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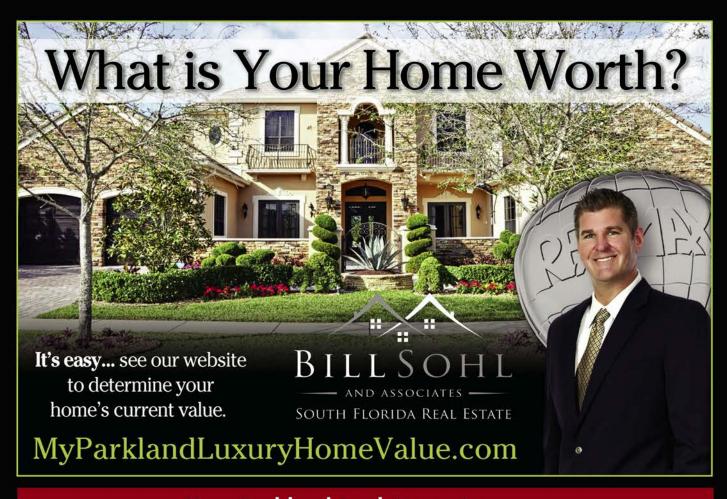
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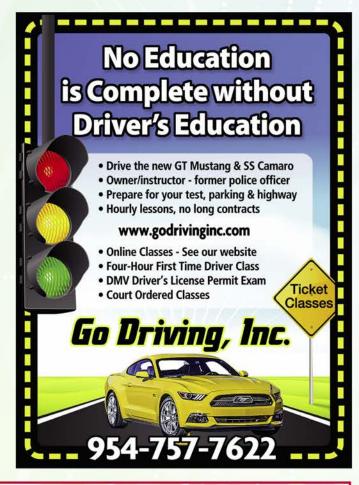
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# It's All About Community

### There's SO much to do this month!

Welcome to April, 2017! With one look at our Up and Coming Events (page 30), you'll be filling your calendar with activities and wondering what you may have to leave off. Golf tournaments, WorldFest, egg hunts, Jazz Brunch, concerts and more....there won't be a dull moment this month! As we've also touched on for several years, it is also Drowning Prevention month and, with all of the bodies of water surrounding our families, it's time we took heed to the many warnings. Make sure to get your children signed up for swim lessons right away! Don't wait another day...you'll never regret it.

Thank you so much for being part of our community! We are blessed beyond measure by your eagerness to share your news, your triumphs and your families with the rest of us. Have an incredible April, drive safely and make it your personal goal to get out to an event this month. Make some fun and new friends!

God bless you and our soldiers, *Shellie & Scott* 



# **Working the Dream**

By Shellie Miller

This rapid information age has helped us to be efficient, but it's also made us into a society that expects instant gratification. In previous years, if I wanted to find a childhood schoolmate, I'd make a few calls, catch up with several old friends, and learn about many pals as I sought after one. Nowadays, a few clicks on my computer tells me he lives in a brownstone on central park, is married with three kids, travels the world with his family, has founded a conservation charity and is now a bil-

lionaire. Because I witnessed his drive and work ethic from our young age, my guess is he has not been sitting around Googling me!

I love the heritage of our country! Rebels with a purpose to live free or die trying, they tilled the land, grew their own food, and made their way in a wild world that held no resemblance to where they'd come from. They dreamed audacious dreams and created huge companies that employed thousands who could then dream their own dreams and step into bigger futures.

