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It seems that we've gone from the slow days of summer to the fast-paced, break-neck speed of "school is in session" in the course of two minutes. The same goes for this September issue of the Spectator. We've got a lot going on! From meeting a brand-new family to a softball star and onto articles focused on our health and well-being, we're also featuring a lot of family events to make September (and October) fun for everyone. All of the connections you'll need to keep your children involved in constructive extracurricular activities are here, and if you don't want to miss a minute of what's happening around town, please check out our Up & Coming events (page 30). Don't miss the opportunity to be involved in fun things in our community that will definitely have a positive impact on your family!

Make sure to cut out our Broward County Back to School Calendar on the back cover to assure that everyone's schedule in the family stays on track.

We are so blessed to be part of this community! Thank you for supporting our magazine and each of our advertisers! We are so grateful to arrive in your mailboxes and into your hands every month.

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Smart Phone Freak Out!

By Shellie Miller

How many of us utilize our spare time running a variety of errands, getting our kids off to some extracurricular activity, or stopping for a quick latte on the way to work? For most, any one of these events is not remarkable. On any given day, my schedule may have me dropping something at school, running into a home-improvement store, and stopping at the dry cleaner before or after work hours. I never think twice about anybody "watching."

A few months ago, my husband and I were having a video chat with our son in Japan. My husband told him about a recent afternoon at a local activity... let's say a bowling alley. Not 30 seconds later, an ad for that bowling alley popped up on Hubby's smart phone. Surprised at the time, we've since learned through conversations with friends and associates that this is not uncommon.

Up until that moment, I was certain that just two people, apart from myself and God, knew my deepest desires and secrets. It's becoming more and more clear to me that innocence for those of us with smart phones is lost. "Big Brother" or some other entity may know more about us than we, ourselves, do.

This subject may seem trivial or unimportant, but allow me to elucidate one more of a few recent incidents. In my opinion, it's getting a bit creepy when my telephone suggests the shortest route to a place it knows I will be in an hour. How does it "know" this? It's not in my calendar, but I do stop every two weeks for a standing appointment with my manicurist. When I was coming out of the automobile tag agency yesterday and my phone suggested the quickest way to get to my nail appointment, I was a little spooked.

Please don't mistake my short rant with an advice column. No solutions are offered here. There are definitely experts out there who can teach us how to guard our privacy more closely, but the fact that my questionably private link to the rest of the world is compiling and taking note of everything that I have ever inquired about, visited, or participated in for the last few years really gives me the willies.

If you need to get in touch with me, just call the nail salon every other Monday and ask for Shellie.



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Meet The Johnson Family



Carmen and James recently settled into Coral Springs with their two sons, Jaiden, 4, and Jaice, 3. "After spending five years in the Miami area," Carmen says, "We wanted to settle in a family-friendly and upbeat environment and we have found that Coral Springs strikes a great balance between the two." The couple agrees that one of the things they most appreciate is the diversity in Coral Springs. "After attending Church by the Glades for the last 2 years, we were excited to come be a part of this community."

Both brothers attend North Broward Preparatory school. Jaiden is in PK4, where absolutely loves math and art. Jaice is in PK3 where he enjoys reading and sharing with his friends.

Carmen is the Director of Admissions and Marketing at North Broward Preparatory School, a PK3- 12th International boarding and Day school. She began her career in college admissions 15 years ago and loved helping students and families find the best school fit. Friendly and engaging, she says, "Making the shift to independent school admissions allows me to help families find the best academic opportunity that will prepare students for college and beyond."

James works as a Medical Sales Account Executive in the healthcare field. In this role, he provides hospitals with equipment and products that promote infection prevention.

Extracurricular life for the boys is always active and fun. Jaiden is an orange belt in Tae Kwon Do, and enjoys the self confidence he gains and the challenges he receives from his teachers. He is also a soccer player, but Mom tells us, "Jaiden's passions lie in art, reading and building things. He constantly shares his art with us and we love helping him to cultivate his craft!" Jaice is an avid soccer player who enjoys practicing the sport every day after school and playing mini games every Saturday. He also has fun playing basketball. Carmen shares, "Outside of sports, he also enjoys watching monster trucks and making funny jokes. He truly thinks he is a comedian!"

