



eCountyLine

A bimonthly newsletter for Volusia County employees

May/June 2017

FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER'S DESK

Welcome to eCountyLine!



As part of Volusia County's ongoing efforts to go green, County Line has gone digital. The new version, which also sports a new design, will be distributed to employees via email

every other month.

The newsletter will continue to provide updates on employee benefits and share news about major events, employee milestones, retirements, health tips, and ways we are demonstrating our values and making a positive difference in the community.

We ask supervisors to print several copies and post them in common areas for employees who don't have access to computers.

You can help us share the news!

If you have a story, please submit it to the folks in Community Information at newsletter@volusia.org. — Jim Dinneen



From left are Ryan Skinner, Derek Taylor, Aaron D. Jenkins, Zach Strang and Dylan Copello.

Beach Safety officers honored

Congratulations to the following Beach Safety officers, who were recognized at Beach Safety's annual banquet for their heroic acts.

Derek Taylor was honored for stopping a suspicious vehicle that was occupied by two individuals who were later identified as wanted by the FBI for an armed bank robbery in Iowa. The suspects were arrested without incident.

Zach Strang and **Dylan Copello** were recognized for assisting the Daytona Beach Police Department in a 4:30 a.m. search for a distraught woman who had fled into the ocean. Strang and Copello launched a jet ski and found the woman, who was unconscious, and brought her back to shore. They then treated her until she regained consciousness.

Ryan Skinner and **Aaron D. Jenkins** were recognized for assisting the New Smyrna Beach Police Department with a person who had fallen into the Intracoastal Waterway after attempting to kayak across it the day after Hurricane Matthew. Weather conditions were hazardous, with winds still gusting to 50 mph. Skinner and Jenkins retrieved the man, who was showing initial signs of hypothermia and nearly drowned, and brought him to shore, where they provided medical treatment.

Skinner was also honored for assisting a lightning strike victim during a storm. Although his vehicle had been struck by lightning and damaged, Skinner exited the vehicle in the middle of the storm after hearing yelling from a person hit by the same lightning strike. He began to treat the victim, who was later determined to have minor injuries.

Fast facts



Road and Bridge maintains 1,083.5 miles of roadways and 51 bridges, including two drawbridges.

More than 79,000 e-books, 37,000 audiobooks and 35,000 e-audiobooks are available through the Volusia County Library System.

Retirements

November

Peggy Flomerfelt, Management and Budget, 22
Alvin Gregg, Corrections, 29
Larry Higgins, Sheriff's Office, 17
Joseph Kearsch, Sheriff's Office, 15
Gregory McLarnan, Fire Services, 29
Marlane Neff, Sheriff's Office, 23

December

Kevin Cowling, Road and Bridge, 12
William Ford, Corrections, 12
Morgan Gilreath, Property Appraiser, 30
Jeffrey Hanrahan, Fire Services, 13
Ben Johnson, Sheriff, 42 years
Bonita McCloud, Corrections, 16
Nancy Stein, Building & Zoning, 12
Lee Stone, Environmental Management, 27
Larry Turner, Info. Technology, 16

January

Christina Chaves, Sheriff's Office, 13
Kathlene Cratin, Corrections, 20
Mark Edgil, Fire Services, 30
Bryan Jiles, Building and Zoning, 30
Patricia Renninger, Sheriff's Office, 13
Zachary Tribble, Property Appraiser's Office, 25
Troy Williams, Corrections, 19

February

Myra Gaziano, Community Assistance, 25
John Bertrand, Corrections, 10
Linda Fisher, Library Services, 12
Deborah Smith, Sheriff's Office, 13

March

Barbara Alderman, Accounting, 12
Joseph Bryant, Sheriff's Office, 28
Stirling Gosa, Environmental Management, 12
Annette Hurst, Revenue, 14
Daniel Lyle, Fire Services, 17
Alison McMillan, Building and Zoning, 33
Matthew Reinhart, Corrections, 30
Nicholas Simons, Road & Bridge, 31
Kenneth Smith, Corrections, 27
Kristine Winegar, Library Services, 10

Movers and shakers



Aaron V. Jenkins has been promoted to deputy chief of operations for the Beach Safety Division. Jenkins joined the division as a part-time lifeguard in 2002. Since then, he's built a career as a sworn, cross-trained officer. He has also served as a SWAT medic, field training officer, lifeguard supervisor and senior captain. In his new job, he works on the front lines to promote a safe and enjoyable experience for all who visit our beaches. He's working toward a degree in supervision and management from Daytona State College.