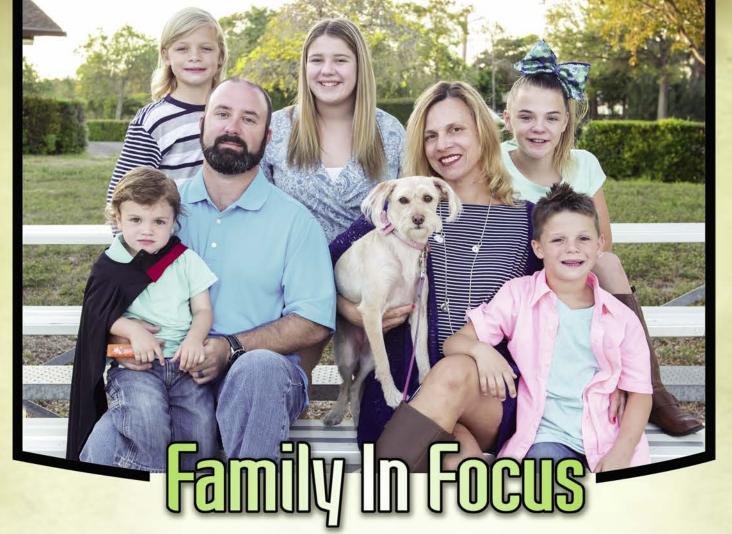
I fear that a large number of Americans have become a hoard of "followers" who are on-line, on the couch

and know more about the Kardashians than they do about their own spouse or children. Resting in mediocrity, so many are semi-satisfied with the status quo. They expect others to clean up after them without taking responsibility for the circumstances they've created. They grumble when the cable is out, leave their partner when the bank account is overdrawn, blame others for their poor decisions and are ignorant to the example they've been living in front of their kids. This is not the United States that our founding fathers were dreaming about. Yes, you are FREE to do as you please, but is it truly freedom when it hobbles following generations?

My belief is that we must proceed cautiously because 'slow and steady' has always won the race. The oldest fortunes in America were built on great ideas and hard work. Some of them were made, lost and then made back again. The glass IS more than half-full! Let's get back to what gave us a great foundation, stop listening to and believing the griping, and enjoy the fruits of our OWN labors. Our country is very young compared to others. We would do well to live by the original blueprint that built the American Dream. Hard Work and Individual Responsibility.



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The Walkers

Active in many community activities, Rich and Catherine are busy parents because of their five kids ranging in age from 3 to 13. Their oldest daughter Delaney is in the 7th grade at Westglades Middle School where her favorite subjects are Civics and Language

Arts. Steffy James, 11, prefers Math and Writing in the 5th grade at Park Trails Elementary. 9 year-old Scott and 6 year-old Drake attend the 3rd and 1st grades there, preferring physical education and math respectively. Hayes, 3, goes to preschool at Parkridge Christian Academy where he loves, "playing with my friends Chase and Charlotte." The Walkers also include their dog Lucy and three cats.

Rich stays busy as the owner of a successful sign company while coaching a variety of Parkland Sports. Catherine is a homemaker and consultant with 31 Gifts. Her schedule stays packed with activities for their children and the community.

Steffy James has cheered for the Parkland Rangers since the Walkers moved to Parkland from Rockaway, New Jersey in 2014. She just wrapped up her 3rd Season, which included two successful regional cheer competitions! She is also a local

Girl Scout with Troop 10520. Catherine enjoys leading this 5th grade Troop with her co-leader. Steffy James also loves

Scott and Drake are happily active in Parkland flag football, soccer and baseball. Rich is actively involved in coaching each of their teams and serves on the Parkland Recreation Soccer Board. Both boys love to play outside with neighborhood kids after school.

Delaney is a member of the National Junior Honor Society, and especially enjoys volunteering in the community. She also loves playing Parkland Flag Football, running, hanging out with her friends and also babysitting.

Hayes, the baby, enjoys all of the cool things he gets to experience at his older siblings' activities and games. He also has a great time at preschool two days a week.

In addition to his multi-sport coaching and Board member duties, Rich is always happy to donate signage to activities that the kids are involved in whether it is for school, sports or clubs. Catherine is a Girl Scout leader and is involved in Local moms groups like MOMS NEXT, MOPS and Parkland Moms Club. She loves being class mom for 3 kids at Park Trails as well as for Hayes' at Parkridge. She is passionate about volunteering and fundraising for families close to her heart. She is co-leading a fundraising campaign for 20 month-old Jude Ward's liver transplant. Please see page 28.