In their free time, Carmen and James enjoy making a difference for others. "When I am not at work," Carmen says, "I am passionate about helping women bring out their best self and build confidence by educating them on skin care." For six years, she has been an Independent Beauty Consultant with Mary Kay. James completes the dynamic couple and uses his experience in the financial field to educate others about credit and financial literacy. "James is the most unselfish, loving, and passionate father and husband!" Carmen tells us. "He works so hard to always get it right when it comes to being a true partner and dad in life."

The Johnsons love building memories and are constantly looking for opportunities to expose their children to community activities and world travel. One of their favorite ways to vacation is by going on cruises. "We are a fun, loving and energetic family that truly believes in supporting and taking care of each other," James says. "We love to laugh, play and enjoy life!"

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In what has become an annual tradition, King Ludwig will ceremoniously “tap” the first keg and officiate the yodeling and steinholding contests. Of the event, King Ludwig says, “Considering Oktoberfest started with festivities surrounding my marriage to the fair Princess Therese more than 175 years ago, it’s only fitting I be invited to participate in this regal affair.”

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Among the many adult advisors, Scott Brook is most notable as he has been crucial in the development and continuation of this organization. Brook has not only aided greatly in the development of S.U.N. but himself, along with the other adults, have provided the student leaders with useful advice and information that has led to life-changing growth for the members of the organization and the community as a whole.

On August 10, the Students United Network (S.U.N.) hosted the Unity in the Community Picnic to end the community members' summer on a high note. Through this event, S.U.N. raised money for both the Friendship Journey, which is a charity that unites individuals of all cognitive and developmental abilities through equitable opportunities and lasting friendships, and the Keeping Dreams Alive Foundation, which was built on the idea that giving back to the community is key to the success of changing the mindset of that community. In addition to money being raised for charity, this event also allowed the organization to host a school supply drive for Hunt Elementary School. Attendees who brought school supply donations received either a raffle ticket or school service hours. The winners of the raffle were awarded prizes donated to S.U.N. by businesses in the area. Along with raising money and collecting school supplies, the other goal that was accomplished through this event was bringing the community together for a fun, relaxing and carefree outdoor day.

Students United Network plans on continuing their efforts to unite the community and involve the youth through future events. Anyone interested in joining S.U.N. can email studentsunitednetworksfl@gmail.com for more information. Be sure to follow S.U.N. on Instagram and Facebook @studentsunitednetworksfl

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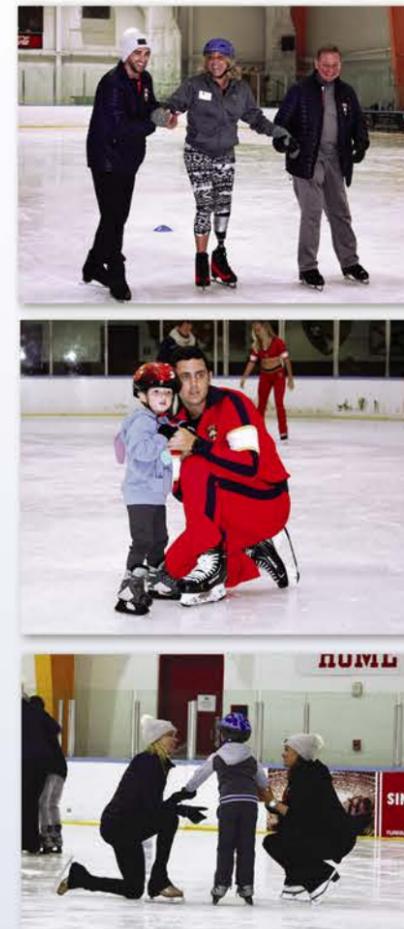
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It's Soccer Season again....!

