



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

From the Director



Dear Staff,
 Thanks to you and all of your hard work, "2007" has been a very rewarding year. We have been recognized nationally and by the state for our accomplishments in many program areas. Brevard County Health Department continues to lead the way because of all of your efforts and teamwork approach. We are happy to welcome to Brevard in 2008, Ana M. Viamonte Ros, M.D. M.P.H., the first State Surgeon General for the Florida Department of Health, who will be visiting as part of her **3 P's**, Prevention, Preparedness and Personal Responsibility, tour throughout the state. Whether we are dealing with the present or future, I know we will succeed in meeting all of the challenges. Let's look forward to 2008 with commitment and enthusiasm. From my heart, I wish you and your family a joyous Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

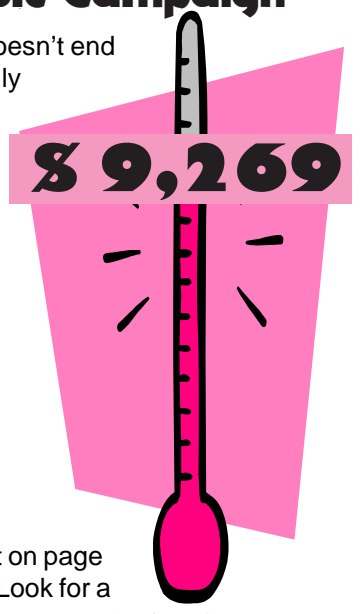
Dr. Heshmati, Director
 Brevard County Health Department

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Florida State Employee Charitable Campaign

Yes, the Fund Raising Drive is still on!! Also the Fund Raising doesn't end once we turn in all the pledge forms; no, no, no, in fact it has only just begun. The pledge forms are just part of the campaign and they have to be turned in the month of December so deductions can start in January. The FSECC continues into the new year, so we have all of the next year to continue raising money for our favorite charities!!! We are cooking up big plans for the New Year in the way of fund raising opportunities; a softball tournament, a volleyball tournament and just about anything else we can come up with. I want to challenge you to come up with a fund-raising project for your program or office. Let's push our current total "way up". In January we will be kicking off "Silly Olympics" so look out for more information coming as we get into the new year.



Two groups have done a spectacular job of fund-raising.

Environmental Health waged the "Penny Wars" Read all about it on page 3. Melbourne Clinic had a Halloween costume and food event. Look for a story and pictures on page 5.

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Dr. Anna Viamonte Ros, State Surgeon General

During Public Health Week in April 2007, our first ever State Surgeon General, Anna Viamonte Ros, MD, MPH made a commitment to travel around the state and visit each county health department personally. The theme for her tour is "3Ps", Prevention, Preparedness, and Personal Responsibility. She has already been to 35 counties and on February 1 she will be coming to Brevard. We look forward to her arrival and are excited for the opportunity to introduce her to the great things we are doing in Brevard. Check out the 3Ps website at <http://www.florida3psforhealth.com/>

WHAT A COINCIDENCE!

Whether you believe in Fate, Divine Intervention or "Just Plain Great Luck" you will probably agree that one of these is what I am very thankful for. My name is Cyndi Henry, RN, and I'm a Nursing Program Specialist for the health department. I coordinate nursing education opportunities and perform record audits for quality improvement. I was diagnosed with idiopathic dilated cardiomyopathy ten years ago after the sudden cardiac death of my oldest son at the age of twenty. The two major health results from the thickening and weakening muscle that occurs with this condition are arrhythmias and congestive heart failure. Once my arrhythmias became life threatening I was able to have an



implanted defibrillator surgically placed in my chest to prevent sudden cardiac death in 2006. But the congestive heart failure is a progressively worsening condition. Current medication therapies are able to slow the process of decline from the heart failure but there is no current cure.