When the Walkers aren't busy in school, at work or on the sporting fields, Catherine says, "We love lazy weekends IF they ever happen! Beach days, pool days, Marlins and Dolphins games... bike rides." Further elucidating their love for South Florida, Catherine continues, "We love the gorgeous weather and the amazing opportunities available year round for sports. In the City of Parkland, we especially appreciate the farmers market and the community of friends that have become our

The Walkers worship at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church.

# In the Kitchen with Sohosuk



SoHo Subs, birthed right here in Coral Springs, started because Jeff Lassen's father grew up working in his dad's deli in Brooklyn and then Lynnbrook, Long Island. Jeff says, "This is in my blood! My grandfather did it, my dad did it and it's something I knew that we needed down here." Jeff, his wife Nicole, and their 3 1/2 year old twins have been Parkland residents for two years now. A New Yorker at heart, Jeff tells us about working in his other business, Rite Way Auto Transport on Wiles Road. He and groups of his 56 employees would often go out for lunch. "We couldn't ever find a good place to go. The quality just wasn't there, and I knew that I could open a place that made the best subs in town."

Focused on freshness first, the welcoming and uniquely decorated restaurant serves only Boars Head cold cuts on bread made daily. The creative atmosphere and remarkable penny floor exude a singular vibe, where customers are certain to notice that there's a style of sandwich for every taste. From Italian style seeded or unseeded breads to traditional soft sub rolls and rye bread, the variety of choices assures that every taste and taste bud will be satisfied after a meal from Soho

> Subs. Take out and delivery are fast and easy, but dining in is truly a treat.

Proud of the many selections available on the menu, Jeff boasts that his restaurant stocks more than 150 different beverages as well as famous Juniors of Brooklyn cheesecakes, more than 60 different types of chips and the finest quality condiments like Hellmann's mayonnaise. The produce in every sandwich is freshly harvested, boasting crispy Romaine lettuce and the juiciest Roma tomatoes. And what good is a sandwich without a pickle? Jeff says excitedly, "We give a bunch of them FREE with every sandwich!"

Jeff is planning for the future of his family while remaining confident that Soho subs is going to be a huge hit all over South Florida. He already has his sights on a Boca Raton location for his next restaurant. "I'm going to make SoHo Subs into a successful chain, not a franchise. I plan to own it and always stay focused on high quality. We're going to keep this A-1."

Jeff's personal favorite sandwich is SoHo's hot pastrami on rye. "We use National Deli pastrami because we found it to be the very best tasting. I'll put that up against anybody else's sandwich." Confidence and quality: Go in for a visit to Soho Subs and prove to yourself why their slogan is "Better than

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### **Are prescription sunglasses** a good idea?

By Dr. Gary Goberville

You may sometimes find yourself driving down the road, sun shining in your eyes, as you search in vain for those clip-on or magnetically attached sun lenses that came with your prescription eyeglasses. At times like these, you might find that prescription sunglasses are much more convenient and more than worth the additional investment.

You don't have to sacrifice fashionable style or high-level sports performance if you want prescription sunglasses. The styling of prescription sunglass frames is nearly the same as with non-prescription sunglasses. Almost all of the same fashion, designer and celebrity eyewear options apply. Contact lens wearers may also find that wearing prescription sunglasses is sometimes a far more practical alternative outdoors. For example, you may not want to wear your contact lenses on the beach where your eyes can become itchy and watery as you battle the effects of sand, sun, wind and water.

Even the non-prescription sunglasses you wear over contact lenses may not provide enough protection. Did you know that wearing your contact lenses while swimming is a bad idea because of potentially serious eye infections caused by microorganisms in the water? With prescription sunglasses, you have the option of wearing them anytime outdoors without the need to search for clip-on sunglasses or deal with contact lenses.

