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Until next year!



The 52nd Annual St. Lucie County Fair wrapped up its weeklong stay on March 5. Those who can't wait for next year's fair can find more information at www.stlucie-countyfair.org. Two-year-old Rowlin Kurusis of Fort Pierce at the pony rides.

Sevin Bullwinkle staff photographer

Fort Pierce amends vendor ordinance

Mobile food trucks can now stay up to three days onsite

By Donald Rodrigue
For Hometown News

FORT PIERCE — The City Commission unanimously agreed Feb. 21 to amend a portion of its Peddlers, Solicitors and Canvassers Ordinance to allow mobile food trucks up to three days in the same spot before having to move.

The Commission recently held two public hearings on both Feb. 9 and Feb. 21 to gauge public input to the proposed change. No member of the public spoke at either meeting, but City Clerk Linda Cox said Feb. 9 that the current requirement of moving the trucks nightly had become a burden to many vendors.

"The current ordinance requires that every single night a mobile vending unit be removed from the premises, and sometimes that can create a real

challenge for the mobile vendor operators," she said. "We've heard repeatedly that they just felt that it was just too cumbersome for them to really effectively remove it. And as long as they had permission from the property owner, no one really seemed to challenge that they could stay there."

Commissioner Rufus Alexander worried that simply removing the requirement for the trucks to move every night could create additional problems.

"What about an eyesore?" he asked. "The reason I say that is you might have some vendors just maybe there on Friday and Saturday, and now you're telling me they're going to be able to park there month after month?"

Ms. Cox said the decision would ultimately lie with the Commission.

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City sells old post office

Historic structure to get new life as retail center

By Donald Rodrigue
For Hometown News

FORT PIERCE -- The City Commission voted unanimously Feb. 21 to sell the old Fort Pierce Post Office to a local resident who plans a unique retail center in the Orange Avenue structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

City Manager Nick Mimms told commissioners that restrictive covenants on the property that Fort Pierce purchased from the federal government in 2002 had made the sale complicated. Fort Pierce resident Stanley Synkoski offered the city \$139,000 for the property and plans to house various businesses in the structure. Mr. Mimms said he agreed to the restrictions, which among other things, prohibit the developer from altering the exterior façade of the building.

"It's a very exciting venture," Mr. Mimms said. "They've got everything from chocolate to orange juice to coffee, and I get excited when I read this proposal."

According to city records, Mr. Synkoski has proposed launching a commercial establishment offering everything from beachwear to candles, jewelry and other handicrafts made by local artisans. The business would also house several eateries offering baked goods, sandwiches, gourmet coffees, ice cream and artisan chocolates. The new owner hopes to begin construction on the project this summer.

"We want to capture the essence and the energy of the downtown Fort Pierce Farmer's Market, but put it in a building seven days a week," Mr. Synkoski said.

Built in 1935, the historic, two-story structure at 500 Orange Ave. lies in the heart of the city's new Peacock Arts District. Fort Pierce Planning Director Rebecca Grohall described Mr. Synkoski's plans for the building as a perfect fit for the city's vision of the District.

"It supports the vision of the local residents who's top importance is sup-

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Community calendar

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

- **Community Trunk Sale:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Find some special deals, enjoy food and more. For more information, call (772) 337-1959 or visit www.pslbg.org.
- **Bird Prowl Hike:** 9-11 a.m., Oxbow Eco-Center 5400 NE St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. This preserve has a little of everything: Uplands, canal marshes, and riparian bottomlands. We'll be heading to the aquatic areas to spy on bird populations inhabiting these areas and figure out where and why birds live within the preserve. Programs are usually limited to 15 people helping to allow participants to immerse themselves into the county's beautiful natural areas. Programs target ages 12 and older unless otherwise noted; minors must be accompanied by an adult. Proper footwear and water are required for all programs, and please leave pets at home. For more information and to find the link for registration, call (772) 462-2526, visit www.slchikes.org, or email slchikes@stlucieco.org.
- **S.T.E.A.M. Power:** 2 p.m., second Saturday each month beginning March 11, Zora Neale Hurston Branch Library, 3008 Avenue D, Fort Pierce. Designed for students ages 8-18, this new program is focused on science, technology, engineering, art and math (S.T.E.A.M.) and provides hands-on creative activities including games, projects, experiments and more. Free. For more information about library programs, call

(772) 462-2154, visit <http://library.stlucieco.gov> or email rovitoa@stlucieco.org.

- **Creating Outdoor Colorful Container Gardens:** 4-6 p.m., Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road, Fort Pierce. Dress up your garden for spring with the creation of fabulous & colorful container gardens. Bring your own container or one will be provided for you to take home. Learn the best combinations and ideas for your other planters. \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. Must RSVP by calling (772) 464-4672.

