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FESTIVAL MARKETPLACE



End of an Era: Festival Marketplace to be Demolished

By Kristen Hernandez

Pompano Beach, FL – The iconic Festival Marketplace is currently under contract to be sold to Atlanta-based IDI Logistics. In about two years, the 400,000 square foot local shopping mecca may be demolished to make way for an industrial warehouse complex that would transform the 23.8-acre property into a distribution headquarters.

The front office is still leasing space, although for a term of “one, maybe two years.” Marketplace workers are operating “business as usual,” according to an employee. However, vendor capacity is minimal and major blow-out sales were the norm among the skel-

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Spectrum Golf

EVERYONE IS SPECIAL



By Kristen Hernandez

Coral Springs, FL – During a touching ribbon cutting ceremony held recently at the Coral Springs Country Club, young 11-year-old Carter Bonas stood holding the giant scissors he was about to use that would unveil his new golf apparel line, Spectrum Golf.

WITH a smile that could light the entire city, Carter looked up at his mom, Dr. Thelma Ten-



nie, as the Coral Springs/Coconut Creek Chamber of Commerce presented his exceptional story.

Commerce President Cindy Fee said to Carter, “You’re the youngest member of the Chamber, and probably one of the most special people I’ve ever met,” as she wrapped up a brief speech. Carter looked up at Cindy with the honesty only a child can bring and said, “Ev-

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COVID-19 UPDATE

By Kristen Hernandez

Pompano Beach, FL – Pompano Beach residents are finally breathing a collective sigh of relief now that Covid-19 restrictions and mask mandates have relaxed. While mask wearing has

become to some, the new normal, residents seem to be wearing them more as a sense of security rather than actual caution. Misinformation and outright ignorance can spread person to person just as fast as coronavirus spread

around the globe. The only way to truly protect yourself is to have the most accurate information possible. Let’s break down the difference between antibodies vs. antivirals vs. prevention, and

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IMPORTANT BUS TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

“REGISTER2RIDE”

Broward County Schools is implementing a new initiative that will require all students eligible for school bus transportation for the 2022/23 school year to register.

ALL eligible students needing bus transportation for the upcoming school year MUST register for bus assignment.

Use the webpage below to register and guarantee bus assignment for the first day of school.

<https://tfsweb.browardschools.com/ride>

Eligible students registered by June 15th will be guaranteed a bus for the first day of school

Register 2 Ride Instructions:

- 1.) Navigate to <https://tfsweb.browardschools.com/Ride>
- 2.) Log in with a student account, e.g: 06XXXXXXXX@my.browardschools.com
- 3.) Answer the corresponding question(s)
- 4.) Press Submit to complete. You may return to the form at any point before the deadline to update your answer.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Transportation Dept:

Email: register2ride@browardschools.com

Phone: 754-321-4499

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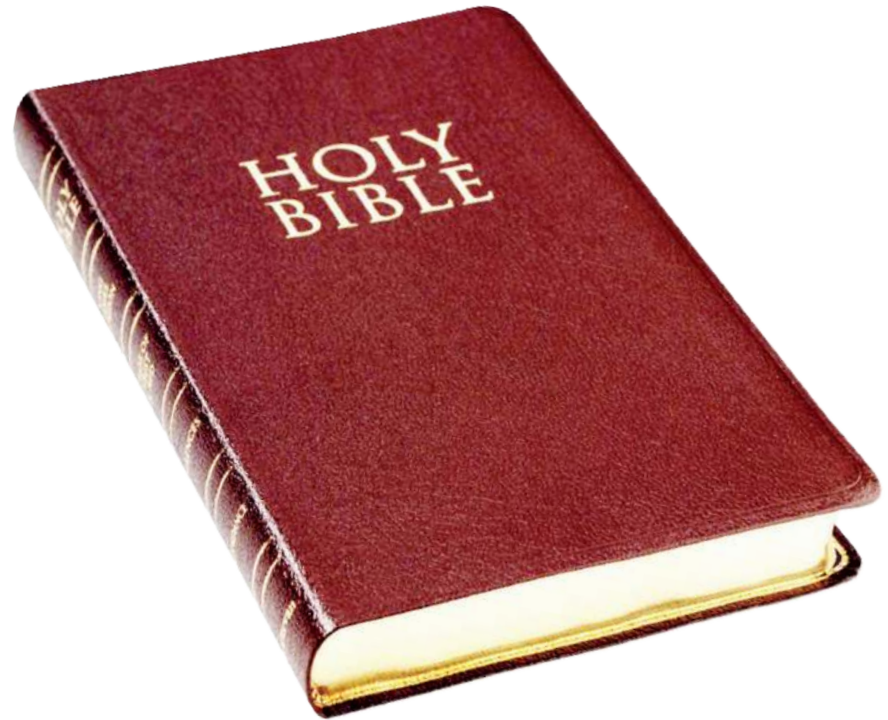
One lucky winner hit a whopping jackpot of over \$1 Million with a \$25 bet at Seminole Casino Coconut Creek. The guest was playing the Aristocrat Dragon Link™ Panda Magic slot machine on Sunday, May 15 when they won \$1,168,274.69.

