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
 The Housing Authority of the City of Daytona Beach hereby provides notice of the following public hearings:

Resident Advisory Board Meeting
 Friday, March 11, 2016: 2:00 P.M.
 Windsor Apartments
 524 Beach Street
 Daytona Beach, Florida

Public Hearing
 Wednesday, March 30, 2016: 10:00 A.M.
 211 N. Ridgewood Avenue
 Daytona Beach, Florida 32114

The hearings will be held for the purpose of receiving comments on the Agency's Annual Plan as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Agency Plan will be available for review for a 45 day comment period -- February 15, 2016 -- March 31, 2016, at the office addresses listed above, and on our website at www.dhahfl.org. Persons requiring special accommodations, regarding this notice may call 253-5653, ext. 306.

Any person wishing to comment on the Authority's Agency Plan may file his or her written comments with the Executive Director no later than 5:00 p.m. March 31, 2016.

All comments will be considered in preparing the final plan before submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

AROUND TOWN

Falcon Con gaming convention on tap

Falcon Con, the first-ever gaming, anime and role-playing convention hosted by Daytona State College's Tabletop Gaming Club, will be held 12-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the News-Journal Center, 221 N. Beach St., Daytona Beach. Free and open to the public, Falcon Con will feature something for game lovers of all ages, including board games like Monopoly, Sorry and chess; card games ranging from traditional favorites to the popular Magic the Gathering; and role-playing games like Pathfinder and Dungeons and Dragons. For information, call 386-785-2224.

Saturday at 1000 Ocean Shore Blvd., Ormond Beach. Dinner includes lasagna, meatballs, sausage, salad, rolls, bread, beverage and desert.

Music by The Moonlighters. Cost is \$20.

For information or tickets, call 386-441-0518 or 386-441-4713.

Feng Shui workshop

Feng Shui Master Betty Rowe will be giving a workshop entitled, Feng Shui 101 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Andrew Jackson Davis Bookstore, 1112 Stevens St., Cassadaga. The price of the workshop is \$26. For information, call 386-228-3171 or email cassadagaactivities@gmail.com.

Annual church rummage sale

The Edgewater Union Church, UCC, will hold its annual rummage sale 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 500 S. Ridgewood Ave., Edgewater. For information, call 386-424-0449.

Zumba classes

The Port Orange Parks and Recreation Department is offering Zumba classes 10:15-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Port Orange Gymnasium, 4655 City Center Circle. Cost is \$10 per class or \$80 for 10 classes. For more information, call 386-506-5867.

Nominations sought for Preservation Award

The Historic New Smyrna Beach Preservation Commission is accepting nominations for the 2016 Donnadine Miller Memorial Historic Preservation Award.

Buildings at least 50 years old or sites associated with a historic event are eligible. The nomination deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23.

Awards are given annually to one residential and one nonresidential historic preservation project that promotes pride in the city's past and increases awareness and appreciation for buildings that contribute to the history and character of New Smyrna Beach. Receiving an award does not place any restrictions on the property. Applications are available at City Hall, 210 Sams Ave., the New Smyrna Museum of History, 201 Sams Ave., and online at cityofnsb.com. For information or a nomination form, visit cityofnsb.com/historic-award or contact Amye King at 386-410-2833.

Paint Your Art Out

Create a finished acrylic painting in just two hours at Paint Your Art Out, 4-6 p.m. Friday at Sugar Mill Ruins Travel Park, 1050 Old Mission Road, New Smyrna Beach. \$35 per person includes all supplies. Registration is required. Space is limited. For information or to register, contact Heather at 386-232-8424.

Italian Dinner Dance

St. Brendan Catholic Church will hold its annual Italian Dinner Dance 5 p.m.

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