- **Nocturnal Neighbors Night Hike, Part 4:** 6:30-8:30 p.m., Steven J. Fousek/Teague Hammock Preserve, 8551 Carlton Road, Port St. Lucie. Fireflies have enchanted humans since the beginning of time, and this is the season to enjoy their flashes of light in the fading light of evening and into the night. Enjoy a nocturnal romp to discover fireflies, night-flying birds, and all manner of night-time creature and critter. Programs are usually limited to 15 people helping to allow participants to immerse themselves into the county's beautiful natural areas. Programs target ages 12 and older unless otherwise noted; minors must be accompanied by an adult. Proper footwear and water are required for all programs, and please leave pets at home. For more information and to find the link for registration, call (772) 462-2526, visit www.slchikes.org, or email slchikes@stlucieco.org.

- **Season opening:** Sailfish Splash Waterpark, 931 S.E. Ruhnke Street, Stuart,

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Vendor

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"It's up to you guys if you don't want that to happen," she added. "We haven't experienced any problems or challenges that I'm aware of that wouldn't necessitate that unit be removed every single night."

Part of the movement issue stems from the great variety of food vendors, she explained.

"There are a lot of units that will be removed every night because they need to be, but there are units that don't necessarily have to be moved every night in order to function the way they were designed," she said. "It's not a one-size-fits-all: They're hot dog carts, there are food trucks -- There's so many different types of vending units."

Other commissioners, such as Commissioner Reginald Sessions, resisted the change at first because they felt it would provide mobile vendors an undue advantage over traditional restaurants and other establishments.

"It appears that with most of these revisions, we're attempting to give the mobile units the privilege of brick and mortar, and they're not paying the cost of brick and mortar," he said. "If they want these privileges, then they need to invest in a building and start paying some taxes and some other things. At what point are we going to have these mobile units all over the city of Fort Pierce and nobody will start investing in buildings and start renting buildings and building buildings?"

Commissioner Thomas Perona concurred.

"I'm all for the brick and mortars," he said. "It's really hard for me with the mobile vending because it's not what my vision of Fort Pierce was, but it's getting to be part of the entertainment part of what we have to

offer."

The commissioner did say that at least one brick and mortar establishment had worked cooperatively with a mobile vendor on its own property and found it difficult to move the truck in and out nightly.

"Sailfish Brewery had a food truck that would come there but it was difficult to orchestrate and get this truck in the back of the property where it wanted to be," Commissioner Perona explained. "There are situations sometimes where we're accommodating a brick and mortar, so I think that's what's being envisioned here."

In response to questions from Commissioner Sessions about encouraging such entrepreneurs to put down roots, Ms. Cox said not everyone could afford the investment.

"We would love that, but I don't think that's an option for everyone," she said.

Commissioner Sessions felt that leaving the current restrictions in place might just encourage such investment and bring more revenue into city coffers.

"I guarantee then, it will dawn on them to eventually build a building if it causes enough hardship," he said. "I would rather see them with a big shiny building and four walls with a tax bill coming from a tax appraiser's office."

Mayor Linda Hudson managed to get the whole Commission on-board with a consensus on a three-day limit, which appeared to satisfy Commissioner Perona.

"I think it would resolve this with a time certain," he said. "I think three days would cover a weekend."

The Commission subsequently voted unanimously to approve the change, as well as affirm the prohibition on mobile vendors on public property without first seeking a waiver. They also added the category of seafood and peanut vendor to the itinerant retail and produce vendor section of the ordinance.

Almost half of Treasure Coast households struggling, report says

By Gaylon Parker

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TREASURE COAST – If a new study is any indication, there are many households along the Treasure Coast that are barely making ends meet. The United Way’s recent “ALICE” report, which stands for “Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed,” shows that there are nearly 100,000 – or about 43 percent – of households that are unable to afford the basics of housing, food, health care, child care and transportation despite full-time employment.

While more than 69,568 households live above the poverty line, they are currently below the ALICE threshold, or the basic cost of living.

“The report, places a spotlight on hard-working, and yet struggling residents who have little or no savings and are one emergency from falling into poverty. ALICE was originally introduced in 2014 and the update provides a deeper look at how households have struggled over time since before the recession in 2007 through 2015,” said The United Way through a press release.

The report takes data from a variety of sources, including the U.S. Census, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Internal Revenue Service and Florida Department of Education to form its conclusions, and many of those are troubling.

“ALICE individuals and families are working jobs that are vital to the success of

our communities and yet they continue to struggle with the basics. As a United Way network we will continue to work to find solutions that will help our hard working friends and neighbors,” said Michael Kint, chief executive officer of The United Way of Indian River County.

“The report reaffirms that we have made real progress, but we still have a long way to go to advance the quality of life for all people in our communities,” said Karen Knapp, CEO/President, United Way of St. Lucie County.

Among the data cited were some signs of improvement. In Martin County, for example, the households below the ALICE line were about 45 percent in 2012 but that number dropped to 41 percent by 2015. Household incomes during that time increased from about \$44,821 to \$51,622 but the household survival budget had risen from \$55,030 to about \$61,136.

“We have data from our community since 2007, which would have been before the recession, and at that point it was about 29 percent of the households in the county were ALICE households,” said Carol G. Houwaart-Diez, President/CEO, United Way of Martin County. “Then, in 2010, it was 42 percent and in 2012 it was 45 and in 2015 it was 41 percent.