Cyndy Moore has been promoted to assistant regional librarian at the Port Orange Regional Library. She has worked at the library for eight years, most recently as librarian head of circulation. Moore has a master's degree in library and information science from the University of South Florida. She recently completed the Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute and is enrolled in the Management Training Institute program.



Kristin Bennett has been promoted to assistant regional librarian at the Ormond Beach Regional Library. She transferred from the Edgewater Public Library, where she had worked as branch manager since 2011. Bennett received a master's degree in library and information science from Florida State University in 2006 and began her career in library services at the Charleston County Public Library in South Carolina.



Erica Davis, a librarian with the Daytona Beach Regional Library, received her bachelor's degree from Flagler College through an accelerated program offered through the county. She is now enrolled in the master's program at the University of South Florida.

Davis is in charge of the branch's Launch Pad, a makerspace that serves middle schoolers through adults.



Inga Fegley, a senior procurement analyst with Volusia County's Purchasing and Contracts Division, recently graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in public administration from Flagler College. Fegley has worked in Purchasing since 2011, starting in commodities and moving to the construction team in 2015. In her position, she processes solicitations for professional services contracts and construction projects.



Beach Safety Senior Captain **Andrew Ethridge** graduated magna cum laude from Flagler College with a bachelor's degree in public administration. He's researching master degree programs and advanced leadership opportunities that will help him further advance his career. Ethridge has worked for Beach Safety since 1996, when he started as a part-time lifeguard. Since then, he's held the positions of beach safety specialist, senior lifeguard, captain, and his current position as senior captain.

For your Benefit

Are you a mindless eater?

By Lisa Somers, R.N., Cigna health advocate



It's easy to lose track of how much you're eating, especially when life's busy. You might crunch through an entire bag of chips – even when you're not hungry. This is a form of mindless eating that can sidetrack your efforts to eat a healthy diet.

How to combat the cycle of mindless eating? Make a fresh start. It's all about slowing down and being mindful of the food you choose to eat. Before eating your next meal or snack, pause to ask yourself the following questions:

Why are you eating? Are you bored, sad or stressed out? If you're eating for emotional reasons, go for a walk, drink a glass of water, or do something else.

Are you hungry? Mindful eating is about listening to your body and eating food when you're hungry. If you're not hungry, you might decide to simply walk away from the refrigerator and come back later.

Are you thirsty? Sometimes a food craving is just a signal that your body is craving H₂O. Drink a full glass of water before eating, then ask yourself if you're still hungry.

How much are you eating? Try to be mindful of portion sizes. You might dish up food on a smaller plate and keep serving dishes out of arm's reach (on the kitchen counter, for example). That way, you have to make a conscious decision to have a second serving. Also, remove distractions by putting down the phone and turning off the TV so you can focus on eating.

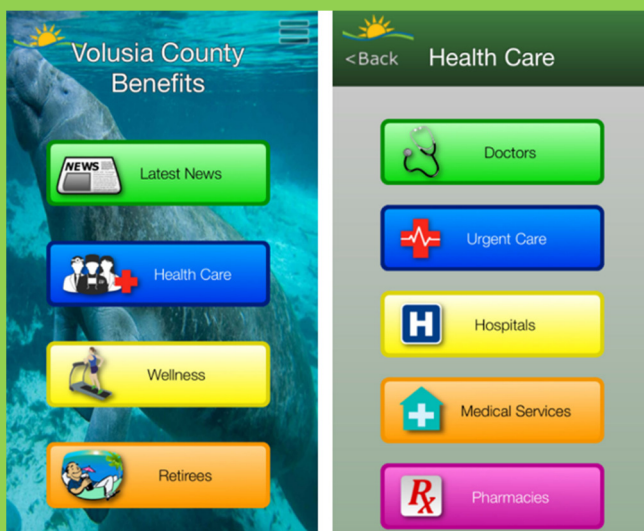
What are you eating? Think about the ingredients. Are you fueling your body with nutritious foods? Take small bites and savor all the flavors.

Where did it come from? Do you know where the food was grown or produced? Connecting these dots can help you build a healthy relationship with food.



