

Community News

GYAC holds barbecue fundraiser for building fund

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VERO BEACH -- The chickens flew the coop at the recent Gifford Youth Achievement Center's fundraising barbecue.

More than 200 orders of barbecue chicken, hamburgers, and hot dogs were flying out the window of the food truck loaned to GYAC by the Salvation Army. Volunteer Craig Walker kept his grill/smoker cooking up the food until the very end and the last guest left.

The barbecue was a community effort to raise money for GYAC's Building Expansion Fund, a new eight classroom building located between the original building and the Gifford Aquatic Center. Everyone chipped in including some delicious side dishes and GYAC had plenty of support from Winncy Schlitt, owner of Maryland Fried Chicken, Scot Wilke, owner of 14 Bones, and Sonny's BBQ who all donated meal items.

Mary McKinney, Vera Smith and Bessie Weaver manned the ticket tables and recognized a lot of the faces coming through the line. That is not only because they are



Craig Walker kept the fires burning until the last customer left. CHRISTINA TASCAN



Mary McKinney and Vera Smith sold tickets and greeted the hungry visitors. CHRISTINA TASCAN

well known in the community but also because they pre-sold many tickets to their churches and neighbors.

In addition to pre-sold tickets, fliers were distributed to the neighboring fire

houses and at one point, a big red fire truck pulled up and picked up dinners for their crew.

Neighbors greeted one another and also took a peek at the new building which will

be holding its ribbon cutting on May 15 at 4:30 p.m.

The public is welcome to take a tour at the ribbon cutting and though there will not be any barbecue available, cookies and punch will be on hand.

The Gifford Youth Achievement Center is located at 4875 43rd Ave.

Visit www.GYAC.net or www.GYAC-dreamweavers.com to learn more about the expansion project and the GYAC after-school and adult/senior programs. Or call 772-794-1004 to arrange for a private tour any time.

Burgers & Brews street festival slated for June 29

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VERO BEACH -- Local chefs are warming up their grills for the Burgers & Brews street festival on June 29 from 1 to 9 p.m. on 14th Ave. to benefit United Against Poverty.

"As a family and as a company we take pride in giving back to the community," says Julia Busch, of Southern Eagle Distributing, which is sponsoring the event along with the Peter W. Busch Family Foundation. "An organization like United Against Poverty does so much. We value what they value."

"The Busch family has been a huge



Jeff Francisco, Tommy Padrick, Staci Barney, Maryann Wolonowski, Julia Busch, Annabel Robertson, Barbra Butts, and Phillip Keeling. COLETTE O'NEILL

supporter of the work we do at United Against Poverty over the years and have been an important part of Burgers

& Brews since Day One," noted Phillip Keeling, UP Development Manager. "From brews and signs to bringing the Clydesdales for a visit last year we are fortunate to have the support of such high caliber sponsors."

The event will feature live music, interactive kid's zone, local street vendors, food trucks, with beer provided by Budweiser, Sailfish Brewing Company and Hop Life Brewing Company.

A Slider Tasting Punch Card is \$25, which entitles the cardholder to five sliders and two brews. Some of the best chefs on the Treasure Coast will be vying for the coveted People's Choice Award.

VIP Passes are available for \$100

and include, a slider tasting punch card, reserved seating with view of the main stage in the air-conditioned VIP tent and access to Filthy's Fine Cocktails & Beer Bloody Mary Bar, and a selection of brews and other beverages.

Restaurants competing in the 2019 Best Burger in Indian River Competition include The Tides, BigShots Golf, The Green Marlin, Southern Social, Post & Vine, The Patio Seafood Tavern, Wilke's 14 Bones BBQ, American Icon Brewery, Sean Ryan Pub and Jake's Tex-Mex Cafe with more to come.

Visit burgersandbrews.org for event details and tickets or call 772-770-0740. To learn more about United Against Poverty, go to upirc.org.

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