If you have a vision problem that requires corrective prescription eyewear, you have several choices when it comes to sunglasses. Prescription sunglasses are available for virtually any lens prescription, including bifocal and progressive lens options if you are presbyopic and need lenses to help you read that magazine or book at the pool.

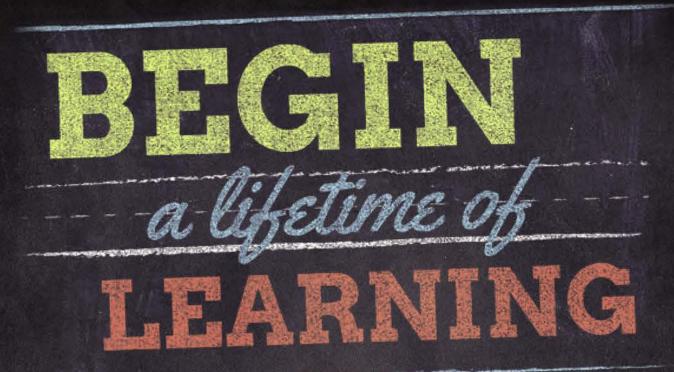
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American Heritage Camp Director Wayne Lenoff is passionate about summer camp, not because it's his profession, but because he loves the idea that each camper can have an amazing and active summer experience doing a variety of things that are both fun and engaging.

Hosting summer camps for more than 30 years, American Heritage's summer sessions begin June 13th and continue through August 12th. They are divided into three 3-week sessions, each one different from the other. One aspect of the camp is a traditional day camp where children will experience a variety of activities including various field sports, drama, art, swimming, video arcades and more. The camp supplies healthy lunches, with appetizing choices and snacks throughout the day. Day campers range in age from 3 to 13 and, beginning at age 6, go on a variety of field trips throughout the summer. American Heritage also features specialty camps for children who would like to concentrate in specific areas of interest.

"There's a Robotics Camp for that techie child who would like to build a robot and get it to do different tasks, such as digital electronics, 3-D printing, coding with Java and CAM," Wayne says. "Each session has its own unit that they focus on." Going through the list of offerings, he lists the sports activities available. "We host a Tennis Camp for the enthusiast who wants object out on the courts every day and sharpen their skills; a Soccer camp headed by a former professional soccer player and Olympic development coach, and a Lacrosse Camp run by a former collegiate coach." And the choices don't stop there. Wayne continues, "We also have a Young Artist's Camp where the campers will study and create art using different mediums throughout the summer; a Science Adventure Camp where each session will concentrate on a different aspect of our local ecosystem, such as marine life, where campers will learn how to snorkel to observe marine life and life in the Everglades. Campers will also be conducting different investigative science experiments in our science lab. Video Production Camp is offered for ages 10 to 14 for two sessions." Wayne is

especially proud of the level of each instructor's professional accomplishments and all that they offer to the children. "Because we are a successful college prep school, all of the instructors in charge of our specialty camps are experts in their fields. For instance, our Robotics instructor runs our Pre-Engineering Lab during the school year." Wayne adds, "This is not a classroom instruction type of thing... Everything the children will be doing throughout the summer is hands-on."

For the 9-week camper, Wayne emphasizes that the main goal of American Heritage's program is to ensure that each camper loves the camp experience. "Every 3week session is different, and each session stands alone. All of our specialty camps include getting the kids out for one hour each day and involved in something else. Most of the time they go swimming because our pool is right here on campus." When asked, Wayne shares his personal favorite. "I love the Day Camp! It lets you experience a variety of activities every day and gives you a well-rounded summer experience. "

Free express bus transportation is available every day. A bus picks up and drops off children at one of many central locations. Door-to-door bus service is also offered for a fee, and parents can also drop off and pick up their children.

Involved with the camp for 17 years, Wayne began as a senior counselor and has continued to be a vital part of every summer season. His passion for

the campers and the activities available to them is evident in the energy with which he speaks. Definitively focused on his role in making sure that every child attending American Heritage's camp has the best summer of their life, he puts it simply, "We want every child to look back and say, 'Wow! That was amazing!"