The progressive was reset to \$1 Million. A progressive slot machine has a base jackpot amount that increases as guests play that machine.

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE DAY

The City of Pompano Beach has declared June 3 National Gun Violence Awareness Day at a recent city meeting. According to the city’s proclamation, “the City of Pompano Beach City Commission is firmly committed to the reduction and prevention of gun violence in the City of Pompano Beach and Broward County.”

Every day, more than 100 Americans are killed as a result of gun violence, totaling 16,000 gun-related homicides annually.



One minute in the WORD by The One Minute Preacher

NEHEMIAH CHAPTER 6 VERSE 2 | DESTINY KILLERS

In Nehemiah Chapter 6 Verse 2

Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: “Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono.”

But they were scheming to harm me.

Villij News,

Life is like a game of pool and you’re the Eight Ball, there’s a lot of things around you... highs and lows, these are Destiny Killers to block you from your purpose and if you’re not careful they will knock you in a pocket that God has not designed for you to be in.

This reminds me of our text. Nehemiah sets out to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and as soon as the enemy got word of this, he immediately sent Destiny Killers, Sanballat, Tobiah and Geshem. They had one objective that was to stop Nehemiah from his progress, strangle



his purpose, and steal his possessions.

Villij News,

God has a designed plan and a designated purpose for your life. But it’s up to you to identify the Destiny Killers in your space. There can be Destiny Killers on your job, in your

family, in your neighborhood, your sorority or fraternity, on social media, in the club, as well as the church.

I don’t know who your Sanballat, Tobiah, or Geshem, is. But these individuals are on assignment to suck the life out of you and to cause you to fail, but there is a Word From God.

Paul says in 2 Corinthians Chapter 2 Verse 11

Satan will not get the advantage over you, because we are not ignorant of his devices.

And that’s your one minute in the Word!

Life Question:

Have you identified the Destiny Killers around you, and what is your plan to get around their sabotage?

Follow the One Minute Preacher on YouTube: @TLG-Fashion and Instagram: @the-1minutepreacher

CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 14th	City Commission Meeting	City Commission Chambers	1:00 pm
Tuesday, June 28th	City Commission Meeting	City Commission Chambers	6:00 pm
Tuesday, July 12th	City Commission Meeting	City Commission Chambers	1:00 pm



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority come together to help students in need

By China Boynton

The North Broward County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority distributed scholarships and laptops to local high school seniors at Apollo Park, 1580 NW 3rd Ave.

THIS event was part of the Deltas' 28th annual May week academic excellence ceremony that took place from May 1 through May 7.

A total of 20 students received scholarships and laptops. Falcia Prevals' daughter Amaria Preval was one of the recipients.

"My daughter is very independent and she took part in the Delta Sorority's cotillion process which made such an impact on her life," Falcia said. "This is something that she wanted to be a part of that will give her an opportunity to see black women doing things in the community that she aspires to do."

Krystal Shivers, President of the Delta Sigma Theta Alumnae Chapter of North Broward, said since their inception in 1913 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has been celebrating the academic excellence of students in the community.

"In the month of May, you will find Delta chapters all over the world celebrating academic excellence," Shivers said. "We do activities and fundraising all year and then we give that back to the students."

Shivers says one of the criteria for the applicants was that the students had to have a financial need in order to be considered for the scholarship program.

"We are really trying to give back to our community by paying it forward so hopefully our kids will come back to the community and do the same thing," Shivers said.

Former vice president of the North Broward chapter of the Deltas and CEO of Stephens Consulting Group located in

Tamarac, Dr. Nethel Stephens, said her company partnered with the Delta chapter to buy computers for the students.

"Generally all of the funds we raise at Stephens Consulting Group goes straight to the public, however this year we decided to donate to this

effort in order to help purchase the laptop computers," Stephens said.

"We are really excited about the outcome."



Due to Covid-19 the North Broward Chapter of Delta is not allowed to congregate.

So instead of a formal ceremony the group decided to hand out the scholarships over Zoom on May 1 and host a drive-up laptop giveaway on May 7. The laptops cost and scholarship awards totaled over \$30,000.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



The Cycle

SO someone stole my bicycle off my porch. I felt violated, I felt angry, and I felt ready to shoot. I rode up and down Pompano looking for the culprit. If you got a purple Huff, just know the Lord handles my battles better than I can. In all honesty, it's better that I ain't find him, because I would have been trying to bond out and wouldn't have been able to bring this issue of Villij to you.

