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AAU North Florida District Championships

As the end of the spring basketball travel season draws near, the South Ormond Neighborhood Center's high-school-aged boys' teams have once again put together another successful season.

The Ormond Beach Bruins competed last weekend in the Florida AAU Championships held at the Orlando Sports Complex. Our three teams competed in the Division 2 category which is for "community based teams." All three teams (one team consists of 9th graders) played in the 10th grade division, and all three teams played spectacularly well. The 'Bruins 2' 10th grade group won the Bronze Division Bracket, and the 9th grade team ended up winning the Gold Division Bracket. In other words, our 9th grade team is the Florida 10th grade boys AAU Division 2 State champs! Needless to say, they have serious bragging rights at the gym for the next few weeks. It has been a great season for our program.

Winning another state championship is a terrific accomplishment. We are so proud of our coaches and kids here at the center. The team motto is "one team one unit," and the kids, parents and coaches show that every day with their dedication to the program and each other. Trophies may collect dust, but the lessons learned in the gym, the friendships made, the willingness to give back to the community and the drive to succeed will last for generations.





SONG

The South Ormond Neighborhood Center had a strong weekend in the park with YMCA youth soccer, party rentals of the pavilion, a busy splash pad, and adult basketball. Citizens enjoy coming to the Center, a jewel in the heart of Ormond.



National PAL Youth Honored

State Representative, and former Ormond Beach Mayor, Fred Costello recently attended an Ormond Beach Police Athletic League YDC meeting held at the Ormond Beach Police Department. Representative Costello had the distinct pleasure of honoring Marissa Moss, this year's National PAL Youth of the Year.

Marissa has been active in PAL since 2006; served as Vice President, Secretary and Trustee of the league; and was chosen State PAL Girl of the Year in 2010. She served on the Youth Director's Council's Youth Advisory Board and the Youth Conference Committee whose responsibility was to plan and conduct the annual conference held in January 2012. These prestigious awards were presented to Marissa because she exemplifies community leadership through academic excellence and community volunteerism.

Marissa has donated over 700 hours of volunteer service to her community to include events such as National Night Out, Coalition for the Homeless, Halifax Hospital and hurricane and beach clean-ups, all while being a member of the National Honor Society and maintaining a 3.9 grade point average. Marissa is always there to help and encourage other youth to help those in need.





Dancing Dogs Show

The Obedience Club of Daytona presented the Dancing Dogs show at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, May 2nd. During the show, trained dogs and their handlers performed to musical routines. This popular annual show has become a much anticipated event in Ormond Beach for dog lovers of all ages.

The Obedience Club of Daytona, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization that provides expert dog training and promotes responsible dog ownership. In order to participate in the Dancing Dogs Show, dogs must be well socialized and obedient. The dogs and their owners must enroll in the Obedience Club's Freestyle dance class in order to prepare for this performance. The capacity crowd in the audience was amazed and delighted by the dancing dogs.



Prime Timers Tour The Casements

On Thursday, April 26th, approximately 40 people from the Prime Timers group of Titusville came to tour The Casements as they made their way on to Palm Coast to share their musical talents with other seniors. They enjoyed learning about the historic highlights of the former Rockefeller home. The visitors also had cake in the gallery to celebrate the 50th anniversary of two of their members.





All Creatures Great and Small

It seems as though these days everyone is lining up to get into The Casements. Even this pair of ducks heard the news that The Casements was the place to be and wanted to be first in line to get in!

If you haven't already, please take a chance to see what The Casements has to offer. The Casements hosts a variety of cultural activities including free tours filled with the history of Ormond Beach, free movies in Rockefeller Gardens, art classes, fitness classes, cooking classes, summer camp and more! Please stop by or call us at (386) 676-3216 to see what we can do for you.



Challenger Baseball Season Ends

The season for Challenger Baseball came to an end this week on Tuesday evening at the Nova Community Center ball fields. Ten Challenger Baseball players enjoyed playing together each week. To celebrate a great season, Leisure Services staff held a celebration cook-out for the team and their families. Each player received a medal for their hard work.