“In some ways, we have made some progress, but does that mean the economy is turning around? I think so, perhaps. But I think we have a long way to go.”

Ms. Houwaart-Diez said the report is helpful also to localize the areas of concern.

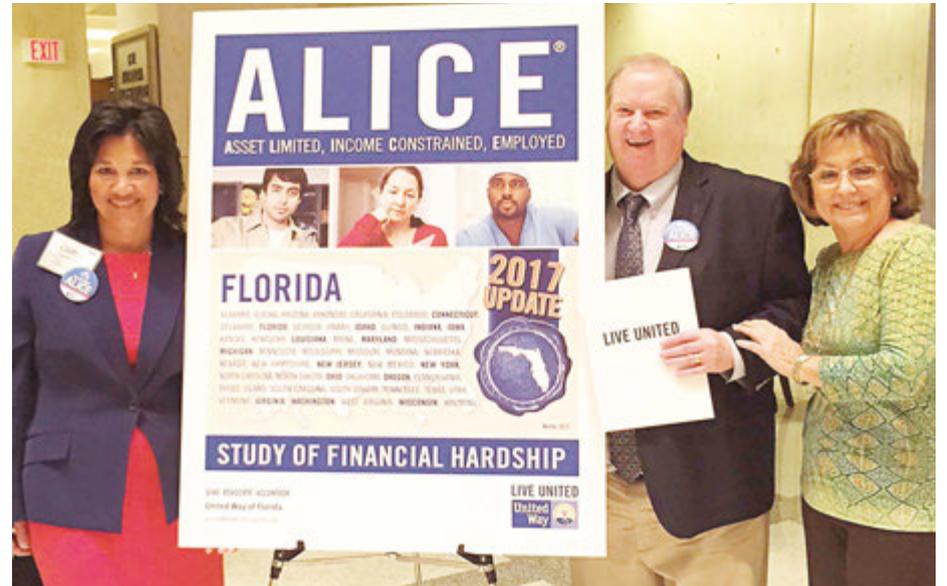


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Treasure Coast United Way CEO’s gathered in Tallahassee for the launch of the updated ALICE Report, reflecting statistical data for the Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed households. Left to right, are Carol Houwaart-Dietz, CEO United Way of Martin County, Michael Kint, CEO United Way of Indian River County, Karen Knapp, CEO United Way of St. Lucie County, Inc.

For example, in Palm City the numbers are 28 percent now and were only at 27 percent in 2012 but in Hobe Sound they have increased from 48 percent in 2012 to 53 percent in 2015. Indiantown was at 55 percent in 2012 and is now at 62 percent. Rio, during the same time, dropped from 50 percent in 2012 to 46 percent in 2015.

households below the ALICE threshold were about 49 percent in 2012 but at 46 percent in 2015. The median income line improved from \$41,785 to \$45,905 during those years but the survival budget has increased from \$51,036 to \$53,856.

In Indian River County, statistics show

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Community notes

Sunset Rotary supports Grace Pack Program

On March 1, Port St. Lucie Sunset Rotary Club members delivered enough food to Morningside Elementary School's Grace Pack Program to send 46 food-insecure students home with a weekend's worth of meals.

"Before we received this donation, our entrée shelf was completely bare," said Julie Moore, teacher coordinator at Morningside Elementary School in Port St. Lucie. "Liter-

ally, all those shelves were completely bare."

Moore said that the school sends home two breakfast items, two lunch items, two snacks, two juices, and two dinner entrees with 46 schoolchildren every Friday during the school year. "We are the wealthiest country in the world and we have such need," she said.

"Over the past two weeks, members of the Port St. Lucie Sunset Rotary Club went out and shopped for easy-to-serve food for Morningside School. Our members signed up to bring at least 50 individual food items each for the children, paid for out of their

own pockets," said Jeannette Weiss, the club's president. "Helping Port St. Lucie's children is part of our club's mission."

Feeding America's 2014 study, Map the Meal Gap, found that 26.1 percent of St. Lucie County children are food insecure.

Grace Pack programs are provided through many of St. Lucie County's schools and each program relies on community donations. Moore said teachers volunteer their own time to unpack, sort, and pack the food for each child each week. Ideally, the food should be individually wrapped in single-serve unbreakable packages. Juice

boxes, fruit cups, cheese crackers, individual mac-and-cheese cups, canned soups, tuna fish, oatmeal packs, ramen noodles and similar items are always needed.

To volunteer for or donate to Morningside Elementary School's Grace Pack Program, contact Moore at (772) 626-0026 or julie.moore@stlucieschools.org. To assist anywhere in the school district, contact Laura Klosterman at www.gracepacks.org.

For more information about Port St. Lucie Sunset Rotary, please visit www.pslsunsetrotary.com.

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Post Office

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porting the arts through museums, music and culture, as well as the residents [who] did not want to see additional dollar stores, auto parts, lawyer offices and bail bonds," she said.