Lisa Somers, R.N., is a Cigna employee who can assist you and your family members who are actively enrolled in the Cigna plan. She coordinates programs and health promotions to help employees and their dependents lead healthy lifestyles. Contact Somers at ext. 13249 or cignaadvocate@volusia.org

New county app benefits employees



Do you have questions about your employment-related health benefits? There's a new county benefits app for that!

Developed by the Human Resources and Information Technology divisions, the free benefits app was designed

to provide quick and easy access to information about your health benefits. The project was a directive from County Manager **Jim Dinneen** and was overseen by **Joe Pozzo**, human resources assistant director.

Through a collaborative effort between the Employee Benefits Team and IT, the app was developed, tested and rolled out within six months.

Features of the app include:

- **Latest news.** Stay up to date by reading the latest news releases published by the county.
- **Health care.** Get medical information on in-network doctors, urgent care clinics, hospitals, pharmacies, dental and vision plans, and more.
- **Wellness.** Find fitness classes and centers available to employees, as well as local, upcoming races.
- **Retirees.** Learn about health care coverage and costs for current and future retirees.

To download the app, visit the Human Resources benefits page on ENN or volusia.org and click on "Instructions for downloading the Volusia County Benefits App."

Employee Recognition Luncheon

More than 300 long-term employees were honored during the 31st annual Employee Recognition Luncheon on Feb. 22.

*"Our employees serve more than a half-million residents with professionalism, skill and dedication, and they have helped Volusia County develop a reputation for quality and excellence," noted County Manager **Jim Dinneen**.*

"Today, and every day, I extend my appreciation to employees for their hard work, continued dedication and commitment to excellence."

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Charles Hargrove, 10
Larry Smith, 10
John MacConnell Jr., 15
Jamie Seaman, 25

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

James Dinneen, 10
Pat Kuehn, 10
Claudia Pizarro, 10

ELECTIONS

Lisa Lewis, 10
John Harrington, 15
Charlene Kovarovic, 15
Bill Fyfe, 35
Eva Myers, 35
Sharon Ann Pinkney, 35

PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE

Pamela Dreisbach, 10
James Durland Jr., 10
Roger Evans, 10
Charles Gormly, 10
Mary Horne, 10
Lynn Landmesser, 10

Michelle Morris, 10
Mark Wright, 10
Patricia Viers, 10
Christopher Flynn, 15
Janice Cornelius, 20
Charlene Pittman, 20
John Hawkins, 25
Zachary Tribble, 25
Morgan Gilreath Jr., 30
Rebecca Jones, 30
Linda Rankin, 30

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Pat Allison, 10
Kathy Bellini, 10
Peter Bethea Jr., 10
Blanca Burgos, 10
Shirley Campbell, 10
Joann Dede, 10
Trudi Foti, 10
Robert Frew, 10
Jamie Gross, 10
Robert Hansard, 10
Dana King, 10
David King, 10
Samantha Leising, 10
Melanie Matthews, 10
Lauralynn Mays, 10
Eugene Mefford, 10
Wayne Miller, 10
John Oldham, 10
Marjorie Perez, 10
Karen Pierce, 10
Kyle Powell, 10
Eric Powers, 10
Traci Pridgeon, 10
Tara Pronovost, 10
John Provenzano, 10
Bienvenido Santiago, 10
Justin Sawicki, 10
Jeffrey Stoffan, 10
Scott Storz, 10
Jody Thomas, 10
Sean Tippie, 10
Terri Waller, 10
Marcia Wenk, 10
Dorothy Woodard, 10
Bruce Workman, 10
Leonard Zimmer, 10
Vicky Bowen, 15
Cristal Bustamante, 15
Jorge Carvajal, 15
James Day, 15
Lily Efird, 15
Tara Flores, 15
John Frazzini, 15
Chuck Habermehl, 15