Listen, I was ready to risk it all over the principle, and there is no telling where my emotions would have taken me. It reminded me of so many other trauma,

so many other times I've been violated, and I've been stolen from. Looking back, I can't believe how mad I was over a bike, when I've had lives stolen from me... I've had freedom stolen from me... I've had love stolen from me. As black people, our emotions are everywhere. Just one thing may make us snap.

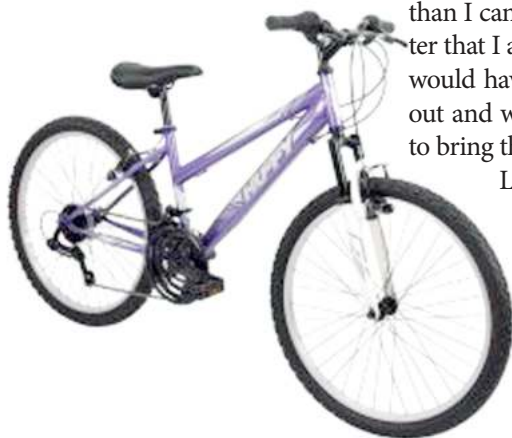
My daughter asked me the other day, what is the worst thing in the world. To me, it's the fact that everyone dies. While it's the only truth that we have, it hurts the most. Especially if there was love lost. If we are born in this world, we will leave it. But why does parting bring such sorrow? Maybe my faith isn't strong enough. Maybe my

belief in heaven isn't where it needs to be. The thought of death and meeting my maker should bring me peace, but not yet. These thoughts and more moved me to make some changes in Villij. We've added the One Minute Preacher section to inject some much needed spirituality in this publication. It's for the people, and my people need scripture for hope and perseverance through our tough times.

As I write, I'm mourning for those who were gunned down at Tops grocery store in Buffalo, NY and the loss of 14 little kids at an elementary school in Texas. Yes, everyone dies but we have to admit there is a problem. There is a real problem when 18-year-olds

hyped up on YouTube manifestos and haterade can spray up any one they feel like. That's not the only problem, we have climate change, we have pandemics (not just COVID-19, but high-blood pressure, diabetes, cancer, and more), we have jobs that don't pay the bills, we have a lot to stress about, but as long as we have life, we have a lot to be thankful for. Keep that same energy as you go through your days this month. I've also made another change to Villij, we will now be coming out during the first week of the month instead of mid-monthly.

Enjoy,
Attiyya Atkins
Editor-In-Chief



Opinion: As I See It

Pastor Ron Harper
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As I See It. Some look at the world and the many tragedies that we're facing and experi-

encing such as the pandemic, war, gas prices, and yes even the death of loved ones as the "Worst of Times."

However, I feel that in many cases tragedies come to reveal the true character and nature of a person. So

much has been lost in the past few years and at one point it seems as if the world came to a standstill. But the way I See It is that it brings an opportunity to allow the true light of what's on the inside of us to shine, and to love one another

past what's distracting or going on around us.

Knowing that if God is for us, and He is, then He/God is more than the whole world and all that it has to offer against us. Our greatest success always comes after our greatest chal-

lenges.

Finally, LET US SEE US AS GOD SEES US, WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS.

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Backyard Vendors: See You In the Fall Green Market Pompano

By Megan Rebecca

The Green Market Pompano Beach just ended, but the vendors are still in business.

THE Green Market Beach and the Pompano Beach Historical Society. Although the festival closed in April, you can still enjoy shopping with their top vendors all year round. Here are some highlighted vendors:



PASTRYURDAY

PastryURDay is a Caribbean bakery that brings authentic Guyanese cuisine to South Florida. Owner and baker Ana Permanan created PastryURDay after 20 years of catering experience in the West Indies. Her cooking and baked goods reflect the tropical flavors of where she grew up. She is thankful to her children, who inspired her to pursue her dream of opening PastryURDay.

You will be sure to enjoy traditional Caribbean treats with PastryURDay. Homemade goods include Guyanese salara (red coconut roll), roti, pineapple tarts, and savory cheese rolls prepared with a perfectly delightful flaky crust. Everything is baked and prepared from scratch. PastryURDay sells baked goods and provides catering services. Call or text (754) 307-4596 for orders and more information.



CHOCOLATE DIVA BAKES BROWNIE BAR



Chocolate Diva Bakes Brownie Bar provides delicious and decorative baked goods. They have beautiful custom cakes and cupcakes. Baker and owner Mary can make any design for your special event, no matter how complicated. This South Florida bakery also customizes desserts for special dietary needs, including keto, vegan and gluten-free options. Check out their Facebook and Instagram pages to see their amazing gallery of decadent creations.

