SC United Soccer Club enjoys success at every level; board leads way

By Ken Datzman

Governed by a hands–on board of directors, Space Coast United Soccer Club Inc. in Viera has cut a path of success over a recent stretch of years that is almost unrivaled in youth–soccer circles in Florida.

The club’s Under–15 girls just won the Florida Youth Soccer Association’s coveted State Cup, and is on its way to the regional competition in South Carolina. That squad, coached by Michael Lord, captured the FYSA state championship just one week after Space Coast United’s Under–16 girls took home the US Club Soccer state title.

Championships, in general, have come fast and furious in recent years for the organization. Success on the field has attracted more and more players to Space Coast United, to the tune of roughly 2,000 athletes today who are involved in a range of competitive and recreational soccer programs for ages 3 to 19.

“We even have players on our team who come from as far away as Jupiter, Palm Coast, and Vero Beach,” said Ann Fuller, the 2016–2017 president of the board of directors for Space Coast United, which is more than 30 years old and was recently recognized statewide for its work on the field with children with disabilities.

“There is a lot of interest in our programs. I’m proud of our staff. Every competitive team has a team manager who puts in countless hours for the club. We are extremely fortunate. We probably have the best–credentialed youth soccer club staff in the area. Scott Armstrong, our executive director of coaching, holds the Union of European Football Association ‘A’ license, which qualifies him to coach a National Team, or a Premier League team,” Fuller said.

The UEFA is the governing body of football in Europe. The UEFA Pro License is the final coaching qualification available, and follows the completion of the UEFA “B” and “A” licenses.

A former Florida Tech soccer player, Armstrong said he once had his own club in the area before merging it with Space Coast United.

Space Coast United Soccer Club Inc. in Viera has been winning Florida Youth Soccer Association championships and much more. Roughly 2,000 young people are involved in the competitive and recreational programs it offers to families. From left, the leadership team includes: Susan Eaton, secretary; Matthew Shelton, vice president; Scott Armstrong, executive director of coaching; Ann Fuller, president, board of directors; and Mike McGonagle, board member.

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Jess Parrish Medical Foundation and PMC Auxiliary award scholarships to local high school, college students

TITUSVILLE — Jess Parrish Medical Foundation and Parrish Medical Center Auxiliary have awarded $40,000 in scholarships to 24 high school and college students pursuing a career in a medical or health-care field. New this year, both organizations have combined their scholarship programs to make a greater impact for those pursuing careers in the medical field that will one day provide healing care to the North Brevard community.

The 2015–2016 school year scholarship winners are: Hannah Barrow, Jaimiebath Simpson, Morgan Smith and LeAnn Vaughan, Astronaut High School; Ziyan Zhang and Ziyiing Zhang, Eastern Florida State College; Allison Hilton and Salud Martinez, Space Coast Junior-Senior High School; Dylan Bollinger, Arianna Broad, Keeley DiVita, Zachary Holcomb, Anna Pringle and Shreya Raman, Titusville High School; Amanda Cox, Minh-Chau Le, Amelia Melzer, Nirav Modha, Kyle Sellers and Kari Shaver, University of Central Florida; and Nicholas Andrews, Lynette Gonzalez, Alisa Mendez Zhang and Ziying Zhang, Eastern Florida State College; and LeAnn Vaughan, Astronaut High School; Ziyan Zhang and Ziying Zhang, Eastern Florida State College; and LeAnn Vaughan, Astronaut High School.

Other committee members are Santi Bulnes, Debbie Cox, Dot Hudson, Terry Lee, educator Dr. Patricia Manning, Bill McCarthy, Roger Miller, Ron Norris, dentist Dr. Howard Rinker, Philip Simpson, Barbara Terhune and Michael Van Heusen.

“When we partner together and invest in programs that support future generations of healthcare professionals, the entire community benefits. I want to thank the committee, applicants and our benefactors for investing in a brighter future,” said Terry.

The mission of JPMF is to inspire philanthropy and volunteered time in support of Parrish Medical. Through staff and volunteers, JPMF raises funds to support health-care initiatives in North Brevard County. Its featured projects include cancer care, The Children’s Center, the Parrish Health Village and the Center for Lifelong Health. For more information about JPMF, call 269–4066 or visit parrishmedfoundation.com.

The PMC Auxiliary Inc. was formed for charitable and educational purposes to promote and advance the welfare of Parrish Medical Center consistent with the goals and objectives of the hospital as approved by its governing board. For more information about the PMC Auxiliary or to become a volunteer, call 268–6333, extension 7183.

UCF’s Muñiz named to list of top Latino leaders in America, joins such notables as Columba Bush and Gov. Martinez

By Gene Kruckemyer
UCF News & Information

ORLANDO — Cyndia Morales Muñiz, assistant director for UCF’s Multicultural Academic & Support Services, was named recently as one of 2016’s top Latino leaders by the Council for Latino Workplace Equity.

Muñiz, also the president of the Latino Faculty and Staff Association at UCF, was one of 43 people chosen for the award along with other notables such as Columba Bush, former first lady of Florida; New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez; MSNBC journalist José Diaz-Balart; “Miami Herald” president and publisher Alexandra Villoch, and Javier Palomarez, president and chief executive officer of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

“It was a bit overwhelming to see my name listed alongside renowned leaders in our country. Now, I feel a sense of pride and happiness,” Muñiz said. “It’s very fulfilling to know that my work is having a positive impact on our community. I appreciate the recognition and am happy to continue doing my part.”

She will attend the National Diversity Council’s second annual Latino Leadership Conference in August at Florida International University, where attending recipients will be recognized. The conference is an annual gathering of entrepreneurs, executives, innovators, educators, policy makers and outstanding students, and is designed to encourage change and opportunity within the Latino community.

In her job, Muñiz helps assist multicultural and first-generation students through services such as the Multicultural Transfer Program, ACCESS SOAR Program, MASS Student Success Conference and others. The MASS office is part of Student Development and Enrollment Services.

As founding president of the Latino Faculty and Staff Association, or LaFaSA, she raises awareness and advocates for the goals of its members.

“UCF is at the national forefront of opportunity and excellence,” said Muñiz, who earned her doctorate of education at UCF in 2013. “I am grateful to learn and grow at UCF and am proud to represent UCF’s commitment to diversity and inclusion.”
As a young boy, one of my most enduring memories of the Christmas season was a train trip to downtown Chicago and Marshall Field’s department store.