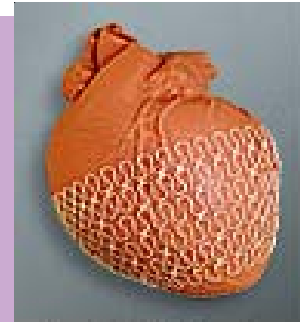
One day in August I called Rosemary, Maria Stahl's staff

assistant. While she was home for lunch that day, she saw a segment on the noon news about a fellow that had cardiomyopathy who was nearly bed bound. He participated in a clinical research project and had a net or sock surgically placed around his heart. At the time of the interview on the noon news, nearly a year after his surgery, he was able to mow his own yard.

I was thankful that Rosemary thought of me when she saw this newscast, Even though the man actually had a different heart condition from my own, Rosemary got me excited about this new possibility. I wrote down the name of the clinical trial and later did a Google search. I was amazed that the description of who was eligible for the study was an EXACT description of me and my condition. I seemed to be an almost perfect match for who they were looking for to participate in this clinical study.

The coincidence becomes reality. After emails, passing several levels of eligibility criteria and clinical testing- I was scheduled for surgery at Shands at the University of Florida in Gainesville on November 26, 2007 to have Paracor Medical's PEERLESS-HF (Prospective Evaluation of Elastic Restraint to LESSen the effects of Heart Failure) HeartNet placed around my heart. The HeartNet™ Ventricular Support System is a super-elastic Nitinol mesh that is designed to wrap around and reinforce the walls of the heart. It provides permanent, gentle support that is designed to help slow or stop the heart enlargement process so that the heart can work more

efficiently, ultimately decreasing the debilitating symptoms of heart failure. The hope is that participants who receive this therapy will begin to feel better and may be able to more comfortably



HeartNet™ Device

perform day-to-day activities. Therefore improving the quality of their lives. No matter what you call it you have to admit that it is at least one great big coincidence that I called Rosemary on the same day that she went home to watch the news and thought to tell me about the medical trial. Because of those important connections, I now have the opportunity to possibly improve my condition. Prior to this clinical study I only had the option of trying to slow the progression of congestive heart failure with medications.

Cindi Henry, RN, Nursing Program Specialist

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If you have any questions about where to donate, what to donate or why to donate please do not hesitate to ask me or one of the many very helpful site representatives.

- Melbourne clinic – Sue Macuska
- Rockledge clinic – Ana Nieves
- Titusville clinic – Carol Unger
- Environmental Health – Anthony Makielski
- Community Health – Karen Ottenhoff
- School Health – Mary Rothwell
- Haverty – Chris Hewitt

Thank You all for participating, Lets Keep it Going!!!

Chris Hale, Preparedness Coordinator, FSECC Chairman

Welcome to America

Alma Kutzner, R.N., an employee with school health, became a naturalized American citizen on November 15th. Alma, a native of Scotland, was sworn in at a ceremony in Sanford with 261 other immigrants from a total of 58 different countries. Gwyneth Ezell, a retired school health employee, was also sworn in at the same ceremony. They are both looking forward to voting in the primary elections in January.



L-R Gwyneth and Alma



Just Another Day at the Office

ALL IN A DAYS WORK

It was a nice sunny Tuesday morning when Joyce and Debbie took a drive in the BCHD van. Being safety conscious employees, they both wore their back support braces; Debbie hid hers under her clothes, while Joyce proudly displayed hers outside of her clothing. They were headed to Central Brevard Sharing Center in Cocoa, as is the case each Thanksgiving week. This year they loaded the van and a truck with 41 frozen 14-22 pound turkeys, 82 frozen pie crusts, several hundred cans of vegetables, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, fruit, roasting pans, and other odds and ends needed for a Thanksgiving feast.

Arriving back at Community Health on Merritt Island, several co-workers pitched in and helped unload the "groceries". The Sharing Center had already bagged most items and marked them by family size, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 7.

The entire HIV/AIDS department pitched in while Joyce and Debbie made deliveries to our most truly homebound clients without transportation. As soon as the Community Health doorbell rang, everyone sprang into action; someone got the appropriate size Turkey from the hallway, someone else got a bag to keep the ice from dripping off the Turkey, someone else got the frozen pie shells from the freezer, someone else got the box of other items and everyone met at Janet's desk to put it together and help the client to their car if needed. Throughout the day you could hear, "I need a number 2, I need a number 5, don't forget the pie shells" etc...All this

while still taking phone calls, dispensing medications, making appointments, and handling other regular daily job duties.