Orders and Inquiries can be done by messaging them on Facebook and/or Instagram.



JOJO'S FLAIR

Jojo's Flair is a full-service florist and shop, created by flower artist and enthusiast Joanna. Joanna was born in Chile and grew up here in Florida. She has also lived in Denver, Seattle, and Anguilla in the Caribbean. While traveling, she found herself mesmerized by the different beautiful flowers native to each terrain.

She opened up Jojo's Flair in 2011, and since then has been one of the top florists serving Palm Beach and Broward Counties. Jojo's Flair has provided flower arrangements for special events including weddings, birthdays, holidays, and more. They also have an online shop and even host workshops where you and your friends can make your own arrangements. For any inquiries or orders, email jojoflair@gmail.com or call (720) 556-831.



RED PANDA NATURALS

Red Panda Naturals makes handmade soaps, bath essentials, candles, and teas. Since 2013, they have been committed to promoting a healthy lifestyle devoid of toxins. They use a cold-press method to derive oils from the seeds of plants and fruits. Their products are vegan and contain no preservatives or artificial dyes. Red Panda Naturals accommodates those with sensitive skin by using hypoallergenic ingredients. They make custom orders, including personalized gift baskets. Please call (954) 261-2555 or email redpandanaturals@gmail.com to place an order, or for any inquiries.



Remember to shop local to support our local Pompano Beach community.

The Rock Road Restoration Historical group pays honor to Pompano Beach Women

By China Boynton

The Rock Road Restoration Group honored local women who have made an undeniable impact on the Pompano Beach community.

THE group held an event at the Ali Cultural Arts Center to honor the incred-



ible women who have stood the test of time in Pompano Beach.

One of the coordinators and Rock Road Restoration Group member Elizabeth Massey says that the group wanted to recognize the women in the community that do things on a smaller scale.

"This is something that we discussed many years ago with our founder Hazel Armbrister," said Massey. "She was one of those individuals who wanted to recognize those who don't always get the glory and the praise."

The honorees included Reverend Marguerite Luster, Mozelle Sheppard, Dr. Barbara Black Robinson, Leola Irving, and a posthumous honor for the group's founder Hazel Armbrister.

Dr. Barbara Black Robinson is an active member of her church and owned a daycare with her husband, Superintendent Robert Robinson. She worked as a notary under Governor Lawton Chiles in 1991 and says that she volunteered her services to senior citizens over the years at no cost.

"I go out of my way to do things to help the community," said Robinson. "I don't do talk, I do walk."

Mozelle Sheppard was also honored and has been work-



ing with the Citizen Observer Patrol for 23 years. She has also been a member of the order of the Eastern Star and a volunteer for the Senior Citizens club over the years.

"I volunteer for a seniors watching seniors program here in Pompano Beach," said Sheppard. "I like to do things that can help people because one day it could be me who needs help."

Reverend Marguerite Luster worked on the board of Sunshine Health Center for 20 years and was honored for her efforts as a pioneer in Pompano for fighting for equality for black people in health and education.

"When I first started in Pompano early on, I realized that the schools weren't satisfactory to the community so I got involved in order to make the schools better and equal for the children," said Luster.

Luster also accepted an award for her sister, Hazel Armbrister who was posthumously honored by the Rock Road Restoration Historical Group as the founder who was crucial in restoring the history and dignity of Pompano Beach.

Carmen Jones was the Mistress of Ceremony. The event

also included a dance by a performer from the Ashanti Cultural Arts dance studio, and a poem read by Aubrianna LeSane. Richard Elam, United States Postal Service Manager of Customer Service for the Pompano Beach offices, dedicated a stamp of black artist Edmonia Lewis, the first sculptor of African American descent to receive international recognition, to each of the honorees in attendance.

Former postal employee and vice president of the Rock Road Restoration Historical Group Linda Clarke says a major part of coordinating the event was getting in touch with the postal service.

"We worked diligently since February to get the postal service involved because it was important to the group and they have always participated in our programs," said Clarke.

Clarke says this is just the first of many programs to honor the men and women of Pompano.

"This ceremony was very successful and we plan on hosting an event such as this annually switching between men and women," said Clarke. "It turned out to be a nice family and friend's event."

Another Showdown Coming for Florida's 20th Congressional District Seat

By Attiyya Atkins

Last November, Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick made history becoming the first ever Haitian Democrat elected to Congress. She won by five votes over political powerhouse and former Broward County Commissioner Dale Holness.

million and a bevy of local support to garner her seat. Holness is ready for the rematch, but has only a sliver of that funding. He does have the support of many elected officials like Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis, Margate Mayor Antonio Arserio, North Lauderdale Commissioner Regina Martin, and Tamarac Commissioner Marlon Bolton.