We were not regular shoppers at Field’s. They were the upscale department store in town and our household was definitely blue collar and middle class. We did most of our holiday shopping at Sears but I always looked forward to the Marshall Field’s Christmas shopping experience.

Field’s provided a free coat–check service when you arrived so you could shop comfortably without winter coats, hats, gloves and boots. The best part of the experience occurred after you made your purchase. The sales clerk took your item and carefully placed it in a rolling cart behind the counter. Then you went on your way to do more shopping. The next day a dark–green Marshall Field’s truck pulled up in front of our house and the delivery person brought our shopping items to the front door, fully wrapped, each with a bow!

Imagine that! Shopping with doorstep delivery.

Field’s was ahead of the curve. Today, doorstep delivery is changing the retail landscape. While consumer spending in April reached the highest level in more than a year, the trend toward online shopping is hurting traditional brick–and–mortar retail stores.

Internet and catalogue shopping increased 10 percent in April, while department store sales decreased 1.7 percent.

Kohl’s posted an 87 percent drop in profit last quarter. Macy’s reported its worst quarterly sales since the recession.

The drop is especially profound in the apparel category. A story in the Wall Street Journal last week called it the “Amazon Effect.” A stock analyst estimated that Amazon has 7 percent of the U.S. apparel market and is projected to reach 19 percent by 2020.

Consumer shopping behavior is changing.

As consumers spend more, they are spending it on non–apparel items like entertainment, travel and food.

When they do sit down to shop online, they are looking for the “triple crown” of retail shopping: advantaged pricing, vast selection, and the convenience of free doorstep delivery (the faster the better). Online price–comparison apps have spread from travel to car buying and now include virtually every retail category. There is no reason to pay “retail” anymore for first–quality merchandise. Even upscale retailers are entering the online retail fray. It’s driven down profit margins and rendered the advantages of private label irrelevant.

The selection of goods online is amazing. It has depth and breadth, and pushed the notion of “we’re out of your size” off of people’s problem list. They just click on the next search item and see if it’s available there.

The advantage of getting the lowest price and the best selection is becoming secondary to the convenience of doorstep delivery. Consumers just don’t want to spend the time to drive, shop and drive again.

The need to touch, feel and try on has been superseded by the time it saves in people’s insanely busy lives.

A recent survey of more than 1,000 online, U.S.–based shoppers showed that half of those who opted to pick up goods in a store encountered problems getting their purchases.

Shopper, it’s not entertainment anymore, it’s a hassle that shoppers don’t like. They have found an alternative.

The doorstep delivery model continues to evolve and the most recent service improvement is groceries and fresh food that can be delivered in your absence from home, directly to your refrigerator or kitchen.

A Swedish company is offering to have their messengers unpack your online grocery order and put the items away. Customers install an add–on lock, which messengers can open with their smartphones. Unlike drone delivery, this service eliminates failed deliveries and protects perishable items from spoiling.

The retail shopper is becoming more elusive every day. They are bombarded with e–mail and text messages along with the “sales posts” on social media.

There is no need to schedule shopping trips anymore — the “shopping life” ends at the front porch.

William Steiger is an instructor and marketing consultant in UCF’s College of Business Administration and coordinator of the college’s Professional Selling Program. He can be reached at William.Steiger@UCF.edu.
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6. On 05/05/2010 I interviewed [redacted] in an intake room at the Promise Place located in Craven County, North Carolina.

7. Promise Place contains interview rooms which are conducive for minors and which rooms facilitate communications with the minors.

8. On 05/05/2010 [redacted] reported the assault contained in the attached documents.

9. I found [redacted] to be very credible in her recollection of the facts described in the attached reports.

10. [redacted] made statements concerning actions she had taken on her younger sister which were detrimental to her interests and which in my opinion added to her credibility.

11. Prior to the interview I put [redacted] through a series of questions designed to determine if:

   a. She knew the difference between right and wrong.
   b. She knew the difference between the truth and a lie.
   c. She was coached on what to say during the interview.

12. In my opinion as a law enforcement officer, [redacted] appeared to:

   a. Know the difference between right and wrong.
   b. Know the difference between the truth and a lie.
   c. Did not appear to be coached or rehearsed.

13. Based upon my investigation as a criminal investigator with the Craven County Sheriff's Department, there is probable cause to arrest [redacted] for sexual assault.

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Massey Services promotes Tami Swanson to senior director of the multi–family division

ORLANDO — Tony Massey, president of Massey Services, has announced that Tami Swanson has been promoted to senior director of the multi–family division. In her new role, she will be developing initiatives to further expand its market penetration and enhancing the division’s customer service, retention and service offerings.

Since joining Massey Services in 2001, Swanson has been responsible for developing the company’s multi–family business, which has grown to $15 million. Before her promotion, she served as the company’s director of corporate accounts. Over the past year, Swanson managed three of the top six sales performers who were recognized at Massey’s annual award banquet in 2016.

“During her 15 years with Massey Services, Tami has been the driving force behind the establishment of our multi–family division, growing its sales revenue year–over–year,” said Massey. “She is deeply involved in the community and the multi–family industry, and she brings a level of excitement to her team that will continue to fuel the growth of this division.”

An Orlando native, Swanson is a National Apartment Association Leadership Lyceum graduate and is active on apartment associations in three states: Florida, Georgia and Texas.

In addition, she is on the Legislative Committee for the Apartment Association of Greater Orlando and participates in a variety of charities, including United Way, Junior Achievement, American Heart Association, Toys for Tots and others.

Based in Orlando, Massey Services is the nation’s fifth largest pest–prevention company and the largest privately held family owned company in the industry. Celebrating 31 years of “profitable growth,” Massey Services and its subsidiary organizations employ about 1,900 people and operate 1,700 vehicles that provide residential and commercial pest prevention, termite protection, landscape and irrigation services to some 500,000 customers from Service Centers throughout Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas, South Carolina and Oklahoma. For more information on the company, visit www.MasseyServices.com.

W&S Brokerage Services recognizes Rosita Cotton as ‘Rookie of the Year’

Rosita Cotton has been named “Rookie of the Year” for 2015 at W&S Brokerage Services Inc., a subsidiary of The Western and Southern Life Insurance Co., for high performance in sales and service.