Jason Hunt, 15
Tammy Flowers, 15
James Higgins, 15
Mercedes Jimenez, 15
Joseph Kearsch, 15
Carol Keesecker, 15
Mike Kent, 15
Sharon Lamb, 15
Christopher LeCates, 15
Stephanie McCarthur, 15
Ronald McDaniel, 15
Ryan Mills, 15
Jackie Mullins, 15
Robert Rahn, 15
Jane Rivet, 15
Madiha Saleem, 15
Chuck Smith, 15
Ronald Stier, 15
Jeff Wingard, 15
Marion Wisneski, 15
Brad Yackel, 15
Craig Yackel, 15
G. Yackel, 15
Paul Adkins, 20
Susan Armon, 20
Bryan Barnard, 20
Joseph Cohen-Ortiz, 20
David Gobin, 20
Jonelle Hillyard, 20
Gerald Krug, 20
Michael Markovich, 20
Catherine McCullough, 20
Theodore Richard, 20
Michael Stott, 20
Peter Taraborelli, 20
Donaldson Taylor, 20
Michael Telegdy, 20
Robert Walters, 20
G. Mark Willetts, 20
Tricia Davis, 25
Edward Hart, 25
Roger Hubbell, 25
Ingrid Huie, 25
Carolyn Long, 25
Chico Mandizha, 25
Cindy Lu Pagliari, 25
Patrick Thoman, 25
Robin Franz, 30
James Gabriel, 30
Robert Goggin, 30
Glenn Lopez, 30
Patricia McDonnell, 30
James Melady, 30
Jon Roberts, 30
Albert Palgiari, 35
Jamie Richards, 35

AVIATION AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES

Aviation

Dwayne Book, 10
Bruce Emery, 10
Albert Prevatt, 10
Rich Mather, 10
Joyce D'Esposito, 20

BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Purchasing

Shaira Resto, 10
Pamela Wilsky, 10
Norma Rosales, 35

BUSINESS SERVICES

Central Services

Lee Perry, 10
Andrea Westmoreland, 10
Mike Nickell, 15
Matthew Siebels, 20
Robert Gilmore, 20
Harold Hester, 20
James Pitrone, 20
George Brownfield, 20
Bria Jones, 30

Information Technology

Nancy Church, 10
Dennis Fair, 25
Sandra Savasuk, 30
Debra Brumfield, 30
John Nogueira, 35

Revenue

William Roberts, 10
Katherine Swingle, 10
Robin Todd, 10
Eva Cobb, 15

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agriculture Extension

Donna Coriano, 10
Renee Schoen, 10

Community Assistance

Kim Williams, 10
Jennifer Edgington, 20
Debbi Sue Thurmond, 20
Diana Phillips, 25

Library Services

Cyndi Garlit, 10
Kelly Balao, 10
Donald Brownell, 10
Michael Dreggors, 10
Connie England, 10
Matthew Harman, 10
Kristin Heifner, 10
Sharon Kay, 10
Dale Rusty Larrimore, 10
Tamara Sines Lyhne, 10
Tobey Mason, 10
Charlie Schwab, 10
Kristin Winegar, 10
Julie Chiello, 15
Claudia Hutchinson, 15
Heather Metzger, 15
Pamela Piatt, 15
Brook White, 20
David Horgan, 20
Leanne Gore, 20
Ellen Babanin, 25

Parks, Recreation and Culture

Terri Bergeron, 10
Michael Bielenda, 10
Sandy Clodfelter, 10
Joseph Zarbo, 10
Patricia Havert, 15
Amanda Snyder, 15
John Squires, 15
Thomas Thiel, 15
Roger Peterson, 25

COURT ADMINISTRATION

Gina Rivers, 10
Leroy Gonzalez, 15
Melissa Cuccoro, 15
Jannine Kilgard, 15
Jennifer Marandino, 15

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Accounting

Robert Boggess, 45

Human Resources

Elaine Reed, 10
Beth LaHue, 20

GROWTH AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Building and Zoning

Frank Godawa, 10
Rebecca Hubbard, 10
Michael Mazzola, 10
Douglas Sorenson, 10

Roy Johnson, 15
Philip Vander Werf, 20
Randy Roberts, 25
Bryan Jiles, 30
Walter Stringfellow, 30

Environmental Management

Gabor Matrai, 15
Margaret Hodge, 30
Randall Sleister, 30

Planning and Development

Jeffrey Eggleston, 10
Marcia Bradford, 20

OCEAN CENTER

Steven Alverson, 10
Kristofer Beatty, 10
Charles Martin, 10
Willie Cooks Jr., 20
Phoebe LeBlanc, 20
Bobby Robinson, 25

PUBLIC PROTECTION

Animal Control

Charity Moore, 10
Toni Moriarty, 15

Beach Safety

David Foley Jr., 10
Aaron Van Jenkins, 10
Joshua Marlett, 10
Frederic Urquhart, 10
Lynea Lewis, 15
Stanley Manhart, 15
Mark Atkinson, 15
Chris Dembinsky, 15
Lee Tremel, 15
Julie Anderson, 15
Thomas McGibeny, 20
Myles Camputaro, 20