Florida's 20th Congressional District is the most Democratic seat in Florida, and covers many Black neighborhoods sprawling from Broward to Palm Beach County, including neighborhoods like Pompano Beach and Belle Glade. It was represented by former representative Alcee Hastings who died in office in April 2021.



ELECTIONS are on August 23rd and it's bound to be a fight. Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick is not going down easy. Cherfilus-McCormick, a business owner, raised more than \$1.6

New Faces on the Dais?



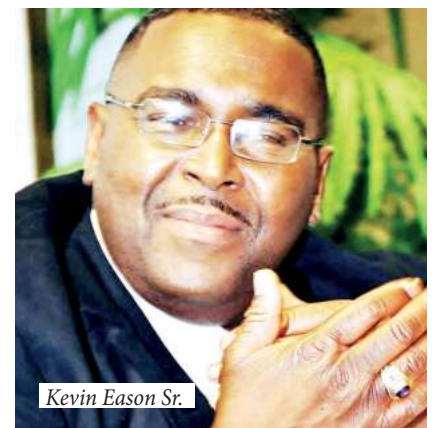
David van der Most



Alison Fournier



Tom McMahon



Kevin Eason Sr.



Mary Scofield-Phillips



Cyndy Floyd



Barry Moss

By Attiyya Atkins

This November there may be some new candidates on the Pompano Beach dais. Qualifying dates for the upcoming election are 12 p.m., Monday, June 13 through 12 p.m., Friday, June 17.

The candidates that have filed for seats so far are:

District 2 Commission Candidates

David van der Most, a Pompano Beach realtor has raised \$600 in campaign finances as of May 26.

District 3 Commission Candidates

Alison Fournier manages long-term real estate. She's raised \$5,435 in campaign finances and has spent \$2,042.67 as of May 26.

Thomas "Tom" McMahon current-

ly holds the seat and is seeking reelection. He is the owner of Power and Play Motorsports. He's raised \$1,600 in campaign finances and has spent \$45.61 as of May 26.

District 4 Commission Candidates

Kevin Eason Sr. is a community advocate. He's raised \$100 as of May 26.

Mary Scofield-Phillips is a Pompano Beach realtor and the wife of former

commissioner Ed Phillips. She's raised \$1,100 and spent \$297.27 as of May 26.

District 5 Commission Candidates

Cyndy Floyd currently holds the seat. She prides herself on being a pillar for her community. She's raised \$9,416.81 and spent \$2,676.84 as of May 26.

Barry L. Moss served as District 5 commissioner before Floyd. He's raised \$4,150 and spent \$44.70 as of May 26.

BSO ARRESTS 12-YEAR- OLD FOR SCHOOL SHOOTING THREAT

Broward Sheriff's Office Threat Management Unit detectives arrested a 12-year-old Crystal Lake Middle School student in April on charges of making written threats to kill.

Earlier that morning, a student at the school learned of the threat and posted the information on social media as a warning to others about a possible school shooting. A BSO school resource deputy immediately began investigating and identified the individual responsible for making the threat.

The threat outlined a detailed plan to "infiltrate the school from all entrances" and "start little by little killing people." Detectives arrested the 12-year-old and transported him to the Juvenile Assessment Center for processing. No weapons were recovered at the school, and the investigation into the incident is ongoing.

BSO reminds the community that these types of threats are taken seriously, investigated fully and could result in criminal charges. Also, anyone who sees or hears these types of threats should report them by contacting the Broward Sheriff's Office or submitting them to the Safer-Watch app.

INVESTIGATORS:
Det. J. Abrams, TMU
Sgt. T. Thyroff, TMU

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Graduates Doing Great Things: A Message from Blanche Ely Alum, Veda Coleman-Wright

By Attiyya Atkins

In June, many high school seniors will graduate and go on to the next chapter of their lives. As students go further in their careers, it's important to remember some of the graduates before them. In this installment of Graduates Doing Great Things, we have Veda Coleman-Wright, Public Information Officer for the Broward Sheriff's Office.

COLEMAN-WRIGHT graduated from Blanche Ely High School and graduated from Florida A&M University with a degree in journalism. She worked as an assignment editor for Channel 10 News, before working with BSO as a public information officer. She now serves as the Public Information Office Director, where she leads a team of communicators, manages media relations, and helps BSO tell their story.