By Stacy Case

Despite the temperature still recording all-time highs, the calendar does in fact, indicate that we turn to the Fall this month and will soon celebrate the commencement of one of the most popular recreational youth sports in the city.

That's right...Coral Springs Youth Soccer is just about to kick things into high gear soon and is expected to have several thousand area youths participate once again.

Although the season doesn't officially get underway until the middle of November, the CSYS program is still in the midst of registering boys and girls for its various age divisions.

(Boys: U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U19;
Girls: U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, U15, U19)

And once again, the league's president is excited about what's on the horizon.

"The best part of soccer is that the players do really learn what it means to work as a team through discipline, direction and responsibility," says Alan Hymes, who has been steering the ship for CSYS for nearly a decade. And as a league that was established in the 1970s when the community was considerably smaller, it has been consistently growing with the evolving needs of the city's youth sports leagues.

After more than half of a century of functioning, CSYS has never strayed from its creed. According to Alan... "We continue to provide a safe, fun environment for kids to participate in something they enjoy," says Alan, of the league that calls both Mullins Park and Cypress Park

their home until the early part of March. "We know they have a choice to play many different sports within this city throughout the year, and I like that after all these years, we're still a true recreational league that is geared toward kids of all abilities."

To piggy-back on that, the league not only requires equal playtime in all divisions, but also enforces concussion awareness and its related safety protocol measures. Additionally, each new player gets evaluated at some point and then the league's software program enters the players into a database to create a balance of ability for each team to have on the field.

Now, to follow suit of years in the past, in order to guarantee that the league attracts as many players as possible once again, there are still some on-site registrations scheduled: Sept. 10 @ 6:30 and Sept. 14 @ 8:00 am @ Cypress Hall, and Sept. 21 @ Veterans Hall @ 8:00 am.

And those operating the aforementioned registration dates/times are none other than the CSYS volunteers.

"It takes a lot of work to get things going and it's great when we get to see the kids come out to have a good time," adds Alan, about his almost 400 volunteers, 130 refs and 180 teams.

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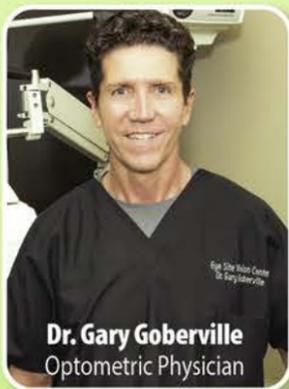
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Space Star

Since he can remember, Adam Saleh, 11, has been enthralled with astronomy and space. He enjoys time on clear nights searching the stars through his telescope. Earlier this year, his mother, Lin, asked if he would be interested in attending NASA space camp. Contemplating his first time at a sleep away camp, Adam became excited after researching the activities planned for the 7 day camp in Huntsville, Alabama. His session took place during the Summer's 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11. There were many special activities to commemorate that event, and the incredible experiences and new friends he made are things he will always remember fondly. His mother Lin says, "He was actually really sad when I picked him up, saying he wished he didn't have to go home. He's already signed up for next year!"

With 1,000 kids attending, campers were broken into smaller groups of about 15 each. It was there that Adam met his dorm mate, Evan, who became a close friend and counterpart. In an individual project, Adam helped his team win first prize for his design of the winning mission patch. Adam's talent in art class (one of his favorites) was able to shine through in this challenge against 1,000 other campers!

Well spoken and thoughtful, Adam was excited about several activities during his week away. "We got to build rockets that were launched in a World Record launch... 5,000 rockets were launched into space all at the same time," he told us. Another favorite activity of his was being in the GyroSphere. "It was really fun! You are spinning really fast and you have to try to settle yourself. I originally thought that it couldn't be that hard... But when I was finished, I hadn't accomplished what I was trying to." Adam realized that becoming an astronaut takes a lot of specialized training. He doesn't want to be one because, he says, "I think that controlling a panel and piloting a spacecraft would be too overwhelming! There's so much stuff that you have to master. I know that there are kids who would love that kind of thing and they should definitely check out space camp."