Corrections

Christine Aponte, 10
John Bertrand, 10
Jeffrey Foss, 10
Daniel Haldi, 10
Satia Harris, 10
Sabrina Hawkins, 10
Winston Hope, 10
Andre Isaac, 10
Karen Motichko, 10
Patrick Norden, 10
William McMullen, 10
Ken Riley, 10
Christopher Stormer, 10
John Taylor, 10
Dale Woten, 10
Thomas Zinzi, 10

Susan Audit, 15
Jeremy Bertrand, 15
Sherri Ivy, 15
Ivyl LeSane, 15
Robin Smith, 15
Kathlene Cratin, 20
Ernest Hohenstein, 20
William Jennings, 20
Melvina McCray, 20
Jo Ann Morrison, 20
John Sturla, 20
Mary West, 20
Timothy Rowan, 25
Kimberly Yearly, 25
Alvin Gregg, 30
Matthew Reinhart, 30

Emergency Management

Yolanda Buckles, 10

Emergency Medical Services

Davin Corrigan, 10
Randi Coryell
Randal Jackson, 10
Cory Lopez, 10
Amanda Miller, 10
Allyson Senn, 10
Shauna Beres, 15
Pamela Ryan, 15
James Kobliha, 30
Beth-Ann Mondor, 35
Donald Neyer, 35
Jeffrey Van Doorn, 35

Fire Services

James Coward, 10
Matthew Davis, 10
Karl Froling, 10
Frank Fusco, 10
Shane Goebel, 10
Robert Hamel, 10
Christopher Hogan, 10
William Kelly, 10
Matthew Monk, 10
Matthew Slifkin, 10
Michael Sybian, 10
Michael Whisenhant, 10
Ed Zona, 10
James Gray, 15
Steven Huber, 15
Justin Hughes, 15
Daniel Bauder, 20
Kyle Schloss, 20
Matt Branch, 25
Mark Edgil, 30
Gary Goerke, 30
Kate Lind, 30

Medical Examiner's Office

Dr. Marie Herrmann, 10
Priscilla Feller, 10

PUBLIC WORKS

Administration

Arden Fontaine, 15
John Gamble, 35

Coastal

Wesley Hewson, 35
Brian Sauter, 35

Engineering and Construction

Cam Dang, 10
Laura Laser, 10
Elizabeth Bitowft, 15
Keith Koshiol, 20
Scott Martin, 30

Road and Bridge

Alaina Mosley, 10
Vincent Perrotta, 10
David Selph, 10
Jason Cowart, 10
Martin Verwys, 10
Maria Paulino, 15
Mark Shaw, 15
Douglas Powell, 15
David Farr, 20
William Morgan, 20
Jefferson Borden, 20
Glenn Goosby, 20
Jerry Coffey, 25
Vence Wright, 30
Franklin Yarborough, 30
Willie McGill, 40

Solid Waste

Jerry Peterson, 10
Willie Trussell, 10
Sandra Moore, 10
Regina Montgomery, 15
Peter Stone, 15
Dennis Williams, 15
Randy Hubbard, 30
Troy Hopton, 30

Traffic Engineering

Thomas Edwards, 30

Water Resources and Utilities

Everett Bashaw, 10
Donald Carver, 15
Brian Fox, 15
Tim Arrington, 20

***"We are what we
repeatedly do.
Excellence, then,
is not an act, but a
habit." – Aristotle***

Around the County

Recognize your coworkers through Caught in the Act

One hundred employees were each awarded a \$15 Caught in the Act gift card in February and March for going above and beyond their regular job duties.

Caught in the Act is the county's on-the-spot recognition award, aimed at giving an immediate "thank you" to employees who demonstrate outstanding customer service, teamwork, leadership, positive attitude, creativity or extra effort/superior performance on a project or routine assignment.

Multiple employees were recognized for their hard work on the Daytona Beach Half Marathon, including **Kaycee Looper** and **Tony Stoute** of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Division. Other winners included:

- **Joel Buslewicz**, Emergency Medical Services, for working an extra six-hour shift, providing much-needed coverage to Volusia County residents and easing the demand on coworkers

- **Timothy Cintron**, Corrections, for helping to process more than 60 inmates during a computer program outage
- **Angi Mandese**, Accounting, for preparing documents for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
- **Laura Holton**, Library Services, for assisting with programs and publicity for the Big Read program

Fifty winners are selected in a random drawing held each month of all names submitted for Caught in the Act. They win their choice of a \$15 gift card to Darden Restaurants, Wal-Mart, Publix, Lowe's or Amazon.