“The individual earning this recognition has performed her duties at a very high level in a very competitive environment,” said Greg Luebbe, assistant vice president and director of W&S Brokerage Services. “We are pleased to recognize Rosita for her outstanding work on behalf of her clients.” The “Rookie of the Year” award is presented to the top producing newly registered representative in a given calendar year for W&S Brokerage Services.

Before joining Western & Southern Life in 2013, Cotton was a substitute teacher for Brevard County Schools for 10 years. Her office is at 1800 W. Hibiscus Blvd., Ste. 136, in Melbourne. The office phone number is 426–4571.

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NASA gives UCF grant to study astronaut’s mental wellness missions; project to be led by Fiore and Burke

By Alina Hernandez
UCF News & Information

ORLANDO — NASA has awarded two University of Central Florida professors $900,000 to study cognitive issues such as memory and attention in astronauts on lengthy space assignments.

Stephen Fiore and Shawn Burke’s project is one of 27 selected from 18 institutions around the country, which will receive money from a $12 million pool over three years. The projects were selected because NASA is preparing to send astronauts on distant missions, including Mars.

Most of the studies selected will look at space travel’s impact on the human body, including visual impairment, bone and muscle loss, human performance, cardiovascular health, and sensory and motor adaptations, among other issues.

“This is important because studies suggest that cognitive processes may be negatively affected by the spaceflight context,” Fiore said. “So we need to understand how problems with memory or attention will impact the spaceflight team’s ability to function and successfully perform their mission.”

The idea is to mitigate the effects as much as possible, he said.

Fiore, the lead investigator, is director of the Cognitive Sciences Laboratory and a faculty member with the cognitive sciences program in the Department of Philosophy and the Institute for Simulation & Training.

Burke is a research professor at the IST specializing in team dynamics and behavior.

Burke said this is just one of several studies they have been working on for NASA that look at team dynamics. The others address issues such as leadership behavior, crew dynamics, impact of confined spaces on these dynamics, and cultural differences. NASA has been funding the grants the past couple of years, she said.

This project is funded by the agency’s Human Research Program and the National Space Biomedical Research Institute, which seek to answer questions on astronaut health and performance in long-duration space missions. The Human Research Program also plans strategies to monitor and mitigate risks humans may face on missions.

NASA has been pushing to return astronauts to the moon by 2020. That effort would be in preparation to travel to Mars, a planet believed to be capable of hosting life, and possibly beyond.

The goal of the current studies is to better prepare astronauts to manage the mental and physical demands of space travel.

Some of the studies will be conducted aboard the International Space Station, NASA said. Others, including UCF’s studies, will be conducted in settings that mimic the space environment.
Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Realty positioned to grow in Brevard and Indian River counties with the acquisition of Prudential Sterling Properties

By Ken Datzman

INDIAN HARBOUR BEACH — With a flurry of acquisitions behind it, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Realty is poised to grow on the Space Coast, the Treasure Coast, and in the surrounding regions, including Central Florida.

For the last three years, the company has been scooping up attractive real-estate agencies and bolstering its brokerage network in the Sunshine State. The deals have stretched from Port St. Lucie to Indian Harbour Beach to Orlando, Winter Park, and Sarasota.

“They are moving right up the East Coast of Florida. Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Realty now has 41 locations and more than 1,800 associates. Many of the associates are in South Florida and West Florida,” said longtime residential Realtor Nancy Taylor.

Taylor and business partner Barbara Wall guided their agency Prudential Sterling Properties for the last 34 years. They grew the firm from a small number of people to 65 real-estate agents and a referral division with another 17 associates, before selling to Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Realty in May.

“They have an outstanding reputation in the industry, and that’s the only way we would have done it,” said Wall, who along with Taylor have stayed aboard the new firm.

“Florida Realty’s core values and vision are an excellent match for our team. Everybody on staff was extremely happy with the announcement. The team is staying in place. We have incredible resources to tap. For instance, they will be placing a title company in our office.”

“Watch us grow,” added Taylor. “We’re going to grow bigger than ever before.”

Florida Realty, the short name, acquired Prudential Sterling Properties’ two offices, the one here and the one in Vero Beach. The offices have transitioned to the new brand, as Prudential’s blue signs became the cabernet-and-cream signage of Berkshire Hathaway.

“Prudential Sterling Properties is one of the most highly respected real-estate brokerages in the area,” said Rei Mesa, the president and chief executive officer of Florida Realty. “The firm is known for strong leadership, skilled and well-trained agents, and a long list of loyal customers. We’re proud to welcome these professionals to the Florida Realty family.”

In 2012, Warren Buffet’s company, Berkshire Hathaway Inc., purchased Prudential’s real-estate agent network from Brookfield Asset Management, with the goal of creating one “super brand” under Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices.

“We had looked at different options, knowing that the Prudential real estate brand was going to go away as affiliate agreements expired,” said Wall, adding, “The timing on this offer was perfect. Rei and his team were ready to make some decisions and we were ready to make those decisions work.”

Florida Realty joined Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices as a charter franchisee in October 2013.

Since then, it has completed a number of real-estate agency acquisitions. These have included Norris & Company Real Estate in Vero Beach; Realty Unlimited in Port St. Lucie; Cristello & Company and Elite Preferred Realty in the Sarasota and Lakewood Ranch areas; Main Street Realty International in Orlando; and new branch offices in Palmer Ranch (Sarasota) and Winter Park.

Florida Realty serves 19 counties in the state and ranked fifth for sales volume among Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices franchisees during 2015. It is the network’s No. 1 fund-raiser for The Sunshine Kids Foundation, having contributed more than $3.1 million over time. The Foundation provides a variety of free programs and events for children who are receiving cancer treatments in hospitals.

“The Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices’ network is built on a foundation of trust, integrity, stability, and longevity, and we’re proud to be among its exceptional

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Summit Shah’s investor group set to construct a new Beef ‘O’ Brady’s restaurant in the growing Port St. John marketplace, expanding from its store in Titusville

By Ken Datzman

Beef ‘O’ Brady’s, a popular full-service casual-dining restaurant chain based in Tampa with stores nationwide, is set to expand in Brevard County, where it has a presence in markets from Titusville to Palm Bay.

A three-partner investor franchisee group headed by area businessman Summit Shah plans to construct a 4,900-square-foot Beef ‘O’ Brady’s in Port St. John, a rising community in North Brevard County located between Titusville and Cocoa.