By the end of the day all but three Thanksgiving Baskets had been delivered or picked up at Community Health Merritt Island. All in all, 41 families consisting of 92 adults and 35 children had a Thanksgiving feast that they may not have had otherwise. This only accounts for about 25-30 percent of our case managed clients.

We would not be able to accomplish this each year without the help of Central Brevard Sharing Center, our Ryan White Part II funding, and of course our case managers who must pre-order the Thanksgiving baskets weeks in advance. But years and years of practice has helped make this a smooth, although exhausting, eventful day.

This entire scenario will be repeated in December during the week of Christmas, so when you overhear conversations about the turkeys in Community Health, hopefully they will be referring to the Thanksgiving or Christmas baskets!
Teresa Miller, Senior Human Services Program Manager, HIV-AIDS



Environmental Health Penny Wars - 2007

From November 9, 2007 to December 5, 2007, Environmental Health participated in a friendly competition of Penny Wars to raise money for the Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign. The object of Penny Wars is to get as many points as possible during the "war". One point is earned for each penny but each silver coin or note reduces the points by the penny-equivalent. Each team had to put more pennys in their jug to offset the bills or silver coins that the competitor team put in the jar. There were four teams competing in EH: Admin Warriors, CEH, OSTDS, and the Water Team. Scores were tallied at the beginning of each week and everyday during the last three days of competition. First place, bragging rights, and a "\$" trophy went to the Water Team for ending the competition with -1,782 points. "Teamwork and strategy baby" says Cindy Leckey, supervisor of the Water Program and spokesperson for the Water Team. All in all, Environmental Health raised \$991.58 toward the FSECC. Way to go EH!



Great Work EH!!!

The Environmental Health group has been busy as well!! Penny Wars in Viera!! The rules are pretty involved but suffice it to say that this little war among friends and colleagues has, per the last update netted the campaign another \$991.58!!! I'm not sure even I understand the rules but it appears the Admin Warriors are either winning by A LOT or losing by even more!! Either way Great Work EH!!!

Chris Hale, Chairman FSECC

"Teamwork and strategy baby!!"

Cindy Leckey, Water Team spokesperson

By: Anthony J. Makielski, R.E.H.P



\$991.58 for the FSECC

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Ms. Charlie Community Caretaker

We've all heard the saying that "the apple doesn't fall far from the tree." This is the old adage that popped into my head recently when talking with Ms. Charlie (this is how health tech Charlie Bell is affectionately referred to by many who know her in the north Brevard communities of Mims and Titusville) about her long career with the Brevard County Health Department beginning in July of 1981.

Ms. Charlie talked about her clinic and outreach positions and how much she loves working with the clients that she serves. But Ms. Charlie's dedication to improving the health of her community does not end with her eight to five job at the Titusville clinic. Ms. Charlie is the contact that many of the churches and community centers reach out to when they need to have a health fair organized or when they want to spotlight a particular health concern to their community members. Ms. Charlie is always willing to fulfill their needs by inviting the nurses, physicians and other community health care experts to provide the grassroots education wherever it is needed. She also volunteers with Hospice of St. Francis by providing respite for caretakers of those with a terminal illness.

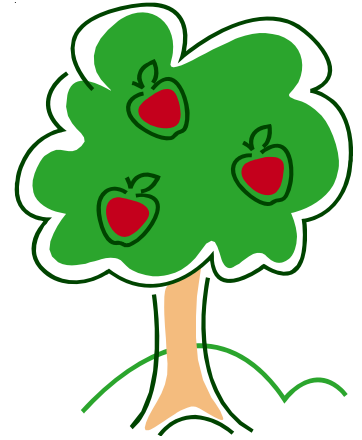
Ms. Charlie has been involved in community action for more than thirty years. Just to name a few of the highlighted activities that she has been involved in over the years, volunteering with the Red Cross Apple in the school clinic at Coquina Elementary when she was raising her children, Say No to Drugs and marching in neighborhood rallies to protest against drug involvement. She also taught parenting classes through Dummett Avenue Church.

