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More kudos for Mr. Whitmore

Kudos to Paul Whitmore's Letter to the Editor, "Your Candidate Lost." Those are my sentiments exactly, and probably the sentiments of the majority of American citizens.

In response to several rants denouncing our new POTUS in the Viewpoint section

According to Quickbooks Resources Center, both (President Abraham) Lincoln and (President Harry) Truman had failed businesses; and (Donald) Trump, with majority ownership of more than 500 businesses, was bound to have several bankruptcies of which all were Chapter 11, meaning everybody got paid back, according to Quora.

Secondly, if President (Donald) Trump got away without paying taxes, why isn't the IRS all over him? Can you really fault a man for using the system, our system, to his advantage?

He is doing exactly what he said he would do, so far ... and to the person bashing his inauguration ... really? Is that a major issue at all?

When (former President Barack) Obama got elected, our country, for the most part, accepted it and moved on, even supporting him more, as evidenced by his reelection.

Lastly, calling him a cry baby? Perhaps some of you should take a look in the mirror... (take) a long look at that.

War and jewelry in the news

Hi, I am sending this to all the military volunteers (who are) about to be let free. Please do it. There will soon be a full-scale war if this nutcase has his way.

While his family stays safe, many of you, and my son included, will suffer, as long as there is no draft - only the sons and daughters, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters of the brave, not the rich, will suffer - not the family of the person now sitting at the control of the button, while he rants about war and giving notice. His sons and daughters are safe.

By the way, have any of you even seen the first lady? Where is she? Oh yes, she is showing off her jewels. What a shame. No class here. (She is) not a first lady like Mrs. Obama, who is classy and warm and smart on her own.

To the person who wrote 'The new president'

You stated, "Now, we have a man who has never held any office in government, never served in the military, nor am I aware of any kind of public service."

You just described (former President Barack) Obama, and you elected him for two terms.

(President Donald) Trump has successful leadership skills, and there has never been a successful entrepreneur who has not failed in their past. Just ask Warren Buffet or anyone on "Shark Tank."

Why do Democrats hold Republicans to a standard that they (the Democrats) themselves violate?

(Jefferson B.) Sessions (III) (is) a racist for an action 20-some years ago? Yet, Senator Robert Byrd was a recruiter for the KKK for years. Ugh! (I am) so glad we have a president who is accomplishing what he said he would do.

The so-called president

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A nice day to ride



Alex Schierholtz/staff photographer

Rex Pilcher, 4, of Satellite Beach, enjoys the jet ski ride during the 'Beachside Festival' Sunday, Feb. 12 at Holy Name of Jesus in Indiantropic.

The need for new senior leadership

The topic of today's column should capture the interest of every one of the 250,000 senior citizens in Brevard.

Several years ago, when two prominent Brevard County Commissioners who advocated for senior needs left office, no one stepped forward to fill the void. Since then, local funding to maintain and develop senior care programs has fallen steadily behind other, more vocalized causes, despite the fact that Brevard County has one of the most rapidly developing senior communities in the United States.

In 2015, Helping Seniors of Brevard formed a Senior Advocacy Council to develop public awareness of elder needs. The group researched and wrote a concept paper on the need for an aging plan for Brevard County, which it presented to the County Commissioners in 2016. To date, there has been no public response to that document.

In an effort to further promote a preparedness plan, the Senior Advocacy



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Council already had its first meeting for 2017, but if you would like to attend future meetings, call Kay Keyser at (321) 473-7770.

Although there are federal, state and local monies currently directed to local programs serving senior causes, it behooves us to investigate how wisely these severely limited dollars are being spent. If money is going to programs no one knows about, or if transportation funds are being used for overhead costs, then we may need better leadership.

To check out how well a nonprofit is doing, simply take a look at their IRS 990 form. This is a public document that can

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be found online or requested from the organization. It is quite easy to see for yourself if your tax dollars are being effectively used.

Until we develop active and participatory senior leadership, there will be a need for columns such as this one. It is easy to ignore wasteful use of public funds but it is not the right thing to do.

The classification of nonprofit means little if we do not hold public type entities accountable for uses of donated and

public funds.

To be a part of the movement to develop a senior leadership organization for Brevard County, contact Kay at (321) 473-7770. It is never too late to join other community leaders in promoting senior issues and causes. Leadership belongs to all of us.

Joe Steckler is the president of Helping Seniors of Brevard, a nonprofit organization designed to advocate, educate and fundraise on behalf of Brevard County's senior citizens. Feel free to contact us at info@helpingseniorsofbrevard.org or (321) 473-7770.

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I was so happy to read the Rants & Raves in Friday's issue of the Hometown News.