The partners first became involved with the franchise in October of 2014 when they purchased an existing 4,000-square-foot Beef ‘O’ Brady’s on Garden Street in Titusville and renovated it. The store was 10 years old when they bought it.

“That was our first business venture with Beef ‘O’ Brady’s,” said Shah. “The Titusville location has done very well. We really liked the Beef ‘O’ Brady’s concept so we began to look for expansion opportunities in North Brevard County, which led us to Port St. John. Its demographic is similar to Titusville’s. We think Port St. John is a really good location for our second store.”

His partners include Ashish “Ash” Shah, the general manager of their Titusville store.

The group’s new Beef ‘O’ Brady’s will be built on acreage located just off the intersection of Fay Boulevard and Curtis Boulevard, in the middle of town.

“We’re going through the permitting process right now to build the project. We hope to start construction on the Port St. John Beef ‘O’ Brady’s restaurant later this year, perhaps in September or October,” said Summit Shah, who was raised in a family of entrepreneurs.

Beef ‘O’ Brady’s Jamie Cecil, who was recently promoted to director of franchise sales, moving up from director of development, said his company is in an expansion mode in Florida and the Space Coast has been one of their favorite markets.

“We’ve had tremendous success with Beef ‘O’ Brady’s in Brevard County and believe our Port St. John location will complement that trade area.”

Cecil added, “Our expansion plans are to move north into the Jacksonville DMA (designated market area). We also have a focus on Central Florida and the Southwest Florida corridor where we have an established presence.”

Beef ‘O’ Brady’s marked its 30th anniversary last year. In 1985, Jim Mellody founded the family friendly restaurant and pub in Brandon. Today, there are 196 locations around the nation, with more store openings planned.

The Beef ‘O’ Brady’s to be built in Port St. John will have seating capacity for 163 people. The outdoor patio will be able to accommodate up to 55 people, said Summit Shah. “The outdoor patio will be one of the cool things about this particular restaurant. The bar will be inside, but there will be an area that opens up to the patio where people can sit, enjoy themselves, and access the bar.”

With a population of more than 12,000 people, Port St. John presents opportunity to entrepreneurs to bring new services to the community. “We really like the Port St. John market,” said Summit Shah. “We think the Beef ‘O’ Brady’s concept will be a perfect fit for Port St. John. Our price point is great, the food is great, and Beef ‘O’ Brady’s restaurants are known for their fun and family atmosphere. Most people love sports, so the concept works very well in neighborhoods.”

Cecil said Beef ‘O’ Brady’s has been experiencing organic growth from our current franchisees who are looking to add their second and third locations. Our AUV (average unit volume) continues to increase, which is helping to attract more multi-unit developers to the Beef ‘O’ Brady’s brand.”

Summit Shah said his investor group “is looking forward to growing with the brand and would consider a third Beef ‘O’ Brady’s location in the county. Right now, we’re concentrating on the Port St. John project, but we definitely want to grow in the future with this brand.”
Florida launches app to connect job–seekers with employers; one of the largest job banks in nation

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott has announced the launch of the Employ Florida mobile application, which gives Florida job–seekers instant access to thousands of job openings across the state. The Employ Florida mobile app is now available free on Google Play for Android and in the Apple App Store. The app connects job–seekers to Employ Florida, one of the largest job banks in the nation, with postings from Florida businesses and nearly 20,000 websites, including Monster, Indeed and CareerBuilder.

Scott’s announcement comes as hundreds of business and education leaders recently met last week in Orlando for the “Degrees to Jobs Summit.” The event focused on connecting Florida’s “world–class” talent pipeline with companies across the state.

“The launch of the Employ Florida mobile app is great news for Florida job–seekers,” said Scott. “We want Florida to be the state where anyone who wants a job can get a job. With 270,000 online job openings across the state, we are well on our way, and this app is just another tool to help Floridians find a lasting career.”

The Employ Florida Mobile app allows access to more than 200,000 job advertisements from more than 130,000 Florida businesses. Customers registered on EmployFlorida.com can apply for positions and save searches. Guest users can view openings on their mobile device, view previous searches and apply later to those in which they are interested.

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Executive Director Cissy Proctor said, “We are so excited to announce the launch of the Employ Florida mobile app. This user–friendly app will help job–seekers across the state, with openings from the Panhandle to the Keys and everywhere in–between.”

The app was developed by Geographic Solutions Inc., in collaboration with CareerSource Florida and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

“[With] an increasingly mobile world, Floridians want to know about job opportunities promptly and take action,” said Chris Hart IV, CareerSource Florida’s president and chief executive officer. “Businesses also will benefit from the Employ Florida mobile app, as qualified applicants can respond more quickly to their job postings.”

The app allows job–seekers to map, categorize and sort job listings by geographic location and quickly locate the latest jobs in their area with the “Jobs Nearby” function. Registered users can even upload their resumes and apply for a job while on the go.

Paul Toomey, president of Geographic Solutions, said, “As a Florida company, we are proud to partner with the state to place hundreds of thousands of Florida jobs a day at the fingertips of job seekers. The new Employ Florida mobile app will help Floridians find great jobs on their tablets and smart phones. The system uses new technology to help job seekers find the jobs that closely match their skills and background.”

Job searches can be viewed on a map or as a list. Registered users can also receive Reemployment Assistance credit for job searches on EmployFlorida.com using the desktop version or the mobile app. For more information, including valuable resources for employers and job seekers, visit www.FloridaJobs.org.

JM Real Estate awarded contract to manage, lease Rivercrest

Area firm JM Real Estate Inc. recently announced it has been awarded the contract to manage and lease Rivercrest Professional Center located at 3514–3590 N. U.S. 1 in Melbourne. Rivercrest is an office and retail center anchored by Health First. The 45,475–square–foot property is 90 percent leased.

The owner of the property lives in South Florida and previously utilized a company there to manage and lease this asset. They recently chose to make a change to a local brokerage firm that specializes in Brevard County, said Jewel McDonald, president and broker of JM Real Estate.

“We will be able to give the property more personalized attention because we are local. From a leasing perspective, we have a much better pulse on what is happening in the community, who is looking to lease space, and the market trends. We feel confident we can get the property to full occupancy,” she said. The owner also has plans to do some upgrades to Rivercrest, which JM Real Estate will oversee.