All permanent, regular full- and part-time county employees can participate in the Caught in the Act program. Catch an employee doing a good job and let him or her know you appreciate it! To complete a Caught in the Act card, go to ENN and click on "Caught in the Act" in the left column.

State of the County Address highlights accomplishments

Staff from the County Manager's Office and Community Information coordinated the April 18 State of the County Address, where County Chair **Ed Kelley** and other members of the Volusia County Council reflected on 2016 accomplishments and looked to the future.

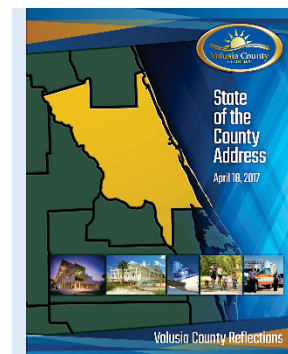
More than 500 community leaders and citizens attended the event, which was funded by local business sponsors. Hats off to **Betty Holness** and her team for pulling off another successful event!



From left, Brian Vandell, Jeff Crumbley and Gary Daniels present the video they created for the State of the County Address.



County Council Member Billie Wheeler, right, visits Marja Kolomyski and Debbie Somerford as they welcome guests.



A team of employees wrote the 24-page State of the County Address booklet, which was then designed by Graphic Artist **Paul Radetsky**.

Sheriff's Office



From left: Chief Deputy John Creamer, Detective Gerald Johnson, Deputy Omar Bello, Volunteer Daryl Pryce, Telecommunicator Christie D'Ercole and Sheriff Mike Chitwood. Not pictured: Victim's Advocate Pat Taylor.

Best of first quarter honored

The top deputy, detective, civilian employee, telecommunicator and volunteer of the first quarter of 2017 have put in some of the best work at the Volusia County Sheriff's Office so far this year.

Deputy **Omar Bello** was honored in part for his role in capturing a fleeing murder suspect Feb. 5. Bello was the first to spot the suspect's Dodge Charger on I-95 following a deadly shooting in Daytona Beach. He pursued the suspect, Dominic Neeley Jr., into Flagler County, where Neeley bailed out of the car and ran toward a house. Bello ran after Neeley and challenged him at gunpoint. Neeley was taken into custody and remains in jail.

Detective **Gerald Johnson's** cases in the first quarter included an armed robbery, armed burglary, burglary of a business, aggravated assault and a strong-arm robbery – all of which were closed by arrest. In the strong-arm robbery case, Johnson and two other deputies encountered the suspect fleeing north to State Road 11, where he abandoned the vehicle and was apprehended during a K-9 track.

Pat Taylor, a victim advocate, was recognized for her continued work with victims of crimes including domestic violence and sexual abuse. "Her compassionate attitude for victims of crime is profound," said nominator Marge Clauser. "She never judges the circumstances or lifestyle in representing victims. She treats people with the dignity they deserve."

Telecommunicator **Christie D'Ercole** was on her lunch break when she heard about a head-on crash involving several vehicles, with one person dead and others injured. She decided her break was over and went straight to the dispatch floor, taking over the primary fire position, dispatching extra ambulances and helping notify hospitals of incoming patients. "She should be recognized for a job well done," her shift supervisor Allaina Luna said.

As a volunteer with the Citizen Observer Program, **Daryl Pryce** has helped keep order at special events, and he's consistently available for extra patrols. When he and his COP partner saw kids trying to cross a busy street with no crossing guards, they stepped in and directed traffic. Pryce also has helped with routine maintenance on VCSO vehicles in the Deltona area and has become an integral part of the vehicle maintenance team.

Recent promotions include highest-ranking female deputy

Sheriff **Mike Chitwood** continued reshaping the organizational structure of the more than 900-employee agency by molding the department into two operating divisions headed by newly established division chiefs. Division chief is the third highest rank in the department, after sheriff and chief deputy.

The moves included the promotion of **Corey Piser**, now the highest-ranking female deputy in the history of the Sheriff's Office. Also promoted was **Tim Morgan**, who will team with Piser as the agency's two division chiefs.