Mr. Synkoski's offer is one of five made over the last couple of years for the building, but the only proposal that caught the city's eye. Fort Pierce originally paid \$100,000 for the building in 2002 but rejected a recent \$160,000 offer because the developer had

no specific plans in place for the structure.

Commissioner Rufus Alexander had several questions concerning the deal, including how the city planned on spending the proceeds. Mr. Mimms said the ultimate decision would fall in the lap of the Commission.

"I believe we talked about establishing a restricted revenue account for all of the sales of our surplus property to include both the city and Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency, so it would have to be two separate accounts," he said "We would establish that account and we would have that on all of our monthly reports moving forward. It would be at your discretion as to how we

would use those funds."

Commissioner Alexander also expressed concern that the city might not be making enough money on the deal after having to put a new roof on the building since the purchase. Mr. Mimms admitted he was unfamiliar with the renovation but Mayor Linda Hudson confirmed the city's investment.

"We spent some money on it," she said.

Mr. Mimms did say the new owner could benefit from the less demanding parking requirements available since the recent formation of the Peacock Arts District. With the passage of that ordinance, developers occupying one of the area's established

buildings such as the Historic Post Office receive a 50 percent reduction in the required number of parking spaces.

"I believe, based upon the retail establishment, this would be a change of use, so they would actually benefit from this parking reduction if there is not adequate parking onsite," he said.

The U.S. Postal Service closed the Orange Avenue facility in 2001 in hopes of driving business to the newer facilities at Orange Avenue and 17th Street and Midway Road.

In order to satisfy a federal Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Postal Service, the city must provide the entity with a 90-day notice of intent to sell.



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Police report

Editor's note: This is a list of arrests, not convictions, and all arrestees are presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Pierce Police Department

Donald Brown, 28, 110 S. 23rd St., Fort Pierce, driving with a suspended license for the third or subsequent offense.

Jamel Assiele, 34, 1903 Tucker Court, Fort Pierce, driving with a suspended license for the third or subsequent offense.

Derron Johnson 19, 599 Orange Ave., Fort Pierce, destroying, tampering with or fabricating physical evidence and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

Maculese Clairette, 35, 2308-A Canal Terr., Fort Pierce, arrested on a warrant for driving with a suspended license as a habitual offender.

Eric Hooks, 44, 328 N. 15th St., Fort Pierce, kidnapping or false imprisonment of an adult.

Ebony McBride, 29, 3205 Juanita Ave., Fort Pierce, possession of cocaine, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without the intent to kill and neglect of a child without great bodily harm (three counts).

Ladarkius Freeman, 26, 2007 N. Esplanade Ave., Fort Pierce, possession of cocaine and possession of cocaine with the intent to sell, manufacture or deliver.

Daniel Deleon, 34, 2021 Grand Club Blvd., Fort Pierce, driving with a suspended license for the third or subsequent offense and resisting an officer or fleeing and eluding with lights and siren active.

Tristan Castillo, 27, 7410 Polk St., Hollywood, driving with a suspended license for the third or subsequent offense.

Elijah Ckark, 38, 118 Virginia Park Ave., Fort Pierce, driving with a suspended license as a habitual offender.

Santoya Santos, 25, 1224 Raymond Ave., Fort Pierce, grand theft of more than \$10,000 but less than \$20,000 and fraud or swindle to obtain property of less than \$20,000.

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Jameshia Bedgood, 25, 2199 Wayne St. S.W., Port St. Lucie, battery on a law enforcement officer, firefighter or EMT.

Robert Smith, 38, 283 N.E. Airoso Blvd., Port St. Lucie, unarmed burglary of an unoccupied structure and property damage from criminal mischief of \$200 or less for a subsequent offense.

Amanda Rivera, 36, 1657 S.E. Burning Lane, Port St. Lucie, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without the intent to kill.

Erik Beck, 38, 1907 S.W. Sunglow St., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active out-of-county warrant for third-degree grand theft.

Lee Koenig, 45, 2537 S.E. Lakewood St., Port St. Lucie, fraud or impersonation y creating, possessing or using fictitious personal identification information and fraud or swindle to obtain property of more than \$20,000 but less than \$50,000.

St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office

Marla Deluise, 57, 7404 Arthurs Road, Fort Pierce, battery on a person 65 years of age or older.

Kevin Buccieri, 31, 190 Solaz Ave., Port St. Lucie, arrested on a warrant for third-degree grand theft and uttering a forged bill, check or draft.

Devon Garcia, 21, 630 S.E. Evergreen Terr., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active warrant for aggravated battery and false imprisonment.

Gabriel Cepero, 27, 45-202 W. 6th St., Miami, arrested on an outstanding out-of-county warrant for burglary of an occupied dwelling.

Courtney Stephens, 23, 2814 Anthony St., Fort Pierce, arrested on an active warrant for possession of alprazolam.

Adrian Rhymes, 42, 605 Dundas Court, Fort Pierce, possession of cocaine and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

Darnesha Shakur, 32, 605 Dundas Court, Fort Pierce, possession of cocaine and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

Myron Young, 48, 807-B Avenue B, Fort Pierce, sale of cocaine.