Throughout the season, the Challenger team received a lot of support from their families, who cheered them on from the dugout. Some of the fathers would join them on the field to provide extra coaching. Jeff Beebe, father of team member Allycyn, not only supported his daughter but the entire team.



Jeff started volunteering for Challenger Sports more than six years ago. He came each week with a smile and a challenge for each player. He made each challenge individual, so that the players would improve their skills without getting frustrated. This also allowed each child to learn at their own pace while having fun. He brought in new ideas for games and drills so that practices did not get boring. Jeff is a wonderful asset to the program.

Thank you, Jeff Beebe, for being an outstanding volunteer for the City's Challenger Sports program!





Very Special Arts— 22nd Annual Talent Night

On May 4, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center, Very Special Arts (VSA) will present Volusia's 22nd Annual Talent Night. This showcase of talent by Volusia County students is sponsored by the Abram and Ray Kaplan Foundation, the County of Volusia, FUTURES, Inc., and the City of Ormond Beach.

Master of Ceremonies Harry Burney, who will also be performing, "invites children and adults of all ages to celebrate the talents of some exceptional young people. "A reception following the performance will be held in the lobby, where the creations of 21 VSA artists will be showcased. To ensure seating, which is free and open to the public, please contact 386-441-0547 or vsavolusia@aol.com.

VSA Volusia, known locally as Very Special Arts Volusia, is the local site of VSA Florida which creates opportunities where individuals with challenges can participate in, learn from, and enjoy the arts.



Joey's Gift Respite

Ormond Beach Police Athletic League's Youth Directors Council (YDC) along with two Father Lopez High School students participated in the Easter Seals event, Joey's Gift Respite on Saturday, April 28, 2012. Thirty-four special needs children went into designated classrooms based on their age group. The volunteers were able to choose an age group to work with from infants, three to five years old and five years old and up.

The constant care required by a special needs child does not allow much down time for parents to catch up on household projects, run errands or just relax. This event provided parents an opportunity to do that. As they arrived, most of the children went straight to play stations and began playing. Only a few needed to be occupied during Mom and Dad's absence. Parents were grateful for a safe environment for their children and the children had a wonderful time playing. Both parents and children enjoyed this change of pace day but were very happy to be reunited. As they prepared to leave, PAL YDC members gave each child a treat bag filled with donated items from the City of Ormond Beach employees.



PAL YDC members enjoyed the experience and their part in helping others. They were invited back to help during the Easter Seals summer program...another project already in the works. A special thank you to everyone who supported us in this community project effort.





Jazz Festival

The North East Florida Jazz Association presented Jazz Festival 2012 at the Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center on Saturday, April 28th. The Festival presented an array of international jazz stars including the Marcus Robert Trio with Jason Marsalis, the Wallace Roney Quartet, and the Takeo Fukao Quintet.

The Festival schedule began with live music in the lobby and the studio in the early afternoon, and continued with the headlining performances in the auditorium from late afternoon until the evening. Jazz enthusiasts from throughout the southeast traveled to attend this event. It was a rare opportunity to see and hear some of the biggest stars in jazz music perform in concert in Ormond Beach.



Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,634 Arrests - 16
 Citations Issued - 142
 Reports Written - 122 Traffic Stops - 247



Weekly Fire Operations Stats

122 INCIDENTS
 69 - EMS 7 - Motor Vehicle Accidents
 3 - Fires 7 - Fire Alarms
 33 - Public Assists 3 - Hazardous



Facilities Maintenance

The Facilities Maintenance crews of the Leisure Services Department have replaced 16 benches along the Cassen Park fishing pier. The old benches had become deteriorated from exposure to the sun and weather, and have been replaced with benches made of recycled materials. This recycled material is more weather resistant than traditional wooden benches and is expected to last longer.

At Sanchez Park, the grate on the barbecue grill was in need of replacement. Staff had a new grate fabricated and installed it this week, just in time for the upcoming busy summer season.

CASSEN PARK



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Public Works in ACTION



Sign Shop demonstrating acquired power auger used to increase sign installation efficiencies



Contract installation of road striping and RPM (raised pavement markers) on S. Orchard St. & Heather Lane