I had the honor and pleasure of assisting Ms. Charlie at two separate churches and at Cuyler Community Center for three such events this past summer. I was in awe of how well Ms. Charlie handled the strain of last minute preparations and lack of dedicated help and graciously organized everyone with a beautiful smile. It was also apparent how much respect and love those that she was serving had for her.

Ms. Charlie also shares the public health passion of spreading the word and the lessons that will help to make the African-American communities healthier and help to prevent future illness and suffering. She voiced a desire to help to encourage African-Americans to also use the services of Hospice providers more often.

Ms. Charlie laughed out loud when she remembered her mother and explained that she and her mother had very different temperaments. But when she told about how her mother was always looking out for and caring for the weakest and neediest in their community when she was growing up..... I knew that "she had not fallen far from the tree."

Cindi Henry, RN, Nursing Program Specialist



Cell Phones for United Way

The Brevard County Health Department has been given the opportunity to donate our "out of service" cell phones to the Domestic Violence program of the United Way. These phones will be reworked and given to persons who are in domestic violence programs. The phones are very important because although they cannot be used for regular calls, they can be used for 911 emergency calls. This is a great program and we will also receive a designated credit per phone to our overall donations in the Florida State Employees Charitable Campaign.

Ferret Rescue - Not on the Job Description



I am an OSTDS inspector in Viera. The attached photo was taken during a septic inspection in Palm Bay. The ferret was making a home under the pipes between two septic tanks. He greeted me enthusiastically and ate my lunch. He then followed me around while I did the inspection.

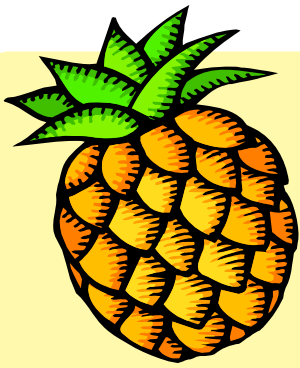
Upon my return to the office, a fellow inspector called a friend who went to the site and rescued the ferret. A visit to the vet indicated the ferret had suffered a broken leg at some point. The ferret was rehabilitated and then adopted.

Ray Walton
Environmental Specialist I

BCHD Employee Worksite PROGRAM Wellness

Beginning in January 2008 the Brevard County Health Department will take the first steps toward implement an "official" Employee Wellness program devoted strictly for our employees. Watch your email for more information as there will be an opportunity for employees to volunteer to

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I work in WIC, so of course I see a lot of children. I have a large felt board with felt pieces that look like various fruits and vegetables – a learning tool. For a moment his mother and I were going over various fruits.

"What's this?" I asked.
 "An apple!" he replied.
 "And this?"
 "A banana!"
 "And this one?" I asked, holding up a pineapple.
 With a big grin on his face, he yells,

"SPONGEBOB'S HOUSE!"

(it's funnier if you've seen Spongebob Squarepants...)

Natalie Henderson
Nutrition Educator
 Rockledge



It doesn't require a lot of physical activity to reap significant benefits

even adding 15 minutes of physical activity to your day can put you on the road to better health;

Melbourne FSECC

Just a little update...the Melbourne Clinic has been doing a fine job getting everyone involved...for the campaign. Look for the pictures in the next edition of the Pulse!!

For Thanksgiving the Melbourne clinic held a luncheon with votes (donations) for the best side or dessert dish...Joanne Mcmillon took home the First Place vote with her Turkey and Dressing. Second place went to the Rum Cake, Turtle Cake and the Tropical Fruit Cranberry Sauce and Third Place was easily won by EVERYTHING else. That's right everything else. Another \$55.60 for the campaign!!! Thank you Sue and everyone at the Melbourne clinic for not only having fun but supporting a great cause!!!