JM Real Estate is a full–service commercial property management, leasing, sales, and investment acquisition company specializing in multi–tenant office, medical office, retail, and industrial properties in Brevard County, from Titusville to Palm Bay.

For more information about JM Real Estate, contact McDonald at 242–2882, extension 205. The web address is www.JMRealEstate.com.
Stetson students launch drone index investment as popularity of drones soar; Trustees approve $100,000

DELAND — Stetson University is getting into the drone business through the launch of an innovative drone index called “Drones 9,” which includes nine publicly traded companies with drone-related exposures.

It’s a bold new idea from students who run Stetson’s Roland George Investments Program (RGIP). It is known for having one of the nation’s oldest and best market performances, and is directed entirely by Stetson University students. The pioneering program empowers students to manage a real portfolio comprising $3.5 million in stocks and bonds.

“The drone industry is expected to have explosive growth,” said Gonzalo Arroyo–Baudet, a 2016 graduate who developed the unique concept behind Drones 9 while still a student. “More importantly, there is not a single company making an entire commercial drone. So the real innovation is to invest in nine companies which make various components of the drones.”

“Our students are known for their original, independent and critical thinking skills,” said Dr. K.C. Ma, director of Stetson’s George Investments Institute and the Roland and Sarah George Chair of Applied Investments for RGIP. “We have a market–tested–performance record more than a decade old that proves our students’ great work.”

Arroyo–Baudet identified nine tradable stocks in the United States and created a proprietary algorithm to determine the optimal combination of the nine stocks.

The index has outperformed the S&P 500 by 50 percent for the last 10 years. Arroyo–Baudet believes the drone industry will cumulatively generate more than $90 billion during the next decade.

“Drones are poised to radically change how people see and interact with the world around them,” said Arroyo–Baudet. “Commercial uses are endless, as well as innovative ways to incorporate drones into a business’s growth and development creations.

Trustees approved the purchase in March, clearing the way for the RGIP portfolio to invest $100,000 in the nine drone stocks.

“With the drone industry soaring in popularity and profitability, it’s simply a smart economic move for Stetson’s RGIP,” said Arroyo–Baudet.

Fifth Avenue Art Gallery in Melbourne to show ‘Monotypes in Red’ exhibit

“Monotypes in Red,” a joint exhibit of artists Grace Leal, Peter Crumpacker and Barbara Burkhardt, is set to open at Fifth Avenue Art Gallery in Melbourne on June 28 and will run through July 31. Each artist brings their own unique vision to this collaboration.

Leal’s work often addresses the “point of transgression,” the period of time when a choice is being made “to displace oneself in order to evolve, change and reach another level.” She is a multi–media artist who “uses a variety of voices in her work.”

Crumpacker approaches his work with an “engineering mind and the free spirit of the artist.” The engineer in him “still wants precision; the artist wants mayhem, mess, and beauty.” His best work combines it all. He work is in collections across the United States.

Burkhardt says of her work, “After painting realistic watercolor for years, I find myself moving in a different direction. The most drastic change in my work is moving from realism to abstract.” She is working “intuitively and creating art that evolves on an emotional level through the manipulation of color choice and design elements.”

There will be a First Friday opening reception where you can meet the artists and talk to them about their work. The reception is from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on July 1. The Fifth Avenue Art Gallery is in the Eau Gallie Arts District. The address is 1470 Highland Ave. The phone number is 259–8261, or visit www.FifthAvenueArtGallery.com

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The Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse makes preparations for grand finale of 26th season — the dazzling 'Dreamgirls'

Staci Hawkins-Smith, executive director of The Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse, is hard at work turning her theatrical dream into a reality, with the upcoming production of “Dreamgirls.” As soon as casting decisions were final, the team hit the ground running. “The Playhouse was built through thousands of people working hard for a dream to come true,” says Hawkins-Smith. “Personally, I have dreamed about bringing this production to life ever since I became aware of it. I grew up loving Diana Ross and The Supremes.”

“It has been 26 years since Dreamgirls was last produced for a Brevard County stage (then under the direction of Gwendolyn Callaway with music direction by the late Willie Turner III),” says LeRoy Darby, a retired associate provost of Eastern Florida State College. “The community is ready to see it on stage again.” Darby will portray Marty Madison, the theatrical agent for James “Thunder” Early.

You may remember the award–winning 2006 motion picture adaptation that featured Jamie Foxx, Beyoncé Knowles, and Eddie Murphy, and introduced many to Jennifer Hudson. Hudson went on to win an Oscar for her portrayal of Effie White. In this iconic role, The Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse has cast Orlando resident and Manhattan/New Jersey native Shatirah Rolle.

“It’s a dream come true for me,” says Rolle. “Effie is a complex and moving character who requires me to dig deep into my soul both musically and emotionally. I am honored and excited to portray such a strong and iconic character.” Like the Dreamettes, Rolle has also competed in the Apollo Theatre’s famed “Amateur Night.” Unlike the Dreamettes, however, Rolle walked away having won first place and was invited back for subsequent performances.

“The talent of this cast is breathtaking,” Hawkins-Smith said. “I am so grateful for their hard work and diligence. Seldom does one have the opportunity to work with a group of people with such talent and a shared goal.”

Playing C.C. White is Brevard native Patrick Marshall, who grew up at the theater. Also included in the cast is the lively Felander Stevenson, portraying James “Thunder” Early. Both actors are taking time from performing professionally to rejoin the Playhouse for this special project.

Along with Hawkins-Smith, Playhouse veteran and professional actor Johnathan Shepherd is co–directing and choreographing the production. “I’m thrilled to help with the storytelling of Dreamgirls. It speaks to the major influence African–Americans had in shaping American music and music as a whole.” In addition, he will portray the manipulative manager of Dreamgirls, Curtis Taylor Jr. “This has been a great lesson in time management. I’m so grateful to have such wonderful support from Staci, the cast, and the production team. It’s a lot of work, but it’s far outweighed by the joy.”

Inspired by the career of Diana Ross and The Supremes, Dreamgirls tells the story of an up–and–coming 1960s girl group in their pursuit of fame and fortune in the music industry. Winner of six Tony Awards and two Grammy Awards, it features unforgettable hits by Academy Award nominee Henry Krieger — including “And I Am Telling You I’m Not Going,” “One Night Only,” and “I Am Changing” — with book and lyrics by Tony Award and Grammy Award winner Tom Eyen.