I am so glad that people are speaking out about Donald Trump, the so-called president of this country.

How he got in, I will never, never understand. But the same people who voted this man in office are going to find out who they really voted for, and they should feel ashamed of themselves when they do.

But I am happy to read about other people who are complaining about the very same things that I have been complaining about since the day I saw him coming down the elevator in Trump

Tower with his wife, up until the present time.

The hypocrisy that exists is deceitfulness, speaks out of both sides of his mouth, says one thing one time and another thing another time. It is unbelievable; however, this is what we have in office, and it makes the American people who did not want him in office feel very, very frustrated; and I am one of them.

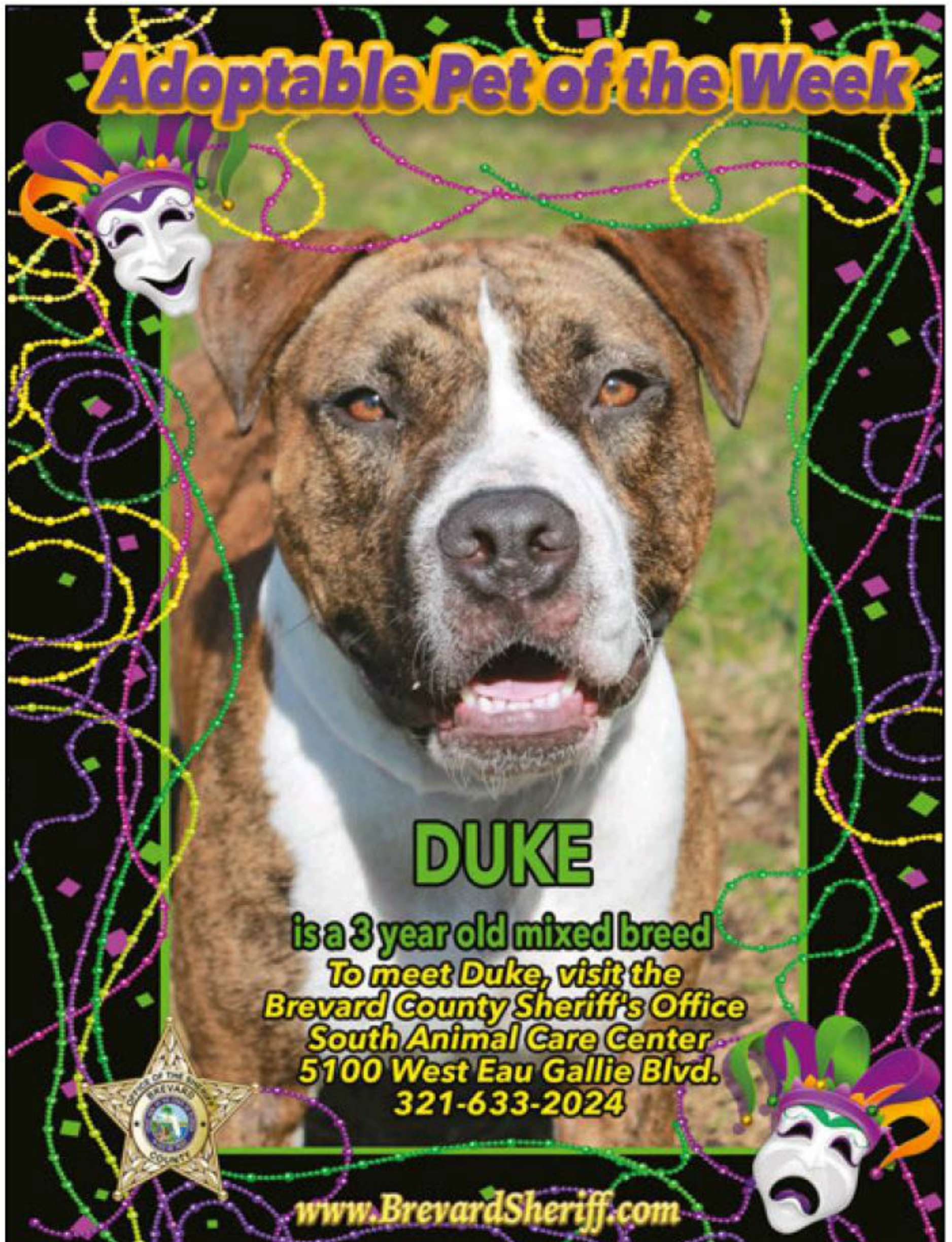
But I thank you for writing in. Keep writing, keep talking, keep speaking out; and the media, as well.

On protests

For or against, right or wrong, many protesters are hurting, not helping, their cause.

Some of it is obvious, as the "...burn

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