James Bedford, 34, 10600 A. Orange Ave., Orlando, arrested on a felony warrant as an out-of-state fugitive from Tennessee.

Torris Greene, 38, 137 S.E. Evans Ave., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active warrant

for possession of MDMA.

Mary Ealy, 57, 7706 Lockwood Drive, Fort Pierce, arrested on a warrant for grand theft of more than \$300 but less than \$5,000.

Victoria Frazer, 36, 4700 Myrtle Drive, Fort Pierce, possession of cocaine and driving with a suspended license as a habitual offender.

Callie Perry, 33, 4807 Anglevilla Drive, Fort Pierce, arrested on an outstanding warrant for battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting an officer with violence.

Brandy Markham, 42, 480 Jupiter Terr., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an out-of-county warrant for a probation violation for larceny.

Emmett Collier, 46, 803 N. 17th St., Fort Pierce, sale of cocaine.

Darvin Wyche, 34, 400 S.W. 2nd St., Pompano Beach, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and distribution of opium or a derivative.

Ziebel Velazquez, 25, 1600-204 S. Kanner Hwy., Stuart, arrested on an active warrant for possession of oxycodone with the intent to sell, manufacture or deliver, possession of opium with the intent to sell and unlawful use of a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.

Emmanuel Castillo, 28, 228 S.E. Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active out-of-county warrant for a probation violation.

James Gutierrez, 50, 608 Cedar Place, Fort Pierce, arrested on an active warrant for failure to appear for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Jesus Sanchez, 28, 2001 N. 52nd St., Fort

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Lance Rain, 28, 8507 Coquina Ave., Fort Pierce, arrested on an out-of-county felony warrant.

Tolaram Sahadeo, 30, 13435 Debbie Lane, Clearmont, arrested on an active bench warrant for third-degree grand theft and fraudulent use of a credit card for \$300 or more.

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Rants & Raves

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Email the Hometown Rants & Raves at

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Please limit your submissions to 250 words, so that we can include more entries.

Readers are asked to refrain from making slanderous or libelous statements.

Pet parents

Please have ID collars, plus microchip your cats and dogs. Keep the microchip information current.

In shelters and rescue groups, it is so sad to see lost animals come in, and (they) cannot find the owners.

If your pet is lost, please search in your neighborhood, the local animal shelter and rescue organizations.

Our precious pets depend on us for safety and care.

Gutting Medicare and Social Security

Ever hear the fable about the "Pied Piper?" Good. Because it is a cautionary tale of how you are in the process of being marched off a cliff by the very same people who you voted for. You don't see this yet, but you will.

You and your elderly parents' Medicare and Social Security are about to be gutted and privatized. Republicans have had this legislation on the books for years, and now that Paul Ryan and Mitch McConnell have "their man" in the White House, they can implement this.

Instead of receiving quality medical care, you'll be getting "vouchers" and you have to fight the insurance industry on your own.

Good luck with your knee replacement or cataract surgery. Over-the-counter pills are only \$20 each in a clinic when your Medicare is g-o-n-e.

Elections have consequences. For more about the plan they have waiting for you, study Paul Ryan's, "A Better Way."

Be careful of which false prophets you choose to follow.

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(President Donald) Trump called the

press our enemy in front of 9,000 people, including people who represent us, like our mayor, our city council reps (and) our sheriff. It is sad to see them condone these lies.

Because (President) Trump does not like what the media is saying about him does not make them the enemy.

Senator (John) McCain said suppressing the free press is how dictators get started. The last time a president said this he resigned in disgrace, (former President Richard) Nixon.

Maybe our president should "man up" to the fact that the media is doing their job, which they have every right to do; and this is not Cuba.

American families are suffering. Does he care?

We looked all over the place to find any comment made by our president about the flooding and mess in California.

We can not find any remarks he has made about the suffering of the families, Americans in California, or for that matter, any remarks any time about the Americans suffering at the hands of Mother Nature. He seems so much more interested in his popularity with his "base" than caring about real suffering.

But then again, just what did the people who decided that he was "good for America" believe? That he had a real heart? Shameful.

Oh well, going to his Florida mansion and playing golf at his club is more fun than worrying about thousands of real American families suffering with the loss of their homes.

Our president has not sent one word of caring to any city leader. Maybe he has, but no one has heard anything from him.

Not being a fan of this president, I am not surprised at his lack of compassion. He seems to much like a spoiled child to care about the suffering of anyone, except in the case of his family member being dropped by a clothing store. Gee wiz, how sad.

Chimp art



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

Volunteers Angela Gardella of St. Lucie West and Beth Copitello of Fort Pierce show art done by the chimps to Julie Louis of Palm Bay. Save the Chimps Member's Day was held in Fort Pierce on Saturday, March 4. Member's Day at the Sanctuary provides members from across the country with an opportunity for a personally guided tour of the world's largest chimpanzee sanctuary. To learn more about 'Save the Chimps', volunteer opportunities, becoming a member or the next Member's Day, October 14, contact 'Save the Chimps' at 772-429-2225 or visit <http://www.savethechimps.org>.