Chris Hale, Preparedness Coordinator



On October 31, 2007 Melbourne got fired up and raised \$61.56 for our Charitable Campaign. It was a friendly, fun and culturally inclusive costume contest; even those that do not participate in Halloween were enthusiastic about contributing in a co-workers name to a worthy cause. By 3 pm we had a tie for 1st place-Gina the Angel with Lisa the Witch and Dawn the Cub Scout in second. All were given an opportunity to break the tie with any small contribution and by 5 pm we had more then \$20 in additional contributions with Lisa ahead by a mere 29 cents!



L-R - Dawn Jones, Kristen Wells, Regina Pappagallo, Lisa Meyer, Nancy Mitchell, Tammy Massingill, Susan Macuska, Dr. Vinh Ngo

Sue Macuska, Family Support Worker, Melbourne

EH Penny Wars The Results



	TOTAL \$	
Water	12,768 pennies - 14,550 dollars and silver coins \$273.18 - 1,782 points	
Community EH	9,827 pennies - 15,990 dollars and silver coins \$258.17 - 6,163 points	
Admin Warriors	5,917 pennies - 15,100 dollars and silver coins \$210.17 - 9,183 points	
OSTDS	6,371 pennies - 18,635 dollars and silver coins \$250.06 - 12,264 points	

RING!!

**“Hello this is the Health Department.
May I help you !!”**

BCHD Appointment Center

Many of you may not know that the Brevard County Health Department has a Central Appointments and Information Center, some probably are not familiar with its responsibilities, and even fewer know where they call home. The Central Appointments and Information Center is nestled in the rolling hills of North Cocoa in the newly renovated Byrd Plaza shopping center. Byrd Plaza is conveniently situated near the train tracks which runs parallel to US Highway 1



L-R: Maria Salgado, Deborah Norris, Lissette Possis, Lisa Meyer, Mary Stepney

(don't worry, everyone is nearly accustomed to the noise). Tucked inside this mall complex, hiding in the super-secret high-security passageway is your Health Department's Central Appointments. Central Appointments is manned by four dedicated operators and their Supervisor, and they are all versed in the many diverse facets of Health Department operations. These five dedicated people book all the appointments for our clinic service and provide front-line, first-hand information and assistance to a very diverse group of people with a myriad of needs, many with very difficult personal

situations. The patience and understanding that they display is a testament to their dedication and commitment to the Brevard County Health Department's mission and goals. Our four (4) operators handle approximately 160 appointment calls per day. That's just appointments. Many more information calls come in each day. Calls range from the "teenager who just found out she is pregnant" or "my baby is very sick" and "do you know where I go to get food stamps" to "can you help me with getting assistance for my friend's five children and "I heard about MRSA, what is it?" The operators make every reasonable attempt to provide direct assistance and referral information to EVERY caller, regardless. Two things you must understand: first, because of the nature of the business, Central Appointments is one of two work centers which "never closes," and was fully operational throughout the 2004 hurricane recoveries. Second, operators are not able to just "step away from their desks," as most others are—meal and restroom breaks are highly coordinated and regularly modified based upon manning and other factors which impact the amounts of calls they receive. You are invited to contact Lissette Possis (634-3685) to schedule a visit to see how much data and information these folks really have to know to perform their jobs in support of the clinical staff.

Now that you've learned more about Central Appointments, the staff would welcome a visit so that you can get first-hand experience as to what it is like to sit underneath the headphones—be sure to update your immunizations, bring a legal copy of your will, and something good to eat, because if you don't, they won't open the door

Sheldon Scrivener, General Services Manager

New Registered Sanitarians in Environmental Health



L-R: Eric Addington, Anthony Makielski, Donald Steele

Brevard County Environmental Health Services is proud to announce the addition of 3 new Registered Sanitarians to our department. Please help me congratulate Eric Addington, R.S., Anthony Makielski, R.E.H.P., and Donald Steele, R.S. in passing their RS Exam and achieving the highest of Environmental Health credentials.