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Bv Dr. Howard Gelb

Stress fractures are real fractures (breaks in the bone) that are all too common in today's athletes. The cause of stress fractures is usually found in the patient's history. The most common cause of a stress fracture is overuse. It can occur as a runner picks up their mileage too quickly or changes a running surface from soft to hard. Runners are particularly prone to lower extremity stress fractures due to the nature of the sport. Nutritional risk factors include lack of calcium, protein, and caloric intake. Tennis, basketball and volleyball players can get stress fractures of the feet, tibia (leg) or hip by playing too often. Intensity, frequency, and duration of an activity all play a role in the development of a stress fracture. Upper extremity stress fractures are seen in baseball pitchers, tennis players and softball pitchers. Rib fractures can be seen in crew athletes due to the excessive muscle pull of the serratus anterior muscle. Weight lifters, football linemen, gymnasts and soccer players are at risk for the development of lumbar stress fractures due to the mechanics of their sport, hyperextension of the lumbar spine. The primary symptom of a stress fracture is pain that is activity related. While x-rays are essential for evaluation of the pain, the actual fracture line may not be seen and additional imaging with bone scan or MRI may be needed for diagnosis. The treatment of the stress fracture is generally rest, however for certain fractures surgery may be necessary to avoid non-union (a non healed fracture). Nutritional and menstrual history is especially important for the female athlete. The female athlete triad; amenorrhea, poor nutrition and overtraining are associated with stress fractures and long-term osteoporosis. While athletes are often told "no pain," no gain," this adage is false when dealing with stress injuries. The best thing to do if one is experiencing progressive pain associated with their sport or activity is to rest and be evaluated.

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# My Aching Bunions By Dr. Clive C. Woods

A bunion is a deformity in which the great toe gradually points toward the second toe. In addition, the joint at the base of the toe gradually moves away from the second toe. The medical term for this deformity is called Hallux Valgus. It is believed to occur due to wearing shoes with a tight toe box. It is commonly seen in women due to their tendency to wear tight shoes. Bunions can also be familial, or due to problems such as arthritis and various neurogenic conditions. Bunions often cause pain and swelling around the joint at the base of the big toe, mainly due to the increase in width of the foot. The overlying skin can become red, warm, and thickened. In addition, the deformity can push the second toe up causing a hammertoe. Relieving a bunion doesn't necessarily mean purchasing ugly or out of fashion shoes. It is a good idea to shop for shoes late in the day, when your feet are the largest from swelling. The shoe should have a half-inch between your longest toe and the front of the shoe. It should also be wide enough to wig gle your toes. I would also recommend the heel height to be low with your heel firmly against the back of the shoe. Other treatment such as bunion pads, which are available at most drugstores, and ice massage, can ease your pain. To help relieve a painful bunion, a plastic bag of ice should be applied to the area for 5 minutes. You may repeat this 2 to 3 times per day. When these treatments have failed, surgery may be indicated. An x-ray of the foot is taken before surgery in order to evaluate the severity of the deformity and whether there is existing arthritis in the joint. During standard bunion (hallux valgus) correction, the prominent bone is shaved away. The metatarsal bone is cut and repositioned with screws, a plate, or a combination of the two. A soft tissue release is performed on the contracted joint capsule and adductor tendon between the first and second toe. The final portion of the procedure entails tightening the capsule over the shaved bunion to help move the great toe away from the second. After this procedure the patient is placed in a bunion wrap and a small boot. The first 4 to 6 weeks you are allowed to bear weight on your heel. X-rays are obtained in the office to view the healing of the repositioning of the great toe. The treatment for an arthritic joint differs from a joint without degenerative changes. Depending on the severity of the arthritic bunion, the treatment may require a fusion of the joint.

Dr. Woods completed his foot & ankle fellowship at the esteemed Florida Orthopaedic Institute in Tampa Bay, FL and received his medical degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN where he was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor

While completing his internship and residency programs at University of Miami's Jackson Health System, Dr. Woods provided world class treatment for a variety of South Florida patients – including University of Miami Hurricanes athletes.