“Dreamgirls is a–buzzing,” says Darby. “Soon Brevard County and its surrounding areas will witness these phenomenal and talented performers recreate that Motor City sound and sharp, unique choreography.”

This dazzling musical production opens June 24 and runs through July 3. Tickets are on sale with prices ranging from $18 to $32 and can be purchased directly at cocovillageplayhouse.com or by calling 636–5050.

“I hope you join us for this magnificent production,” says Hawkins-Smith. “It is a timeless musical about overcoming hardship, struggling to survive, and working to make a dream come true.”

Brevard Federated Republican Women to host forum

The Brevard Federated Republican Women will host a forum for the Republican Candidates for County Commission in Districts 1,3 and 5 at the organization’s July 6 meeting at 11 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, 8298 N. Wickham Road in Melbourne. The $20 fee includes lunch. The reservation deadline is 12 p.m. on Friday, July 1. To make a reservation, visit www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org or call 727–1212.
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members,” said Taylor. “We believe our new brand will resonate extremely well with our customers and sales professionals alike.”

The Florida Realty office in Indian Harbour Beach will not have to be concerned about other such branded offices opening in the immediate market.

“When this company purchased us, they also purchased the territorial rights to not have another Berkshire Hathaway office come into this area,” said Taylor. “So if another office were to open, it would be an affiliate of this company, not a competing company.”

“We are not going to have a competing office open up down the street from us, which is wonderful,” added Wall.

The more than 5,000–square–foot office in Indian Harbour Beach, owned by Taylor and Wall, is being leased by the new company. “They are leasing the building for 10 years, with an option to renew,” said Wall.

Taylor and Wall will continue as broker associates with Florida Realty, selling and listing properties. “We will be playing a role in the company’s production,” said Wall, adding that she plans to stay on with the firm “for at least five years.”

Virginia Tech graduate Caprice Atwell, who was the director of relocation and referral services for Prudential Sterling Properties, as well as its office manager, has been named managing broker for Florida Realty.

“Caprice is excited about her new role. She did a great job with Prudential Sterling Properties,” said Wall.

Taylor said the new relationship with Florida Realty will expand the agents’ horizons with more tools, technology, and services.

Florida Realty, for instance, recently introduced Florida Network Realty Marketing Concierge powered by Imprev, a provider of customized marketing technology.

The new platform provides the company’s Realtors with customized automated marketing collateral materials for promoting their listings.

Agents have access to a full menu of digital and print marketing services that are fully integrated with social media, including automated virtual tours, single property websites, newsletters, brochures, flyers, postcards, YouTube videos, and more.

“Their marketing program is outstanding,” said Wall. “Their global advertising presence is phenomenal. So it’s exciting for us because our sellers and our buyers are exposed globally to our listings, which they were before, but not to this extent. This is an extremely powerful program.”

“They are especially known and have great name recognition in the luxury—home segment, which is fantastic,” added Taylor.

Florida Realty also has a program that helps agents manage the homebuyer’s details before, during, and after their move.

“It’s a concierge level of service offered to the client free of charge,” said Taylor. “The service includes such things as turning on their utilities at their new home, finding a moving company, helping them with information about schools in the area, and a host of other things that will make their move more pleasant. Whether it’s a buyer, seller, or renter, we will help them with those services, which are provided through Florida Realty.”

Taylor and Wall say they are looking ahead to the second half of the year closing real–estate transactions for Florida Realty. “The real–estate market is strong. It’s being driven by corporate relocations and the hiring that’s been going on in the area at global companies like Northrop Grumman and others. We’re right in the middle of that, selling homes to these new residents. It’s exciting.”

The Purple Door retail store opens in Mims

The Purple Door, a retail establishment, has opened at 4795 State Road 46 in Mims, just off of exit 223 of Interstate 95. It sells new and used home décor and more, according to Lori Taylor, the owner. In The Purple Door, one will find new and used furniture for the living room, dining room, bedroom and patio; a wide variety of pictures, wall hangings and frames, knick–knacks of wood, glass, and china; children’s toys and books; tools, and even an antique or two, she said. For more information on The Purple Door, call 339–9636.
Harris Corp.’s James Clamons is newest member of the Florida High–Tech Corridor Council; engineering expertise

HEATHROW — James Clamons, vice president of engineering for Harris Corp. (NYSE:HRS), has been named the newest member of the Florida High–Tech Corridor Council.

Clamons will lend his expertise in engineering and strategic technology partnership management to help guide The Corridor as it boosts industry and innovation through partnerships that support research, marketing, work force and entrepreneurship.

He joined Harris in 1977 as a member of a team that developed technology to relay sensor data from the space shuttle to the ground. He went on to hold numerous management and project leadership positions of increasing responsibility, including overseeing all engineering support of Harris programs for the Federal Aviation Administration, National Aeronautics and Space Administration and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

In his current role, Clamons manages many initiatives involving the company’s 9,000 engineers and scientists, oversees innovation efforts at the Harris Technology Center in Brevard County and directs the company’s science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education support campaign.

Clamons earned his bachelor’s degree in mathematics and master’s degree in computer science from Purdue University. He is a member of the Aerospace Industries Association Technical Operations Committee, Central Florida STEM Education Council Board of Directors, Florida State University College of Engineering Dean’s Advisory Council, Florida State University Computer Science Advisory Council, Purdue University’s Computer Science Corporate Partners Program and Florida Institute of Technology Engineering Dean’s Advisory Committee. Clamons also serves as chairman of the board of directors of the Space Coast Early Intervention Center.

Headquartered in Melbourne, Harris Corp. is a leading technology innovator. The company supports customers in more than 125 countries, has roughly $8 billion in annual revenue and 22,000 employees worldwide. Harris is one of Florida’s largest technology companies, with 6,000 area employees in 21 locations throughout the state. Learn more at harris.com

The Florida High–Tech Corridor Council is an economic development initiative of the University of Central Florida, the University of South Florida and the University of Florida. The mission of The Corridor is to grow high–tech industry and innovation through partnerships that support research, marketing, work force and entrepreneurship.

A partnership involving more than 25 local and regional economic development organizations (EDOs), 14 state colleges and 12 CareerSource boards, The Corridor is co–chaired by the presidents of UCF, USF and UF. The Corridor includes the presidents of two state colleges, the president of the Florida Institute of Technology and representatives of high tech industry.