Coleman-Wright is thankful to her teachers and other staff at Blanche Ely for helping her become the leader she is today. We sat down and did a Q&A with Coleman-Wright for the upcoming graduates who are on the brink of change and to get a glimpse of what she does in her role at BSO:

To the graduates, she says: "First, put God above all things. Learn from your mistakes and let them strengthen you. Strive for the very best and nothing less. Give and expect respect. Treat others the way you want to be treated. Listen more than you speak; you'll be amazed at the vast knowledge you gain. A life of service is a life well lived. Be humble yet confident."

She adds, it's important to use your God-given talents to give back to your community. That's



what she does as a Public Information Officer Director for BSO, she uses her journalism skills to help keep our community safe.

"We know that no man is an island at the Broward Sheriff's Office, and public safety is a partnership," she said. "We all play a vital role in keeping our communities safe. Residents need to know BSO will be there to address their emergency needs or lend a helping hand. This communication works both ways. In turn, we need them to be our eyes and ears and not be afraid to provide us with information in order to serve them better."

BSO currently has several initiatives to keep Pompano Beach and other parts of the county safe, like Park, Walk, and Talk, where bicycle patrols interact with the community and build relationships. Other programs include the Community Out-

reach Response and Enforcement (CORE) Team, Community Action Team (CAT), and Homeless Outreach Team (HOT).

"These teams are designed to address critical and persistent issues within the community by combining resources from the BSO and the City of Pompano Beach. Members from CORE, CAT and HOT and other district personnel often host or participate in community events as well. District personnel really enjoyed participating in this year's Unity in the Community - Family Fun Day event," she said.

Serving the community is of utmost importance to BSO. That's why the organization is always looking for ways to help. "For example, after receiving complaints about trash and debris piling up in the areas around North Powerline Road between Copans Road and Wiles Road, deputies from our

Pompano Beach and Deerfield Beach districts increased their presence along these areas.

In March, they spent time removing debris from the roadway, educating the public about the issue with message boards and issuing citations when necessary. These clean-ups are important because when criminals see blighted areas, they think no one cares or no one is watching," she said.

In April, BSO entered into a friendly competition to collect food for the Broward Partnership Pompano Beach Center. BSO battled against Pompano Beach High School for the food drive challenge. "At the end of the three-week food drive challenge, we were all winners because it gave deputies an opportunity to interact with the high schoolers, and both groups collected more than 3,500 items for the homeless assistance center."

Golf

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everyone is special!"

All the attendees were on their feet cheering as Carter cut through the ribbon to unveil the first golf apparel line created by a black, autistic child. It would also be the first time a golf course will stock Spectrum Golf in a Golf Pro Shop.

Carter Bonas was diagnosed at an early age and ranks high on the autism spectrum scale. Carter faced adversity right from the beginning of his young life. Those challenges were compounded with a learning disability, dyslexia. Carter didn't speak until he was age four and had trouble making friends. His classmates began to bully him extensively. Carter became depressed and even had suicidal thoughts, all before turning ten years old.

Realizing her son was in major crisis, Dr. Tennie knew she had to get mental health professionals involved in Carter's life immediately. Carter began to love life again and discovered the game of golf.

At the same time, Covid began raging through our community. The fear of losing his parents and facing such an uncertain outcome caused Carter to ask about starting his own business. After

discussing several ideas with his family, including selling rocks, Carter chose golf apparel.

The golf clothes he already wore irritated his sensitive skin. He wanted to create something that would not only be soothing to sensitive bodies like his, but to inspire people as well. He made sure to include an inspirational message inside the lining of Spectrum Golf pants. Because Carter is dyslexic, he illustrated the logo design with the "G" in "SG" backwards. In order to show others that he lives by his motto, "Embrace Your Difference", he left it that way and the Spectrum Golf logo was born.

Carter's mom, Dr. Thelma Tennie Ph.D., is also the founder of the Healing Arts Institute. They provide mental health services such as Cognitive Behavior, Behavior Modification, Family Therapy, and Sex Trauma Therapy. These services are available to members of the community regardless of their ability to pay. The Healing Arts Institute is currently in need of donors so they can keep these special services, just like the ones Carter received, free of charge. Please visit

artssfl.org and donate today.

Carter Bonas took all of the obstacles in his young life and hurdled over each one. Members of the community and city leaders came out to support the ribbon cutting ceremony. Afterward, Carter generously held a Golf Clinic and was spotted giving lessons to Vice Mayor Joshua Simmons and members of the press. "We're all smiles because this is one of the most positive things we could be doing with our day," said Simmons, "And that's celebrating a talented young man, Carter Bonas, open-

ing his own business here in the beautiful city of Coral Springs!"

