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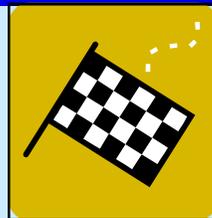
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Celebrating Speed



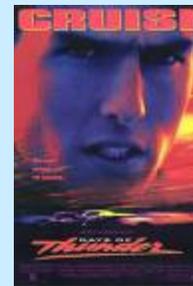
We are fast approaching "Speed Week" as we all know, and besides the normal race track events, we have added a few of our own for the culturally inspired.

The First Friday on East Gra-



nada will feature a few "Speed" themed events to enjoy.

The Ormond Memorial Art Museum and Gardens will present their "Speed" Exhibition with images from the Private Collections of International Speedway



Corporation and NASCAR. This exciting collection will be featured from January

29th through March 1st.

The Department of Leisure Services, along with The



Casements Guild, will present "Movies on The Halifax" featuring "Days of Thunder" PG-13 on Friday, February 5th at 6:30 p.m. in Rockefeller Gardens. Bring your lawn chair and blankets and join us for a relaxing evening under the stars.

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“Save the Date” Tuesday March 16th, 2010

One hundred years ago, the American automobile dream established a home on the hard packed sand of Ormond Beach. As early automotive pioneers tested and contested their machines, a tradition born of America’s love for the

This is truly an event for all car enthusiasts, young and old. It is a day of coming together and celebrating the history of 100 years ago. The celebration will begin on the sand where it started and continue along the beautiful Halifax River, in the newly renovated Rockefeller Gardens and The Casements of Ormond Beach.

Birthplace of Speed Preparations



One of the largest tasks in preparing for the Birthplace of Speed

sport and passion for ingenuity began. Beach racing quickly became a source of fascination developing loyal participants and spectators. Beginning in 1903 Ormond Beach hosted eight speed tournaments that established our City as the Birthplace of Speed.

event is getting participants involved. Members of the Leisure Services Community Events staff have updated the event application, and a large mailing is being prepared. Staff will then track participant entries and begin the logistics of positioning them for the beach parade and car show.

In 1910, Barney Oldfield bought a Benz with which he broke all existing speed records for the mile, two mile and the kilometer in special runs at Ormond Beach.

Ormond Beach will celebrate this milestone by



PATIENCE, LOVE AND PEACE” NATIVE AMERICAN STYLE AT ROCKEFELLER GARDENS

East met west as an estimated 10,000 visitors and representatives of Muscogee, Creek, Cherokee, Comanche, Kiowa, Ute, Lakota, Seminole and many other tribes gathered for the 21st Native American Festival at Rockefeller Gardens.

to as “Buckskins and Cloth.”

Camaraderie continued following the parade as visitors found their way to many other features. Snakes and alligators in temporary residence on the north lawn of The Casements was a popular attraction.



Colorfully painted faces, bustles of eagle feathers and miles of beads glistening across the beautiful garments of men and women filled every corner of the parade area as proud participants began the Grand Entry. Words espoused by the speaker told the assembled guests that the world we all want requires “patience, love and peace.”

After the grand march, the focus turned to veterans. All veterans, both Indian and others, were invited to enter and march that their service to our nation might be honored. “We honor the warrior, not the wars,” said the speaker. Following the veteran’s march, all who cared to were invited to join the tribal members and march together. Young and old, spirited onlookers, some with toddlers in tow, poured into the circle.

Native American women were featured in one of the oldest of all traditional marches, referred



Would you risk your hand in the powerful jaws of an alligator or try holding his mighty jaws shut with your chin? Seminole James Holt, a member of the Panther clan did.



Holt, his Seminole brother Clinton Holt, a member of the Bird clan, along with moderator Ian Tyson and Paul Simmons work closely with David Weathers. Jimmie Riffle joins them on some occasions as with this event.