The unique partnership has “resulted in a strategic approach to high–tech economic development that supports matching funds research, marketing, work–force development and entrepreneurship leveraging governmental, EDO and corporate budgets on a regional rather than local basis. For more information on the organization, visit www.FloridaHighTech.com.

Brevard provides online access to transparent line–item budget

A transparent line–item budget posted at www.brevardcounty.us provides county residents the ability to compare actual revenues and expenditures to the current budget of departments of Brevard County government, as approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

The line–item budget is a more detailed format than an annual budget report, and gives residents the opportunity to review and analyze how their tax dollars are being spent and where the county stands financially at particular points in the fiscal year. For each current budget line item, associated actual and committed revenues and expenditures and the available budget are provided.

Residents can get access to the line–item budget, as well as other pertinent budget information, by visiting www.brevardcounty.us and clicking on “Budgets” located in the “Top 5” menu in the upper right–hand corner. Once on the budget page, green tabs on the left–hand side of the page include a variety of budget items that can be downloaded. The menu includes history of the adopted budget, a 10–year expenditures analysis and the “Budget Dashboard.”
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With the company seeing an increase in demand for its franchises, Beef ‘O’ Brady’s added to its development team and hired Cecil to lead the expansion effort. Cecil earned his bachelor’s degree in hotel, motel, and restaurant management from the University of Kentucky. He’s been with the company for more than a year as a regional franchise consultant. Cecil has years of experience in his field with brands such as Steak & Shake.

“We are excited about the future of Beef ‘O’ Brady’s. Our commitment to the pursuit of quality, value, and connection to the communities we serve continues to be the cornerstone of our success and growth,” Cecil said. Beef ‘O’ Brady’s tagline is “good food, good sports.”

The company focuses on providing value “without sacrificing quality.” The Beef ‘O’ Brady’s menu features family favorites like hearty pizza and flatbreads, award-winning wings, fresh Angus burgers, and fresh salads, along with a Kids’ menu.

Summit Shah said his favorite selection on the menu is the Grilled Chicken Wrap. “I love it. The restaurant serves great salads, too. And they are known for their wings. Their burgers are popular as well. The wings and burgers are some of the best-selling items on the menu, but Beef ‘O’ Brady’s provides customers with a lot of great selections.”

There is also a lighter side of the menu which is being rolled out at Beef ‘O’ Brady’s stores.

“We’ve introduced several new items on our latest menu,” said Cecil. “On our lighter-side menu, we feature Lettuce Wraps with romaine lettuce, Wonton Strips, and Cabbage Slaw served with broccoli or quinoa, as well as a host of other dishes including a Quinoa Power Salad with grilled chicken.” The lighter–side menu also features a Deconstructed “Bun Less” Burger with quinoa, a Garden Salad, and a Mediterranean Salad with romaine lettuce, Kalamata olives, and feta cheese served with a Greek dressing.

Chris Elliott is the chief executive officer of FSC Franchise Co. LLC, the parent company of Beef ‘O’ Brady’s and The Brass Tap. Since being named to that position in 2010, the University of Georgia business graduate has led the company to new heights. His team has put Beef ‘O’ Brady’s on a growth track.

“Beef ‘O’ Brady’s current management is very strong and that’s one of the things that attracted our group to the franchise,” said Summit Shah.

In 2012, with Elliott at the helm, Beef ‘O’ Brady’s acquired the rights to franchise The Brass Tap, the fast-growing network of upscale bars best known for their wide selection of craft beers and premium wines.

At the heart of every Beef ‘O’ Brady’s franchise is a “commitment to the community.” Each franchisee works with adults and youth athletics, local schools, and area organizations to create a “sense of community.”

“Beef ‘O’ Brady’s has a great track record in Brevard County reaching out to the community,” said Summit Shah. “It’s an important part of their operating philosophy because Beef ‘O’ Brady’s is a neighborhood–based business. The community commitment is big, and we really believe in that.”

The Shah family has a long history of supporting nonprofits and community organizations in Brevard County. Among the many causes and organizations they support are Crosswinds Youth Services, the Sharing Center of Central Brevard, the Scott Center for Autism Treatment, United Way of Brevard, Health First Foundation, Junior Achievement of the Space Coast, American Red Cross, Indiafest, The Historic Cocoa Village Playhouse, Project Hunger, Brevard Schools Foundation, Doctors’ Goodwill Foundation, and Eastern Florida State College Foundation.

Starting with just one gas station in 1980, Mahesh “Mike” Shah and his wife Rashmi have built Southeast Petro into a thriving enterprise, based in Cocoa. The company is one of the largest fuel wholesalers in the Southeast, supplying fuel to more than 400 independently owned gas stations and employing more than 100 people. The day–to–day business is now primarily overseen by Mike and Rashmi’s son, Summit Shah.

“At Southeast Petro, our family business, we are very involved in giving back to the community. The community has been great to us over the years. It has allowed Southeast Petro to grow and expand. We try to give back and help the community as much as we can. So Beef ‘O’ Brady’s is a nice fit in that sense. It’s a community–minded restaurant chain.” said Summit Shah.

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Coast United. “I could see the future, in terms of the potential for the best talent, the potential for the best growth, and the best location (Viera Regional Park).”

This is Armstrong’s fourth year with Space Coast United. “Our numbers have grown probably 30 percent over that time,” he said. “We have been super–successful. We’ve had four FYSAs state championships in four years, and have been in the final four the same number of times, with multiple teams in the various boys and girls age brackets.”

Armstrong said on the girls side of the sport, Space Coast United has especially shined. “For example, when Florida State University won the women’s national soccer championship (2014), we were the only club that had four players on the field at FSU. And it was mentioned on ESPN. We’re proud of that.”

Space Coast United players have gone on to compete for many colleges and universities. The list includes Duke University, University of Florida, Vanderbilt University, University of Pennsylvania, Florida Tech, Eastern Florida State College, Emory University, and The Citadel.

Fuller says the club strives to “instill in the players a desire to engage themselves in self–improvement, to push themselves, and to embrace teamwork and collaboration. If they play as individuals, nothing is going to happen. But the minute you see those players work together, you know something is about to happen on the field.”