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By Cassie McGovern

An estimated 65,000 people in the United States alone do not know how to swim. It is reported that 54% of adult Americans cannot swim and my belief is our community tends to be much higher with the melting pot of different cultures. Many adults learned how to swim as voung children but never go into the water anymore and have forgotten how to swim over the years. Others were never taught and continue to avoid the activity altogether. It was once thought that knowing how to swim was very important but now it is more up to the individual.

We all need to place a higher priority on learning the basics of swimming, since drowning is preventable. Worldwide, we lose 370,000, the U.S loses approximately 10 people per day, totaling approximately 3,700 annually. In 2016, Broward County lost 80 individuals due to drowning. Drowning is everyone's responsibility and can happen to anyone.

There should always be someone supervising individuals while they're in the water. If you child has little or no mobility, a caregiver should be holding them or be within arms reach. Always assign a water watcher, no matter who is in the pool.

If you have small children in your home or visiting your home, please install alarms on all doors leading outside, install a 4-sided barrier around any body of water, learn to swim and learn CPR. We have seen an increase in drowning's while a secondary caregiver is caring for the child, whether it is a grandparent, aunt,

uncle or babysitter-they need to be educated on proper water safety too.

A couple of other areas we all should become more educated on are:

· Dry Drowning also known as Secondary Drowning Hypoxic Blackout or Shallow Water Blackout

· How to escape a vehicle that goes into a

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What we wouldn't give to have our sweet, beautiful daughter here with us, but we were all victims of her accidental drowning. No one wants to think about these

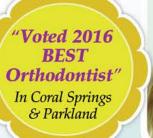
type of things happening but unfortunately they do! We are working diligently to change the mindset, "It can't happen to me,'

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By Stacy Case

The Parkland Rangers Tackle Football and Cheer Program has already begun its registration for the 2017 season and is expecting as much, if not more, involvement as it has in previous years. The 2007established league celebrates a decade and continues to expand.

Last year the group attracted about 125 athletes, which includes both players and cheerleaders, and the league is already on pace for nearly 165 area youths to participate this Fall.

The league is currently in the midst of registrations for its upcoming season, but before anyone gets on the field, safety measures are met by those running the program. This includes the coaches learning about concussion awareness and avoidance, and assessing proper age/weight calculations to determine in which division players are to be placed.

"We are 100 percent safety-oriented and absolutely want to win some games, but more importantly, we want to follow the specific age/weight matrix," says Andre Stampone, who is in his first year as President of the Parkland Rangers. "Aside from making safety a priority, we make sure they have mandatory playtime so they can all get a fair chance to play the game."

The Rangers divvy their players according to age and size among several different divisions. From as young as 5-years-old and as light as 75-lbs., up to about age 14 and approx 155-lbs., the Parkland gridders offer play for just about any boy or girl.

Registrations will continue until about September and are currently underway; the inperson sign-ups are typically held the last Saturday each month at the league's home field of Pine Trails Park.

Games begin in late August and continue through the Fall. Depending on regular season records, a playoff berth may be determined for each respective division. But with all of the 2016 Parkland Rangers teams having made it to the playoffs, Andre seems optimistic of what this year may bring, which gets underway with a pre-season jam-

"We kick things off just before the season starts and have a 'scrimmage' day with the other teams in our league," he says when referring to the Broward County Conference of Pop Warner Youth Football. which also includes a few teams from South Palm Beach County.

He specifically likes this league because it does not require the players to tryout, and each are given mandatory playtime and follow the traditional 11-on-11 high school format of play. (note: the younger division(s) may play a modified version of the rules for safety purposes, depending on enrollment

The Rangers' conference includes teams from Weston, Lauderhill, Pompano Beach, West Park and Boca Raton. But regardless of who or where they play, Andre sees several concepts instilled in the program's players as the season progresses.