The astronaut that came and talked to campers that week was Robert Gibson. He flew on the Challenger prior to its horrible accident, and was the astronaut who took the famous picture of Bruce McCandless doing the first untethered space walk.

In the sixth grade at American Heritage School, Adam's favorite subject is science. He also loves coding, programming and things that are technology-based. He attends art school, plays the piano and stays busy with even more extracurricular activities. His focus for the future is researching and discovering as yet unknown planets.

Lin gives us further insight regarding the camp and her youngest son. "The Space Camp program was very focused on STEM. Although astronomy was part of the curriculum, it was focused more on aerospace and aerospace engineering. Adam's interests range in all aspects of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) since he is also extremely artistic."



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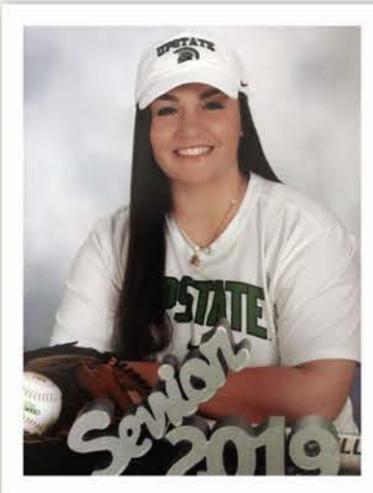
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It all began with a little girl's big dream. Isabella (Bella) Bertot grew up on the baseball fields watching her older brother Alex play baseball. At five, she impressed players, parents, coaches and fans with her heavy HR bat and arm. At age 7, she made the C.S. Panthers 10 and under travel softball team. The day after her last tournament that summer at Disney Wide World of Sports, she saw her brother play at Dreams Park in Cooperstown, NY. She watched her brother hit a home run and also saw him get struck out by a girl. Alex asked her if she wanted to be "that girl pitcher" at Dreams Park. Her eyes lit up like fireworks.

She immediately began her four year journey playing travel baseball when the unthinkable happened. She was starting pitcher for her first travel game and on her third pitch, her shoulder began to hurt and she was unable to play for the rest of the game. The unbearable pain moved to her hip and then into her ankle. Her Pediatrician suspected Arthritis and scheduled an emergency visit to Miami Children's Hospital with the head Rheumatologist. She was diagnosed with a chronic state of Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA) and the family was devastated and shocked, not knowing if she would be able to walk again nevertheless play baseball. Finally, medications were able to ease her pain, and she returned to the fields with months of trials and errors of medications, even pill form chemotherapy. Over the course of four years, she developed a strong pain tolerance and lived her dream of pitching and striking out the boys, hitting homeruns and playing/pitching/catching in Cooperstown, NY when she was 12 years old. She was 1 of 2 girls out of 104 teams that week. The owners of Dream Park came to congratulate both Bella and her parents. It was a dream come true.



Bella eventually transitioned into softball and her name and talent became known with her continued heavy bat, arm, character and leadership on and off the field. She has traveled all over the country for the past 5 years with Gold Coast Hurricanes, an elite travel softball organization, where she has been a leader in stats in travel and High School for both hitting and catching.

Bella graduated from Coral Glades High School Class of 2019 and was Secretary in Student Government in her class. She was awarded a softball scholarship to the University of South Carolina Upstate, a Division 1 school. She is forever grateful to her Coach Manny Devesa, who brought her to the Upstate showcase when her Parents couldn't go. After being a Coral Springs resident all her life, Bella moved to her new school on August 21.

The support of her coaches, teammates, family, friends on and off the field and staff at Coral Glades has been her biggest inspiration. "When playing in pain, I begin to hope the adrenaline will soon take over," Bella says. "Being a catcher and repeatedly having to use every muscle, joint and bone in my body is tough, but if I was never diagnosed with arthritis, I simply don't think I would be as strong as I am today. Arthritis has taught me to never give up, to never perceive something as impossible and to mandate myself towards the positive interpretation in every situation."

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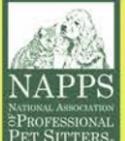
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