“As they grow with the program, you see actual formations develop, plays develop, and tactics develop,” said Matthew Shelton, Space Coast United’s 2016–2017 vice president. He continued, “We strive to produce players who have integrity, sportsmanship, and good skills. The programs we have hone those things.”

The club puts a lot of emphasis on youth development. “We have our top coaches working with our younger players. Historically, most clubs put their top coaches with their older teams. We don’t do that,” said Armstrong, whose club is a member of the Florida Youth Soccer Association. He said Space Coast United has coaches who specialize in certain age brackets.

As a member of the Florida Youth Soccer Association, Space Coast United complies with the Risk Management program which includes the US Youth Soccer’s “KidSafe” program.

Team managers and coaches aren’t issued the required passes for all games until they have been successfully screened. Their player cards have a bright yellow tag on them indicating they are “KidSafe.” This is required of the board members, too, even if they aren’t coaches or managers. Key volunteers whose jobs bring them in contact with children, such as a uniform coordinator or a league coordinator, are also subject to this program, said Fuller.

She said Space Coast United is also very player–safety oriented. “That is the No. 1 goal of any sports or recreational organization that works with children, I would hope.” Her son started in the program as a “Micro Kicker” in 2005 and is now a competitive player on the State Cup team.

There is a host of youth soccer clubs in the county, from North Brevard to South Brevard. “Just on the beachside alone, there are four clubs within a four–mile radius,” said Armstrong. The Brevard Soccer Alliance, established in 2013, captured the Under–17 boys State Cup this year.

Space Coast United players perform on fields in Viera and at satellite facilities in Melbourne and Indian Harbour Beach. Fuller said the goals this year for Space Coast United include field improvement. “We have two fields that have lighting and three that do not. We would like to have lighting for all five fields so we can practice after dark.”

“We would also like to add a lighting detector at our Viera facility so we don’t have to rely on the one from Viera High School,” Fuller added.

Businesses and individuals interested in providing support for field lights and lighting–detector equipment can contact Fuller at Ann.Fuller@SpaceCoastSoccer.org, or call 795–3672.

Brevard County Parks and Recreation provides the space and the facilities for the program, but Space Coast United pays for such things as the lighting and fencing of the fields.

The club’s funding comes from several sources including membership fees, “which we try to keep reasonable and we have scholarships available because we want to make sure that every child who wants to play soccer has that opportunity,” Fuller said.

Space Coast United also hosts fund–raisers and counts on business partnerships and community sponsors for support. The amenities for business partners include “field signage, advertising on Facebook, and jersey placement.”

Fuller says the organization is “very well run, administratively, because we have been able to draw on a group of volunteers who have the expertise that we need. These are lawyers, accountants, human–resource specialists, and environmental engineers, for example. We have a 15–member board and an executive committee of five people.”

“Many clubs of this type fail because the people running the organizations focus purely on their own child,” said Armstrong. “We have a board that is the opposite of that. I would say this is the most progressive board we have ever had. It has a collective opinion about each child. Our club is built around every child who participates.”

Joining Fuller as the 2016–2017 officers are Shelton, vice president; Lynn Spadaccini, treasurer; and Susan Eaton, secretary. The club has a long history of dedicated board members and volunteers. For example, Mike McGonagle, who is the past year’s president and a current board member, has been active with the organization since 2000.

“I’ve had three children participate in the program over those years,” said McGonagle, who works for Harris Corp. “My two sons are in college now. My daughter still plays with the club and was on the Under–16 girls team that won the Florida Cup. It has been a great experience for all of them.”

Space Coast United is like an extended family. “My oldest son started out as a ‘Mini Kicker’ in the program,” said Shelton, who is a project manager at Tetra Tech in Cocoa. “At that age, the program is designed to teach the love of the sport. He’s now 11 years old and has grown to absolutely love soccer. And the same can be said of his 6–year–old brother. He started out as a ‘Micro Kicker’ at age 3 in the program and has embraced the sport in a big way. Space Coast United has grown our family into a soccer family, and it’s great to be a part of this organization.”

Eaton, who has been involved with Space Coast United for the last 10 years, says she “loves the fact that we are a ‘one club’ mentality. No matter what the skill level or the interest level of the child, we have something for everyone. And I really like the progressive curriculum that Scott Armstrong has put in place. My son started with the club when he was 4 years old taking part in the Mini Kicker program. He also went through the Youth Development Program, which brought me closer to the action because I became a coach at that level.”

“This is a club that doesn’t sacrifice one program at the expense of another,” said Fuller. “We’ve had many successes in the competitive arena and we’ve also been successful on the non–competitive side. We were the Florida State Recreational Club of the Year in 2015. In fact, we’ve been the most decorated club in the state for two years in a row. Our honors last year included Girls Rec Coach of the Year and Boys Rec Coach of the Year.”

“If you have a child who is 10 years old and doesn’t want to play competitively, perhaps he wants to be a JV high–school player, we will help him achieve that objective,” said Armstrong.

“If you have a child whose goal is to become a college player at a top Division I school, we can help him get there, or if your child wants to be a National Team player, we can put him on that path, too. We have a soccer model for everyone. We’re proud of the fact that we are one of only five Academy Programs in the state.”

An Academy Program is designed to enhance development by providing professional coaching to younger soccer players who have already shown signs of becoming an “Elite” level player.

This fall, Space Coast United plans to introduce a girls–only recreational soccer program, said Fuller.

“Right now, most recreational soccer programs are co–educational. Boys and girls play on the same team. That has been successful. But when girls reach a certain age, they tend to prefer to play on girls’ teams. So we are going to be expanding that concept through our Youth Development Program and our recreational programs.”

Space Coast United offers everything from a Youth Development Program to a Goalkeeper Academy to The Outreach Program for Soccer. The latter, commonly known as “TOPSoccer,” is a community–based training and team placement program for young athletes with physical or mental disabilities. The program is for boys and girls ages 4 to 19. “Our club won the Florida Youth Soccer Association state award for that program in 2014,” said Fuller. The organization is gearing up for its full slate of summer camps for youngsters. To view the schedule and the camp fees, visit www.SpaceCoastSoccer.org.

“We put on summer camps in July,” said Fuller. “The camps range in attendance from about 75 to 130 or more participants per week. The great thing about soccer is that anyone who has an interest can play the sport, regardless of their size or their skill level. That’s one of the reasons why we continue to grow and more families become involved in Space Coast United.”
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