The performance by noted snake handler, David Weathers, brought forth smiles, gasps and applause. As the demonstrations began,

Native American Festival

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the moderator educated visitors and cautioned them not to try this on their own. Addressing venomous snakes, he informed the onlookers, "There are only four ven-

omous snakes that are indigenous to Florida... rattlesnakes, cottonmouth, coral and copperhead." Others, he warned, are brought in. The show involved more than Florida snakes.

Weathers' fascination with reptiles began at the age of three when he first witnessed herpetologist Bill Haast at work in his once famous Miami Serpentarium. Haast's work enabled him to save lives with antivenom he developed after gradually immunizing himself with cobra venom.

Weathers' interest grew. By age ten, he was training at the Seminole reservation in Hollywood, Florida. Today, he does what few would care to do. After seizing a cobra, he walks the circumference of a large circle showing the specimen to visitors as it lunges unpredictably in an effort to escape. At one point, on Sunday, he was looking eye to eye with the cobra. When the crowd called for rattlesnake, cotton-

mouth or other varieties, Weathers retrieved that particular species from its wooden box and repeated his walk.

Back in the gardens, past a line of food vendors, guests visited tents full of crafts and mementos created by native artisans.

History and education were presented in clever demonstrations of "East Meets West" with Jim Sawgrass, Muscogee-Creek and a Comanche native. The display of skins, teepee and tools came to life in the competitive stories told of the habits of their respective tribes. Some of the Muscogee-Creek were originally Cherokee and built larger homes because they were not as nomadic as the Comanche. While teepees appear simple in construction, one of buffalo skins could weigh over 400 pounds. It took skillful people to live the life of the on-the-move Comanche. Sawgrass injected a little humor by asking, "Why did you move so much...didn't the neighbors like you?"

Native Americans created an environment filled with hospitality, music, customs and education for visitors to enjoy.

It's a Beautiful Day at Nova Community Park

A beautiful Saturday at Nova Community Park always brings people from the community outdoors for the day. Parents enjoy the opportunity to allow their children to experience the simple things in life as they laugh and play with each other. Some take advantage of the handball courts to get their exercise. Others

are totally content bringing their lawn chairs and relaxing and just enjoying the wonderful winter weather.





Pinewood Derby Races to Success



Nova Community Center hosted the annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday, January 23rd. Cub Scout Pack 74, which consists of at least a dozen dens in the Ormond Beach area, enthusiastically competed with their hand-made cars.

Before the race, each car was registered, weighed and measured. If they didn't meet specifications, the "pit stop" offered the opportunity to revise their design. All who attended were entertained throughout the morning.



Each scout's car raced in three trials in different lanes to get first, second and third place awards in speed. The cars that didn't place for speed were judged in creativity.



HARRY WENDELSTEDT

Umpire School



The Harry Wendelstedt Umpire School, known as the world's most successful umpire school, began its five-week training sessions January

3rd with 130 students enrolled. The school provides formal, supervised training for students to



qualify for umpire positions in professional, college, high school, independent professional and youth baseball. Training takes place six days a week in the classroom and on the Harry Wendelstedt Fields at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex. The staff, consisting of 12 major league umpires and 15 umpires from every level of minor league baseball, focus on attitude, instinct and judgment - crucial skills when trying to interpret a sometimes contradictory rule-book written more than 100 years ago.



In March, the top 50 in the class are assigned for college baseball and minor league games. The Wendelstedt Umpire School has produced more Major League umpires than all other schools in history combined. The school is open to both male and female students; and has the only female alumni, Pam Postema,



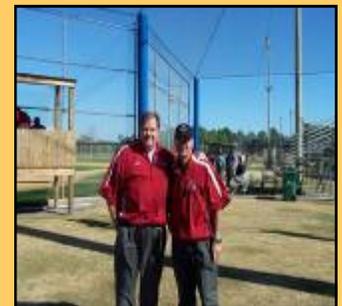
who ever worked as an umpire in a Major League Baseball spring training game.