The horror is not from terrorists

Have any of you noticed the lack of caring shown by "our" president to the horrible flooding going on in California and the deaths caused by the storms in the south? This so-called president is so worried about how many voted for him, he has ignored even expressing one word of sorrow.

Please God, protect us from this egomaniac. Keep all the victims of the floods and storms safe. The president does not seem to notice the horror that Americans here and now, are suffering at the hands of nature, not terrorists.

Older drivers kill people?

Kudos to the person who wrote "Old people and old cars on the road" in your Feb. 24 edition. Old people are very dangerous to themselves and other(s) when they are behind the wheel.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the latest statistics (2014) show that seniors (65 and older) behind the wheel killed more than 5,700 Americans and injured more than 236,000 Americans in motor vehicle crashes.

This amounts to 16 Americans killed and 648 injured in crashes on average every single day because an old driver with declining driving abilities (vision, hearing, reflexes, memory, coordination, etc.) decided to drive their own vehicle.

I am disappointed

So, I gave (Donald) Trump a chance; and from what I've seen in his first month, I'm not impressed. (President) Trump does not act or sound presidential to me, and he has not stopped his ridiculous, petty tweets and his gross exaggerations about way too many things.

There has already been three unnecessary trips to Florida at the cost of \$10 million and wasted time holding a self-gratifying rally, not sure what that costs us.

Hundreds of unfilled positions remain still waiting for appointments, what is (President) Trump doing? We need a full-time president working on crucial responsibilities; but, instead, I'm seeing a president who lives in the White House four-to-five nights a week and is on vacation the rest of the time.

I'm also bewildered by so many things he blurts out that frankly make no sense. Sadly, I'm disappointed.

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Blocking spam can make your life easier

Every day when I open my email, I am flooded with spam. I get messages trying to sell me everything from Viagra to discount mortgages to memberships at adult Web sites. I even get an occasional message from a “dethroned prince” from Nigeria promising that if only I help him (by giving him my bank account information) he’ll be able to get access to his frozen assets and give me several million for my troubles. It’s gotten to the point that out of 60 to 70 messages only a handful are legitimate.

How is it that I, a computer fixer with decades of experience, can get flooded with spam? Don’t I, of all people, know how to manage this scourge any better? Frankly no. But it’s not from a lack of trying.

Unfortunately, just about everything I’ve tried to stem the flow of spam has had either negative or short-term effects. I’ve found the most effective way (for me anyway) is to just scan the subject headers and click the delete button and nuke all the unwanted emails one by one.

I know what you are thinking. Many of you are successfully using some sort of spam filter and are thinking, “If Sean would just switch to this method, all of his spam woes would be over.”

All I can really say to that is thanks, but no thanks. Over the years, as I have tried one method after another to manage unwanted email, I’ve noticed a common thread; many spam filters are too aggressive and have a tendency to delete messages I actually want. Many spam filters will look at the sender’s domain name and filter the message that way. The problem with that is I may actually want messages from that domain and the spam filter can unintentionally red flag messages that I actually want to read.

An example of that would be the time I was trying to refinance my home. My father, being ever helpful, sent me an e-mail listing the mortgage rates of a certain lender. The spam filter spotted the key words “low mortgage rates” and filtered that message as spam. Then, since the offending message came from my dad’s email address, all future messages from him were filtered. The really frustrating thing was that I didn’t know my dad’s e-mail was getting filtered, so I didn’t know he was trying to email me until he called, annoyed



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that I was ignoring his emails.

Other methods have had mixed results, too. One question that always comes up is “how do these spammers get your email address in the first place?” It’s not like you go to some site and sign up for spam. I’ve seen cases where people get new email accounts and within a week the flow of spam begins. How is that possible?

There are dozens of ways that email addresses end up as targets for the spammers, but I’ll just cover a couple.

Forwarding e-mail messages to everyone in your address book (or just corresponding with someone who engages in this practice) can expose your address to the spammers, because as the messages gets forwarded on and on, so do all the addresses listed in the email. Then, once out in cyberspace, there are a number of ways that the addresses can get harvested from that email.

Another method is “the old random email address” trick. What they do is use a computer program to generate thousands of email addresses using random dictionary words, letters and numbers before the @ symbol and the domain name. Then they send out test messages to the randomly generated addresses and the ones that don’t get rejected by the mail system as a bad address, they keep. They end up with a list of addresses that they know go somewhere. If you have ever gotten an email with no subject and no message it’s possible that that’s where that message is coming from and unfortunately, by the time you get the message, it’s too late. They already know that the email address is a good one.

Until I find a method to manage the flow of spam that does not have unwanted side effects, I guess I will just continue to just delete them as they come in. At least I don’t have to walk out to the mailbox in the rain to get my junk mail.

Sean McCarthy fixes computers. He can be reached at 888-752-9049 or help@ComputeThisOnline.com (no hyphens).

ALICE

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that the households below the ALICE line were at 45 percent in 2012 and that number dropped by 5 percent to 40 percent. The median household income saw a dramatic increase from \$40,413 to just under \$50,000 but – as was the case in all the counties – the household survival threshold also increased from \$48,323 to \$50,448 from 2012 to 2015.

