

Soccer, cheer signups under way in DeLand

The DeLand City Youth Soccer League and Cheer program are registering players for the upcoming season.

Registration is available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today through Friday at the DeLand Parks and Recreation Department, 230 N. Stone St., DeLand, or at one of the two open registrations at the Sperling Sports Complex, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday and March 10. The deadline to register is between 9 and 11 a.m. at the Sperling complex.

The programs are open to girls and boys, age 4 to 16, as of Aug. 1, 2014.

Anyone interested in being a coach can fill out the coaches' information on the registration form. Head coaches receive one child's participation fee for free. For complete details, call 386-626-7280.

DeLand Recreation plans trips to MLB games

The DeLand Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor trips to see Major League Baseball Spring Training games at Disney's Wide World of Sports in March.

All trips will depart from the south parking lot at Bill Dreggors Park, 230 N. Stone St., DeLand, at 10:15 a.m. on game day. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the DeLand Parks and Recreation Department. Tickets are limited and there's an addition \$3 for nonresidents.

Trips will be made to the following games:

- **Wednesday, New York Mets vs. Atlanta Braves,** \$32 per person
- **March 11, St. Louis Cardinals vs. Atlanta Braves,** \$44 per person
- **March 27, Boston Red Sox vs. Atlanta Braves,** \$50 per person

For details, call 386-626-7280.

AROUND TOWN

BFMC to host blood drive

Bert Fish Medical Center will host a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday in the parking lot, 401 Palmetto St., New Smyrna Beach. For details, call 386-424-6505.

Course highlights early years of rock

Author Darryl L. Gentry will offer a six-week class on the history of rock 'n' roll from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays beginning March 4 at The Casements, 25 Riverside Drive, Ormond Beach.

Learn about the history of the early rock 'n' roll music, the psychology behind the birth of rock 'n' roll and its end. The cost is \$20. To register, call Gentry at 386-763-4152.

Daytona Beach library hosts 'Hearing Loss 101'

Learn about hearing loss during a free workshop at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Daytona Beach Regional Library at City Island, 105 E. Magnolia Ave.

Communication access real-time translation (CART) services will be provided.

For details, call Adult Program Librarian Catherine Relda at 386-257-6036, ext. 16235.

Playwright to review Alice Munro book

Award-winning playwright Ann Magaha will examine Alice Munro's "Hateship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage: Stories," at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Daytona Beach Regional Library at City Island, 105 E. Magnolia Ave.

Magaha will also discuss two of the collection's short stories, "Family Furnishings" and "The Bear Came over the Mountain."

Copies of the book will be available for checkout at the library before the presentation.

The free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Daytona Beach Regional Library. For details, call Adult Program Librarian Catherine Relda at 386-257-6036, ext. 16235.

Belong luncheon planned

Belong, a New Smyrna Beach Christian women's community outreach group, will host a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 10 at the Edgewater Elks Lodge, 820 W. Park Ave. Inspirational speaker Debbie Lloyd will present "How God Uses What We Already Have in Our Hands." The cost is \$10. Reservations must be made by Wednesday.

Call 386-427-0527 or email nsbbelong@gmail.com. Attendees are asked to bring nonperishable food items for local food pantries.

AARP offers driving classes

AARP will offer Smart Driver Classes at the following locations in March:

- **March 3-4, 9 a.m.-noon,** Piggotte Community Center, 504 Big Tree Road, South Daytona. To register, call Cindy Fowler, 386-451-7453.
- **March 10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.,** Deltona Community Center, 980 Lakeshore Drive, Deltona. To register, call Bill Mistele, 540-427-6550.
- **March 12-13, 9 a.m.-noon,** Coronado Community United Methodist Church, 201 S. Peninsula Ave., New Smyrna Beach. To register, call Glenn Althafer, 386-427-7373.
- **March 18-19, 9 a.m.-noon,** Volusia Memorial Funeral Home, 548 North Nova Road, Ormond Beach. To register, call Norm Daley, 386-453-6056.



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Instructor Janet Smith, 64, works with Tyler Chapman, 11, Orange City, Saturday during the Project Appleseed marksmanship clinic held at the Volusia County Gun and Hunt Club, New Smyrna Beach.

PROJECT APPLESEED

Marksmanship clinic teaches Revolutionary War history, too

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NEW SMYRNA BEACH — For Tyler Chapman, 11, the Project Appleseed marksmanship clinic meant learning to shoot a rifle like his dad.

Joel Chapman of Orange City and his son attended the clinic Feb. 21 at the Volusia County Gun and Hunt Club on State Road 44.

"Tyler is learning natural point of aim," explained instructor Janet Smith, 64. Both Janet and her husband, Bruce, 64, are Project Appleseed volunteers and instructors.

Participants are taught fundamental rifle marksmanship skills that allow a rifleman to be accurate out to 400

yards, using a standard rifle with iron sights and surplus ammo. Students learn safe gun handling, proper use of a sling and Revolutionary War history.

"I enjoy it a lot. But I like learning about history the best," said Tyler.

Project Appleseed is an activity of the Revolutionary War Veterans Association, a nonprofit nationwide organization that teaches American heritage and history as well as traditional rifle marksmanship skills.

The project offers Rifleman's Boot Camp and Instructors Boot Camp boot camps nationwide.

The training consists of classroom instruction, range safety instruction, shooting at 25 yards,

shooting at longer ranges and hitting targets from 100 to 400 yards, and shooting at pop-ups in some locations.

The heritage program portrays the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the first military engagements of the American Revolutionary War that took place on April 19, 1775.

"Project Appleseed is more than just a simple shooting program. It changes people in a good way," Bruce Smith said. "It develops the attributes of focus, attention to detail, dedication, self-control and patience."

For more information, visit appleseedinfo.org or call Bruce Smith at 904-424-3855.