Sheriff Chitwood also promoted a new lieutenant, **Anthony Shank**, and two new sergeants – **Joseph Frost** and **Roy Galarza**.



Piser was hired in March 2004 after a nine-year career with the Daytona Beach Police Department. At the Sheriff's Office, she has served in patrol and worked as a field training officer and watch commander.

As division chief of the Support Operations Division, she oversees special operations, training, court services, extraditions, warrants, information technology, evidence, communications and fleet management. Piser served in the Florida Army National Guard and is completing her master's degree at Southern New Hampshire University.



Morgan started with the Sheriff's Office in December 2000, working in a variety of assignments that include patrol, SWAT, crime suppression, internal affairs and district commander. As division chief of the Law Enforcement

Operations Division, Morgan oversees the agency's districts along with narcotics and investigations. Morgan came to the Sheriff's Office with prior law enforcement experience from the Daytona Beach Police Department, Youngstown Police Department in Ohio and Westminster Police Department in Colorado. He holds a bachelor's degree from Keiser University, is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute's Command Officers Development Class, and served in the U.S. Air Force.

In the News

Upcoming events



CLIMATE CHANGE'S EFFECTS ON BIRDS:

2 p.m.
Saturday,
May 20.
Bird expert
Reinier
Munguia
will explain
how temper-

ature changes are affecting feeding patterns, breeding cycles and geographic ranges in bird species worldwide. He will also explain which species are at greater risk and what is being done to save them. Meet in Lyonia Environmental Center's classroom. Call 386-789-7207, ext. 21028, to register.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY: 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 3. Get your heart pumping and your feet moving as you celebrate Volusia County's growing trails system during a free family event at Lake Beresford Park, 2100 Fatio Road, DeLand. Parks, Recreation and Culture staff will lead a guided nature hike and walking tour through the scenic park, while the River to Sea TPO will give away free children's bicycle helmets. Environmental groups and vendors will set up informational displays.

SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAMS:

Children and teens can chill at the Volusia County Public Library, which is planning hundreds of programs over the summer vacation. Countywide programs, which will take place at each of the library system's 13 branches, include summer reading programs and storytimes. Each branch is planning educational and entertaining programs that include magic shows, guest speakers, crafts, games, music and other activities. For a complete list, visit www.volusia.org/summerprograms.



A loggerhead hatchling emerges from its nest.

Sea turtle nesting season is here!

Turtle nesting season began May 1, and that means hundreds of sea turtles will be emerging from the surf at night to lay eggs on the beach during the next few months.

After incubating in the sand for about two months, the baby turtles will make an often-treacherous crawl to the ocean, dodging predators, holes, trash, vehicle ruts and beach furniture. Tragically, some will be led into harm's way by beachfront lighting.

Only about one in 1,000 to 10,000 hatchlings will make it safely to sexual maturity. **Jennifer Winters**, the county's sea turtle Habitat Conservation Plan program manager, wants to improve those odds.

"We need everybody's help to make this a safe and productive nesting season," she said. "We encourage residents and visitors to play safely, protect wildlife and respect the beach. That includes letting only the natural moonlight provide the light at night."

Beachfront property owners are asked to inspect their property from the beach at night to look for lighting that may need adjustment and correct the lighting before May 1, when proactive lighting enforcement efforts will begin.

"Artificial lighting is a human-made threat we can correct with minimal effort," Winters noted. "Bright lights

can prevent females from nesting, and they can confuse hatchlings – leading them away from the ocean and into the streets or storm drains. By simply shielding or redirecting lights away from the beach and turning them off when not in use, beachfront residents can help sea turtles survive."

The Environmental Management Division works with beachfront property owners throughout the year, educating them about the sea turtle lighting ordinance and how to be responsible coastal citizens.

Sea turtle nesting season runs through Oct. 31. For more information, visit www.volusia.org/seaturtles.

County embraces social media



Are you the county's friend? Facebook friend, that is!

Follow Volusia County Community Information to learn the latest about county services, programs and news. Check us out at www.facebook.com/VolusiaCountyCommunityInformation, and hit the "follow" button!



Volusia County Council

Ed Kelley, County Chair

Deborah Denys,

Vice Chair, District 3

Joyce Cusack, At-large

Pat Patterson, District 1

Billie Wheeler, District 2

Heather Post, District 4

Dr. Fred Lowry, District 5

Jim Dinneen, County Manager