The thing that sticks out the most from that truly inspiring Spectrum Golf unveiling is the grin on Carter's handsome face as he stood anxiously waiting to show the world what he was truly capable of. It reminds me that no matter the "disability", each of us has the ability to make our goals a reality and change our outcome. Make sure to visit www.carterspectrumgolf.com to check out this young business owner's apparel and read more about Carter Bonas.

Update

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what it means for residents of Pompano Beach.

According to the Sun Sentinel, Broward County has a positivity rate of 23.5 % as of May 19. This puts Broward County at a high risk level. A new subvariant of omicron, B.A.2.12.1, has proven to be the most contagious variant to date. In 2020, we would have to keep six feet apart and shutter indoor. However, as vaccination and immunity rates increase, fewer and fewer people are likely to get sick with the disease. Also, as at-home rapid testing becomes more widely accessible, Covid-19 testing sites are closing up around the city. With the availability of antivirals, vaccines, and antibody treatments, fighting Covid-19 and preventing the spread is entirely up to each individual.

Monoclonal Antibody Treatment Therapy may be an option for individuals with moderate to severe coronavirus. Receiving monoclonal antibodies is like receiving a dose of your own combat army. These tiny antibodies stick to the surface of the coronavirus cell and stops it from penetrating healthy cells. In order to receive the only antibody treatment available within the state of Florida at the time this was written, you must meet certain criteria. Biotech's Monoclonal Antibody Treatment therapy, Bebtelovimab, is an effective way to treat positive Covid-19 patients 12 years or older who are at risk for severe disease progression and where alternative Covid-19 treatments proved

ineffective. To locate a provider, visit floridahealthcovid19.gov/treatments/treatmentlocator or ask your doctor for more information.

For a mild case of Covid-19 or if you're asymptomatic, you may qualify to receive antiviral medication by prescription. Most viruses cannot duplicate on their own. They become effective when the virus enters our healthy cells, essentially hijacking them, allowing the virus to duplicate and increase. An antiviral stops this from happening. Oral antivirals are now available and can be obtained by prescription, only after diagnosis of coronavirus. Pfizer's Paxlovid and Merck's Molnupiravir should begin within five days of symptom onset. Contact your health provider for more information on how to obtain a prescription.

For various reasons, some people are still hesitant to get vaccinated. As an alternative, prevention in pill form is now available from Astrazeneca's Evusheld. It is authorized by the FDA for the prevention of Covid-19. Individuals who are severely immunocompromised or who've had an adverse reaction to the vaccine may qualify. Your healthcare provider is the best place to ask questions and to find out what options are available. The United States has come a long way in this fight against Covid-19. By taking steps like getting the vaccine and taking preventative medicine, you can effectively protect yourself and your family.

The Friends of the NW Library Presents...

The 21st Annual Blues & Sweet Potato Pie Festival

A Juneteenth Celebration

June 18, 2022
11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Save The Date

Free Admission
Live Entertainment
Family Fun

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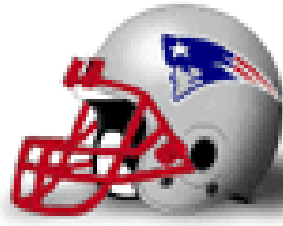
Saturday, Aug. 13
at Tampa Bay Buccaneers
(Preseason) Raymond
James Stadium, Tampa, FL
7:30pm ET Local/NFLN



Saturday, Aug. 20
Las Vegas Raiders
(Preseason) Hard Rock
Stadium, Miami Gardens, FL
7:00pm ET Local/NFLN



Saturday, Aug. 27
Philadelphia Eagles
(Preseason) Hard Rock
Stadium, Miami Gardens, FL
7:00pm ET Local/NFLN



Sunday, Sep. 11
New England Patriots Hard
Rock Stadium, Miami
Gardens, FL
1:00pm ET CBS



Sunday, Sep. 18
at Baltimore Ravens M&T
Bank Stadium,
Baltimore, MD
1:00pm ET CBS



Sunday, Sep. 25
Buffalo Bills Hard Rock
Stadium, Miami Gardens, FL
1:00pm ET CBS



Thursday, Sep. 29
at Cincinnati Bengals Paul
Brown Stadium, Cincinnati,
OH
8:15pm ET Prime Video



Sunday, Oct. 9
at New York Jets MetLife
Stadium, East Rutherford,
NJ
1:00pm ET CBS



Sunday, Oct. 16
Minnesota Vikings Hard
Rock Stadium, Miami
Gardens, FL
1:00pm ET FOX



Sunday, Oct. 23
Pittsburgh Steelers Hard
Rock Stadium, Miami
Gardens, FL
8:20pm ET NBC