"All of these kids learn about discipline, what teamwork truly means, and how to respect their teammates and opponents," says Andre, whose own son has been a Parkland Ranger for three years.

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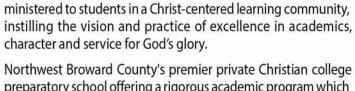


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### **Warning...Keep Chocolate Away from Pets!**

By Dr. Wayne Crance

Families throughout the United States will soon be sharing chocolate eggs and treats to celebrate the end of lent and start of Easter. However, vets are warning pet owners to keep all chocolate away from their pets after revealing it is the main cause of poisonings in dogs. Pets getting their paws on chocolate means that Easter is now the second busiest time of year for cases of chocolate poisoning, just behind Christmas. Chocolate is particularly toxic to dogs, as it contains caffeine and theobromine, two substances that dogs are incredibly sensitive to. Theobromine and caffeine are present in roasted cocoa beans which chocolate is derived from. If ingested by dogs it affects the heart, central nervous system and kidneys.

The usual signs of chocolate poisoning include vomiting, diarrhea, increased body temperature and heart rate, rapid breathing and can even lead to seizures and cardiac failure. In order for owners and their pets to enjoy a happy Easter together, the best option is to keep all chocolate out of their reach and give them an animal-friendly treat instead, like a dental chew or even special dog friendly 'chocolate' treats.

"Although there aren't as many cases of chocolate poisoning for cats, rabbits and rodents, they can all still suffer from health issues after digesting chocolate.

Another common treat for humans that can be toxic to your dog is sugarless gum containing xylitol. This sweetener added to some sugarless gums can cause low blood sugar and liver disease in dogs. Cats do not seem to be affected. As little as one stick can be toxic for a small dog.

"If you suspect your pet has eaten chocolate or sugarless gum then it is always safest to take them straight to the nearest veterinary practice for a check over."



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It's Lax time n South Florida!

By Stacy Case

Athletes here are blessed to have the local weather conditions yield a conducive environ-

ment for outdoor sports. Many area youth lacrosse players capitalize upon the climate to play that 'fastest game on two feet.'

Both the Coral Springs Chiefs and Parkland RedHawks are in the midst of their respective recreational lacrosse seasons and, once they wind down, they're going to stay busy with registrations for next year.

> Before the whistle blows and time is called, both leagues will have had guite busy seasons. "From beginner to experienced, the beauty of rec lax is that new players get to

learn from those who've already been playing, which is great because some learn a new sport while others develop leadership skills," says Anthony LoFurno, who is in his fourth year as the Chiefs' President. "This game has been around for so many years and its historical aspect is so unique when compared to that of the many other sports kids play."

So besides its longevity among young athletes, it also gives a glimpse of reality to its participants. RedHawks President Rob Windesheim tells us, "It teaches them about life and the importance of learning how to collectively play together. They develop a camaraderie that's like no other." Growing up in the sport with their friends, many of the current area high school players used the rec leagues as stepping stones to now play on a bigger stage.

"I think we've been instrumental in helping some kids get their start with lacrosse and also provided that base for the local schools' clubs/teams to draw from," continues Anthony. "I think it says a lot about what the rec leagues offer."

This year is quite different, as the Chiefs, whose home field is North Community Park, and RedHawks, whose home field is Pine Trails Park, have 'combined' rosters in a few age divisions due to lower registrations this season. So with that effort, lacrosse is offered to boys and girls at ages U7 up to U13 in the community from about late February until early May. Both programs are under the South Florida Youth Lacrosse umbrella, and usually play 10-12 games against teams in the tri-county are. Once the regular season is concluded, the RedHawks will begin preparations to host the 110-team Sunshine State Games from May 19-21st.

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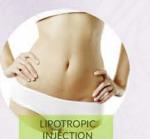


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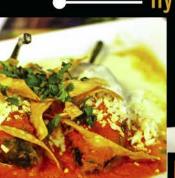
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