“What stuck out to me, and I think we’re going to have quite a bit of discussion around, is the medical care or health care costs were up significantly in Indian River County,” said Margaret Ostman of The United Way of Indian River County. “I know the Affordable Care Act was figured in when they did the report this time and

what they do when they figure this report ... with the Affordable Care Act, there may be a difference between what is required and what people actually do.”

She added that the higher costs of some mandates and premiums under the Affordable Care Act also changed the data over the past few years.

“Treasure Coast’s United Ways have been using the ALICE Report to shape programs and policies in local communities. By bringing together business, government, non-profit and faith-based leaders, including volunteers, many communities have found creative solutions to better support the needs of these hard-working families,” the report said.

For more information or to find data about ALICE in local communities, please visit www.uwof.org/alice.

Until next year!



Photos by Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer
Five-year-old Mackenzie Cohen of Port St. Lucie rides a pony.

The 52nd Annual St. Lucie County Fair wrapped up its weeklong stay on March 5. Those who can't wait for next year's fair can find more information at www.stlucie-countyfair.org



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Setting up an irrigation system

Normally during the summer months, Mother Nature leaves us with enough daily rain to keep our lawns green and lush with only a minimal amount of manual watering. Most of this beneficial rainfall falls during the months of June, July, August and September. The remainder of the year can often leave our lawns and yards with a serious deficiency of water. This either requires us to water our lawns by hand or use portable sprinklers. The problem with this is that you have to move the sprinklers around the yard in order to get even coverage.

Another alternative is a home irrigation system. A well-planned in-ground system can be easily controlled with a timer box and can even shut itself off when it rains to conserve water. The drawbacks of an in-ground system are maintenance and cost. Even a good system will require regular maintenance to maintain efficiency. The good news is that the system will eventually pay for itself over time with what you will save on landscape maintenance.

To design a good system, you should start out with a map, drawn to scale, of the area you wish to irrigate. Be sure to include all the details including plants and buildings. Then, draw in the diagram of the route you are going to use for the PVC pipe. Mark off the spots where you will install your sprinkler heads and consider whether you need a full, half or quarter spray and also the distance needed to cover that segment. Be sure your segments overlap to ensure you have no dead spots. You can



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JOE ZELENAK

draw this out on graph paper or you can buy special kits that guide you through the planning process.

The next thing that must be considered is how many zones you will have on your system. If you try to put too many sprinkler heads on your system, the water pressure may be too low to operate that zone correctly. You may only want to put four or five sprinkler heads in one zone or even less if you have poor water pressure. The various zones will be rotated automatically by the electronic water timer. In fact, more zones give you more versatility when it comes to managing your system.

The best water source for your system is to have a separate well and pump to feed water to your sprinklers but for some people this is not in the budget. You can use an existing well and pump that you use for your home water supply with good results. If you happen to have an onsite pond or water retention area, you can recycle this water by pumping directly from these sources.

One important part that should be installed on your system is an automatic rainfall override. These inexpensive devices automatically shut off your system when

sufficient rain falls and satisfies the adjustable sensor. These devices not only save water and electricity but they also prevent your lawn from getting watered too heavily. In fact, they are required by code in many counties.

There are three basic pumps that are most frequently used to power irrigation systems: A surface centrifugal pump, a jet pump and a submersible centrifugal pump. The most commonly used pump for home use is a jet pump. These pumps can be used for both shallow and deep well applications. For very deep well applications, a submersible centrifugal pump may be used. The disadvantage is if the pump needs to be serviced it has to be removed from the well.

One last consideration is the quality of the water being pumped from the well. If the water has a lot of sediment or sand, it will be necessary to install a sand filter inline before the water reaches the sprinkler heads. This will help prevent clogging of the sprinklers and will provide more enjoyable and trouble free operation of your system.

The bottom line: A well designed water system can save you loads of time and take the worry out of getting the proper



amounts of water to your lawn. In the long run, it can pay for itself over time by saving you money on lawn maintenance. There is also one added bonus; you can install an inline device that will actually allow you to fertilize your lawn directly through the water system! This can be a real time saver and convenience option.

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Tim Girard honored as Entrepreneur of Year

By Mike Winikoff

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VERO BEACH – Timothy Girard of Girard Equipment has been recognized as the Dan K. Richardson Entrepreneurship Program's 2017 Entrepreneur of the Year.

The Indian River State College Foundation recognition was the highlight of a March 2 dinner at the Richardson Center, on the IRSC Mueller Campus in Vero Beach. The award recognizes entrepreneurial and business excellence and community involvement.

"It is vitally important to recognize entrepreneurship because of its essential role in developing communities and fostering economic prosperity," said Dr. Edwin R. Massey, IRSC President. "Tim Girard exemplifies the characteristics of the successful entrepreneur and we are honored to present him with the 2017 Entrepreneur of the Year Award."

