

Hometown Heroes

Car raffle to benefit senior helpline

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BREVARD COUNTY — There is only one week left until a lucky winner gets to take home a brand new 2021 car from Boniface-Hiers Automotive Group.

Proceeds go directly to supporting seniors through the nonprofit organization Helping Seniors of Brevard.

Raffle tickets are available for \$25 for a single ticket or \$100 for five tickets. The ticket also grants an entry to the American Muscle Car Museum, 3500 Sarno Road, Melbourne, where the drawing will take place at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9.

The muscle car museum will open at 6 p.m. for ticket holders.

This will be the fifth annual car raffle Helping Seniors of Brevard hosts, and the fourth year at the museum.

The lucky winner can choose from a 2021 Dodge Challenger, 2021 Chevrolet Camaro, 2021 Mazda Miata and a 2021 Kia Sportage.

“We have a nice fun, casual party and an opportunity to walk around the museum to see Mark’s [Pieloch] collection,” said Kerry Fink, media & marketing coordinator for

Helping Seniors of Brevard. “His collection keeps growing!”

Half of the fun for attending the event is seeing what car the winner chooses, Mr. Fink said. Usually, the popular choices are between the Dodge Challenger and the Chevrolet Camaro, he added.

Because of the competitive nature between these two vehicles, Helping Seniors of Brevard decided to have a little fun with it by hosting the 2020 “Dodge vs Chevy” challenge where two drivers raced down the American Muscle Car Museum racetrack to see which car was faster.

The rematch between Dodge and Chevy recently took place and it can be viewed on the Helping Seniors of Brevard YouTube channel.

All fun aside, the car raffle is the nonprofit’s biggest fundraiser of the year for funding its senior information helpline.

“We’ve helped more than 4,000 families absolutely free of charge,” Mr. Fink said. “What happens is somebody calls up and there’s a problem, like an eviction, and then as we start talking with them, it’s not just the eviction, there’s a health problem and they can’t get to the doctor because of transporta-



2021 Dodge Challenger

2021 Chevrolet Camaro

2021 Mazda Miata

2021 Kia Sportage

Photo courtesy of Helping Seniors of Brevard

Tickets are available to enter a car raffle that benefits the Senior Information Helpline, a free service.

tion, then there’s a legal question because of the eviction, and so much more.”

One of the topics the nonprofit encountered last year was not just about seniors staying safe and following CDC lockdown guidelines – isolation was a troubling challenge.

Helping Seniors of Brevard President Joe

Steckler was inspired to create a program that would help seniors “Stay Connected” to beat down on the isolation and keep senior’s mental health healthy.

If anything, COVID showed the nonprofit just how vital its helpline is to the community.

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Cars

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Another critical aspect of the helpline and the organization is preparing seniors for life as they age.

Mr. Fink urges seniors to consider putting together an “aging plan” because sometimes it turns out to be too late when it’s needed.

An aging plan covers everything from

choosing retirement villages to what happens when you end up in a hospital unable to make decisions for yourself.

Helping Seniors of Brevard has a plethora of resources available by visiting its website at www.helpingseniorsofbrevard.info, include an archive from its publications in the Hometown News, SCG-TV, and 90.3 FM WEJF-FM.

To reach the Senior Information Helpline, call (321) 473-7770.

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Wednesday through Saturday 9 am to 7 pm and Sunday 10 am to 3 pm. For information on this non profit gallery, the artists and available classes, go to www.studiosofco-coabeach.org, call 321-613-3480, or follow them on Facebook and Instagram

Entry Fee is \$5 per person. Free entry for kids aged 10 and under.

Tickets are on sale at the gate or online now at - <http://321tacostreats.com/>

Battle Bros is sponsoring the Throwdown in partnership with I Got Your 6, a local non-profit dedicated to combating substance abuse, alienation, and depression within the veteran and first responder community.

Saturday, Oct. 2

321: Tacos & Treats Throwdown: Battle Bros brings you another new event to the Space Coast - The Tacos & Treats Throwdown!

This is an all-day family-friendly event that features a large variety of tacos and desserts, as well as live music, and a marketplace filled with local crafters, artists, specialty artisans, and small businesses.

On the menu are taco and dessert dishes with low prices of only \$1 to \$5 per item. A variety of alcohol and non-alcoholic beverages will also be available for sale.

It takes place from noon until 10pm at 1440 Sportsman Lane NE in Palm Bay, next to Space Coast Harley-Davidson.

This is an all ages, family-friendly event.

Rock the Casbah: This is Club Esteem's signature fundraising event and its back in person on Saturday Oct. 2 at The Garden at Mango Manor in Melbourne Beach. This event will feature a delectable dinner and desserts plus live music, dancing and other surprises!

See sponsorship package details at - <https://clubesteem.org/rock-the-casbah/>.

Club Esteem is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization offering free after-school and summer programs to economically disadvantaged children in grades 1 through 12 who live in the South Melbourne/Palm Bay area of Brevard County. We provide an enriching environment for community youth to excel in academics and personal excellence.

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