Melissa Brock, R.E.H.P., Environmental Manager



Employee Wellness

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serve on the Worksite Wellness Council. This program will be facilitated by our full-time Step Up, Florida! Healthy Communities Coordinator, Loretta Goggin. The new Wellness department will be located in Byrd Plaza and will also include the Tobacco Program Coordinator, Lynette Fodor. For more information contact Loretta at 615-8234 and Lynette 639-5791.

EH Employee "s" of the Quarter



L-R Karen McFee, Christine Linsenbardt

Christine Linsenbardt and Karen McFee received this recognition last Friday afternoon for their hard work in assisting the pool section in completing their required inspections while pool inspectors are out of the office.

Locks of Love



I donate my hair to Locks of Love every two years, this was the fourth time I have donated, depending on how short I want my hair, I can donate between eleven and twelve inches in two years time. You can send your hair yourself or go to any hair salon and tell them you are donating and they can send it for you, the website below will give you the information needed on how to donate.

Sharon Simek, Purchasing



Locks of Love helps disadvantaged children suffering from medical hair loss. The program provides hair prosthetics for those children with permanent hair loss from alopecia areata, radiation treatments, or burns. www.locksoflove.org

RED TIDE Update

The BCHD's Environmental Health Services Water Program has recently teamed up with Florida Fish and Wildlife to assist collecting water samples in order to test for red tide levels at certain beach locations in the county. If you're interested in viewing the sample results please visit the following weblink: <http://research.myfwc.com>. We will continue the weekly sampling for red tide until conditions subside.

Red tide is caused by the explosive growth and accumulation of certain microscopic algae, predominately dinoflagellates, in coastal waters. The dinoflagellate *Karenia brevis*, or *K. brevis* is the predominant red tide organism. *K. brevis* produces powerful toxins called brevetoxins. The toxin affects the central nervous system of fish and kills them, makes shellfish poisonous to humans, and releases toxic airborne

irritants that cause problems in humans such as nose, throat and eye irritation.

The effects of red tide are generally temporary and should vanish within a few hours of leaving the beach, thus ending the exposure. Studies show that people with severe respiratory conditions should be especially careful. If you do have emphysema or asthma it is recommended staying indoors or wearing a particle filter mask while outdoors. You should also run your air conditioner, rather than having your windows open if you live near the beach. There are many more frequently asked questions pertaining to the red tide and you can find the questions and answers on www.myfloridaeh.com under the aquatic toxins program and or www.start1.com.

For additional advice or questions, contact the red tide health hotline at 1-888-232-8635. This is a free service and is staffed by medical professionals 24 hours a day.

Submitted by Cindy Leckey

Environmental Supervisor II, Water Program

Environmental Health in



Brevard County Environmental Health Service received a message from David Crow, CPM, Regional Response Emergency Advisor (RERA Region 5 – Central Florida, Florida Department of Health, Central Florida Region Domestic Security Taskforce regarding a biomedical waste (BMW) spill on James Road, Cocoa, FL 32926. The spill was described as more than 50 used syringes littered along the edge of James Road, adjacent to Cox Road, Cocoa. Melissa Brock, Environmental Manager dispatched Community Environmental Health staff members John Pierce and Mary Young to the scene to assess the conditions and affect remediation if possible. Pierce and Young arrived at the scene, a lightly traveled residential road bordered by a steeply sloped drainage ditch with all equipment necessary to safely collect a small volume of BMW. They observed



approximately 35 used diabetic syringes and bright orange caps. The needle portions of the syringes had been severed and were not observed at the location. Pierce and Young, determined that the quantity was manageable under the DOH guidelines, donned personal protective equipment and proceeded to collect all the BMW waste observed at the scene. The collected BMW were placed in sharps containers; then the

containers were sealed and transported to a biomedical waste collection point for proper disposal. The biomedical waste spill was remediated and the waste was properly disposed of in less than 45 minutes from the time of notification. Pierce met with concerned residents at the scene and ensured them that the situation was under control and did not present a potential danger to the community.