Mr. Wendelstedt is also currently running a free, three-day umpire clinic on Saturdays at

the Sports Complex which teaches the basic fundamentals of a two-man umpiring system.

Harry Wendelstedt is regarded as one of baseball's most competent officials in history and has won world-wide recognition for his achievements in five World Series, five All Star Games and eleven Championship playoffs. He retired in 1988 after 33 years as a National League umpire giving 100% everyday. Recently, Mr. Wendelstedt was nominated for induction into the 2010 Baseball Hall of Fame.

Here in Ormond Beach, Mr. Wendelstedt is known for his dedication to the City; and has worked tirelessly over the years to promote the growth and development of our athletic fields and programs, particularly for children. He resides here in Ormond Beach and



currently serves on the Leisure Services Advisory Board. Harry Wendelstedt is a true gentleman in every sense of the word - you won't meet a more straight-forward, well-respected or honorable man.





Annie Get Your Gun!



The PAC hosted the Ormond Beach Theatre Workshop production of Annie Get Your Gun on Saturday and Sunday January 23rd and 24th to two sold out perform-

ances. The production was a joint venture between the Friends of the PAC, the Ormond Beach Theatre Workshop and the Children's Musical Theatre Workshop. This is the first collaborative effort by the three internal show groups.



The 1946 Broadway production was a hit, and the musical had long runs in both New

York (1,147 performances) and London, spawning revivals (including a scaled down production at the Young Vic in October 2009), a 1950 film version and television versions. Songs that became hits include "There's No Business Like Show Business", "Doin' What Comes Natur'lly", "You Can't Get a Man with a Gun", "They Say It's Wonderful", and "Anything You Can Do."



Annie Get Your Gun is a musical with lyrics and music written by Irving Berlin and a book by

Herbert Fields and his sister Dorothy Fields. The story is a fictionalized version of the life of Annie Oakley (1860-1926), who was a sharp-

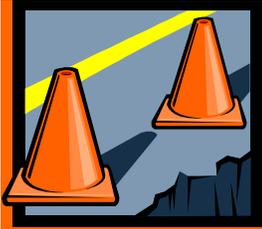


Proceeds from the performances are donated back to the Performing Arts Center



shooter from Ohio, and her husband, Frank Butler.

through the Friends of Recreation. A special thanks to Mr. Doug Mierzykowski, his support team and the entire cast and crew for their many hours of effort, patience and talent in making this production such an outstanding success!



Public Works in Action

Asphalt crew repairing a utility cut on Old Barn Trail



And a stormwater berm on Magnolia Ave





Ormond Beach Farmers' Market will be open 9AM-3PM every Thursday from February 4th on.

The Market is located in Rockefeller Gardens on the Halifax at the south east corner of the Granada Bridge. Nearly 40 vendors are available for your shopping pleasure, including locally grown organic produce, gourmet and ethnic foods and bakery items. The Market also offers exotic plants including orchids, hand made free trade baskets from Ghana and soy candles. Everything at the Market is either edible or agricultural and much is organic. Make Thursday a special pleasant experience, shopping for all of your needs plus you can enjoy shopping and dining in the varied stores and restaurants in downtown Ormond Beach. The Farmers' Market features live musical entertainment on occasion and Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center professionals are available for free medical check ups. Stroll the magnificent Rockefeller Gardens and plan a visit to John D. Rockefeller's former winter home, the Casements for a guided docent tour.

Public Works In Action

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Sterthaus Drive Tree Trimming



Weekly Police Stats

Calls for Service - 1,318 Arrests - 47
Citations Issued - 168
Reports Written - 134 Traffic Stops - 214



Weekly Fire Operations Stats



94 - INCIDENTS

61 - EMS 4 - Motor Vehicle Accidents 1 - Fire 8 - Fire Alarms
18 - Public Assists 2 - Hazardous