Sunday, Oct. 30
at Detroit Lions Ford Field,
Detroit, MI
1:00pm ET CBS



Sunday, Nov. 6
at Chicago Bears Soldier
Field, Chicago, IL
1:00pm ETCBS



Sunday, Nov. 13
Cleveland Browns Hard
Rock Stadium, Miami
Gardens, FL
1:00pm ET CBS



Sunday, Nov. 27
Houston Texans
Hard Rock Stadium,
Miami Gardens, FL
1:00pm ET CBS



Sunday, Dec. 4
at San Francisco 49ers
Levi's Stadium,
Santa Clara, CA
4:05pm ET FOX



Sunday, Dec. 11
at Los Angeles Chargers
SoFi Stadium,
Inglewood, CA
4:05pm ET CBS



Saturday, Dec. 17
at Buffalo Bills Highmark
Stadium, Orchard Park, NY
Time TBA ET or Sun.,
Dec. 18



Sunday, Dec. 25
Green Bay Packers Hard
Rock Stadium, Miami
Gardens, FL
1:00pm ET FOX



Sunday, Jan. 1
at New England
Patriots Gillette Stadium,
Foxborough, MA
1:00pm ET CBS



Sunday, Jan. 8
New York Jets
Hard Rock Stadium,
Miami Gardens, FL
Time TBA ET or Sat., Jan. 7

Marketplace

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etal layout.

Buyer IDI Logistics has filed a zoning change request with the city's Planning and Zoning Board stating, "The impacts of COVID-19 will likely impact the way people shop well into the future which will continue to reduce the need for brick-and-mortar stores as people continue to do much of the shopping online." The request will make its way through both the Pompano Beach and the Broward County Commissions. The developer still must file a detailed site plan.

Yorum Izhuk, current owner and CEO of IMC Management told the Sun Sentinel during a phone interview he's promised Festival Marketplace's more than 200

vendors, "They will have time to plan their life," because IMC "made an agreement with [the buyer] that we won't give them the property before 2 1/2 years."

IMC purchased Festival Marketplace in 2018 for \$56 million, initially intending to revive the dying shopper's paradise in 2021. The mega-management organization also owns several dozens of retail establishments throughout South Florida and one of them could be the site of a new marketplace. "We [also] live in South Florida," said Izhuk, "and we are very sensitive to the incomes of people. Most of our [tenants] will have spaces in our other properties."

The location of Festival Marketplace

between major Florida thoroughfares makes 2900 Sample Road ideal for a distribution complex. According to IDI's application, "This access will increase the efficiency and speed of delivery of goods to customers and also provides efficiency in delivery of goods to businesses located in the industrial warehouse space." Quick entry to I-95, Florida Turnpike, and the Sawgrass Expressway could transform the property into a major distribution hub. A warehouse of this size would also potentially bring thousands of new jobs to locals in the surrounding communities.

Unfortunately, the closure means that many small business owners would be

displaced. Businesses such as the New York Pickle Company will be closing its doors permanently. The Pickle Company's owner, Iris Young, will retire unless someone buys the business and can afford a new location.

Upset locals have organized an online petition to Save The Festival Marketplace. The petition can be found here at change.org. It's a call to the Development Review Committee, along with City and County Commissioners to reject the application to demolish the property. The petition states that "dozens of small businesses and employees will have nowhere to go." The signatures required for the petition to be effective are about halfway fulfilled.

EVENTS

Event : Dive-In Movie Night - F9 Fast & Furious
Location : Houston/Sworn Aquatic Center, 901 NW 10th Street, Pompano
Cost : Free
Date : June 10, 2022, 8 p.m.

Event : Kodak Black Day
Location : Pompano Community Park, 1660 NE 10th Street, Pompano Beach
Cost : \$120 General Admission, live music by Kodak Black, MoneyBagg Yo, FGC Heem, HotBoii, and more. There will also be carnival rides, food, and vendors.
Date : June 11, 2022, 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Event : Daddy Daughter Day
Location : Highlands Recreation Center, 1650 NE 50th Ct, Pompano Beach, FL 33064
Cost : Free. This event is open to daughters ages 4-10 years old. Dads and

daughters will get to enjoy arts and crafts, food, drinks and a movie!
Date : June 16, 2022, 6 to 8 p.m.

Event : 21st Annual Blues and Sweet Potato Pie Festival: A Juneteenth Celebration
Location : Apollo Park, 1580 NW 3rd Ave, Pompano Beach, 33060
Cost : Free, Live entertainment and family fun presented by The Friends of the NW Library
Date : June 18, 2022, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Event : Annual Celebrate Dad Breakfast
Location : First Baptist Church, Pompano Beach
Cost : Free, \$8 each additional family member. Registration is required. The event is in the fellowship hall. For more information contact Tony Orlandi 954-745-6144
Date : June 19, 2022, 7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

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