Submitted by John Pierce, R.S.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

The Central Brevard County Health Department building project in Viera is on schedule and on budget. All of the underground water lines and sewer lines are complete. The concrete ground floor has been poured. The week of January 8 will be an exciting one to watch. The cranes will come on site and for four days, the walls will be lifted and assembled in place. The steel will be erected thereafter. By January 18, the full building shell will be



standing. Monthly aerial photos of the construction site are posted on the **Photo Gallery** section of the **Brevard County Health Department Intranet site**. You can keep up with the progress of the building without having to leave your computer. Groundbreaking for the new Department of Health CMS (Childrens' Medical Services) replacement building on the same campus is scheduled for February 1, 2008.

The completion date for our new building is scheduled for November 2008. The services that are currently planned to relocate to the Viera site are: All Rockledge Clinic Primary Care Services and Medical Records, Rockledge WIC department, Rockledge Dental department, Rockledge Central Stores, and Facilities. The second floor will be shell space for future build-out.



Bob Vitto, Budget and Accounting Director

Puffer Fish makes a **Splash** and **Super Hand** **Flys High**



The Florida Environmental Health Association (FEHA) celebrated its 60th year as a highly visible and viable non-profit association serving the environmental health profession. As part of the activities established for this years 60th annual education program a poster presentation was offered for the first time since the organization's inception. A multitude of entries were submitted and displayed during the multi day education event. The entries were judged by a trio of environmental/epidemiology professionals. After tabulation of results the first prize winner was announced: Pufferfish Poison Prevention Project-George R. Jackow Sr., (Brevard County Health Department) Dean Bodager (Environmental Epi-Foodborne & Waterborne Disease Program), Joy Hill (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission) In addition, a certificate of excellence was issued to George R. Jackow Sr., Jim Richardson (Brevard County Health Department) and Beth Shephard (University of Florida/ Brevard County Extension Service) for the creation of the Super Hand –Hand Hygiene Program. What an honor to be recognized by your peers for positive contributions in the field of environmental health and epidemiology. The collaboration and teamwork spirit and commitment reflects a can do attitude in achieving healthful results in the community through education and enlightenment.

George Jackow, Environmental Health-Epidemiology

Want to Quit?



As the New Year approaches are you thinking about resolutions?

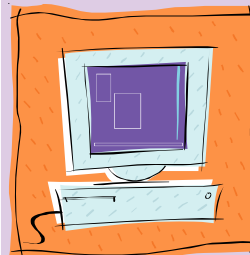
Quit Smoking Now classes are being provided by the Brevard County Health Department - Tobacco Prevention Specialist, Central Florida AHEC & a partnership with Health First Holmes Regional Medical Center Cancer Registry. The Fee for the class is \$ 15.00 dollars. Upon graduation your fee will be returned.

Participants must attend all 7 classes.

Classes start on January 7th, 14th and 23rd.

To register or for more information, please contact Lynette Fodor, MPH, Tobacco Prevention Specialist
(321) 639-5791

Centrax to EHD



The days of using a blue, red and yellow-colored, 1990's era, DOS-based computer program are no more for the OSTDS (Onsite Sewage Treatment Disposal System) and Drinking Water programs of Environmental Health (EH). During Thanksgiving weekend the project team in Tallahassee migrated all of the Centrax data to the new, ingeniously named web-based system, the Environmental Health Database (EHD). Training for the new system took place in mid to late September and the data testing, error reporting, and question period lasted almost two months. Brevard CHD noted 49 pre-migration issues/questions (all of which were either discussed or resolved) resulting in several changes to the project team's migration scripts. The actual migration of Environmental Health's Centrax data took over 30 hours to complete. Though the new system, commonly referred to as EHD, still has many quirks and kinks that need to be worked out, it is already a vast improvement from the archaic Centrax system previously used. Brevard's EH team is committed to providing feedback to EHD's administrators so they may enhance the system to better suit our needs. While the public swimming pools and all of Community Environmental Health programs are still utilizing Centrax for data management, the state's master plan is to develop corresponding modules in EHD to accommodate all EH programs and have all users work under one system.

By: Anthony J. Makielski, R.E.H.P.