



# On the Economic Scene



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**VMA's 10th ANNUAL MANUFACTURERS SHOWCASE** -- The VMA will hold its annual Manufacturers Showcase from 2 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, at the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach. Come see more than 100 exhibitors. Attendance is free to this exposition of manufacturing products, services, skills and capabilities available in Volusia County. Don't miss the Fifth Annual Robotics Competition, the CNC competition and the 3D Art Show competition with cash prizes. For more information, visit [www.vmaonline.com](http://www.vmaonline.com) or call [386-673-0505](tel:386-673-0505) or [904-228-1288](tel:904-228-1288).

**HURRICANE PREPARATION INCLUDES PETS** -- Volusia Animal Preparedness (VAP) is a cooperative effort in Volusia County to provide emergency assistance during disasters to people who own animals. For more information, go to <http://tinyurl.com/ppn46fw>.

**FLORIDA SBDC LAUNCHES DISASTER PREPAREDNESS APP** -- The Florida SBDC Network, the state's principal provider of business assistance, has announced the release of a new tool to help businesses prepare, respond and recover from natural and man-made disasters. Bizaster, available in English and Spanish, is a mobile disaster assistance app for Android and iOS. The application features risk assessments, customizable checklists and other resources in a user-friendly format. It is available at no cost. Bizaster can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

**HEALTH SERVICES ACADEMY** -- The academy at Deltona High School prepares students for careers in the health care field. Through strong partnerships with the local health care community, students participate in intensive medical preparation combined with career-related and core academics. Academy students take part in a unique learning environment that prepares them for direct entry and/or post-secondary preparation in this growing industry. Contact Academy Director Alisha Kellett at [adkellet@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:adkellet@volusia.k12.fl.us).

**FREE E-BOOK ON EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE** -- Insure Your Foreign Receivables and Grow Your International Sales--Export Credit Insurance is a powerful tool for U.S. exporters. It equips U.S. businesses to enter new markets without the fear of foreign customer nonpayment, extend competitive credit terms, and access more attractive financing. EXIM policies are tailored to meet a variety of needs. Learn how EXIM's Export Credit Insurance can empower your business to grow its international sales. Download the free e-book, "Guide to Export Credit Insurance," at <http://tinyurl.com/jca5yyr>.

**LABOR DAY** -- The first observance of Labor Day was likely on Sept. 5, 1882, when some 10,000 workers assembled in New York City for a parade. By 1894 more than half the states were observing a "working men's holiday." On June 29, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed the bill designating the first Monday in September as Labor Day. This national holiday pays tribute to the social and economic achievements of American workers. As of May 2016, there were 158.5 million people age 16 and over in the nation's labor force. Source: Bureau of Census and Bureau of Labor Statistics

**LANDLINES DECLINING** -- The number of telephone landlines is dropping in Florida. There were about 3.3 million wired phone lines in Florida at the end of last year, a 14 percent drop from 2014, according to the latest report by the Florida Public Service Commission. Of those, 1.9 million were residential and 1.4 million were business lines. To access the report, go to <http://tinyurl.com/zdythtx>.

**NEWS ITEMS WANTED!** -- Please send your business news items to Joanne Magley, Volusia County Community Information Director, at [jmagley@volusia.org](mailto:jmagley@volusia.org). If you wish to be removed from this weekly broadcast, please let us know.