"Tim Girard has consistently demonstrated leadership and vision," said Dr. Massey, "growing Girard Equipment into America's leading manufacturer of pressure controlling devices for road tankers, intermediate bulk containers, tank containers, rail cars and offshore containers. He established a global network of manufacturing facilities, while also expanding manufacturing and job opportunities here on the Treasure Coast. Our local community is very important to him and he is sincerely committed to community service, volunteerism and youth development in Vero Beach."

According to the IRSC Foundation

announcement of Mr. Girard's selection, he guided his company's growth to reach 95 percent of the national market in pressure controlling devices, with manufacturing and sales facilities in Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, Texas, Wisconsin, the Netherlands, China and the United Kingdom.

Mr. Girard moved Girard Equipment's corporate headquarters to Vero Beach in 2006, and quadrupled the firm's number of skilled local employees.

Hometown News Managing Partner Vernon D. Smith received the award in 2008, in his role as President and CEO of Riverside Bank. Other recent winners have included, in 2016: Scott Deal, Maverick Boat Group; 2015: Bobby and Marygrace Sexton, Natalie's Orchid Island Juice Company; 2014: Ronald L. Edwards, Evans Properties; 2013: Thomas L. Corr, George E. Warren Corporation; 2012: Jim Coffey, Commercial Realtor and Developer, Earman Oil; 2011: Dr. Richard A. Houghten, Torrey Pines Institute of Molecular Studies; 2010: Alma Lee Loy, Alma Lee's Children's Clothing Center.

The award's namesake, Dan K. Richardson of Gracewood Fruit Company, received the first award in 2000. Mr. Richardson helped form Indian River Junior College in 1960. He served on the college's board of trustees from 1968-71, and made the first contribution to establish the Indian River Community College Foundation.

The Dan K. Richardson Entrepreneurship Program was established to promote awareness and appreciation of the free



Keith Carson/staff photographer

Dr. Edwin Massey, (back row) Roy Lambert, Donald Proctor, Scott Deal, Sidney Banack, Tom Corr, Dr. Richard Houghten, Vernon Smith, (front row) Robert Brackett, Alma Lee Loy, Timothy Girard, Marygrace and Bobby Sexton pose for a portrait Thursday, March 2, during the 2017 Entrepreneur of the Year Award dinner at the IRSC Richardson Center.

enterprise system.

The Entrepreneur of the Year award ceremony is held each year in March. Nominations are accepted throughout the year at www.irscfoundation.org. Nominees should "have records of community service and giving back to the community, have strong

leadership skills, and have made a positive impact in both their personal and professional lives," according to the nomination criteria.

For more information about the Dan K. Richardson Entrepreneurship Program, visit www.irscfoundation.org.

Calendar

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opens for Martin & St. Lucie county spring break and spring weekend hours. Spring break hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., March 11-19; Family Fun Fridays with kiddie playground only are 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 25, April 7, April 21, April 28, May 5, May 12, May 19, May 26. Spring weekend hours (April 1 through May 21) are 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.sailfishsplash.com

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

• **Sunset Nature Photography Hike:** 6-8 p.m., George LeStrange Preserve, 4911 Ralls Road, Fort Pierce. Bring your camera or smartphone to take part in this 1.25-mile guided nature photography hike. Programs target ages 12 and older unless otherwise noted; minors must be accompanied by an adult. Proper footwear and water are required for all programs, and please leave pets at home. For more information and to find the link for registration, call (772) 462-2526, visit www.slchikes.org, or email slchikes@stlucieco.org.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

• **Bunco matches:** On the second Tuesday of each month through May 2017, the Lynnmoore Assisted Living Facility, 1550 N. Lawnwood Circle, Fort Pierce will host games of Bunco and the cost to enter is \$10. There also are door prizes, prize money, desserts and snacks, to go along with a fun conversation and great games. For more

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information from local non-profits. For more information, visit www.treasurecoastresearchpark.com.

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County hosts HOME Consortium public meeting March 23

The St. Lucie County HOME Consortium members will be holding public meetings in their jurisdictions for the First Year Action Plan and Consolidated Plan to receive public comments on the proposed Action Plan and Consolidated Plan prior to its submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Consortium consists of St. Lucie County, Martin County and Indian River counties.

The public hearing will be held at the following dates and times:

St. Lucie County, Thursday, March 23 at 5:30 p.m., St. Lucie County Community Services, 437 N. Seventh St., Fort Pierce

The public meetings are being conducted in handicapped accessible locations. Any person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired or non-English speaking person or any person with a disability requiring accommodations to attend this meeting

should contact Diana Wesloski, housing manager for St. Lucie County, at (772) 462-1777 or T.D.D. (772) 462-1428. at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

St. Lucie Clerk hosts free document shredding event on March 31

St. Lucie County Clerk Joe Smith is hosting a free document shredding event for citizens to safely dispose of their confidential records. Shred & Protect Day will be held Friday, March 31 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the South County Annex parking lot in St. Lucie West.

Many office supply stores charge 99 cents per pound to shred documents. Citizens or businesses may bring up to three banker boxes of unwanted personal documents to be shredded for free at the Clerk's shredding event.

The courthouse annex parking lot is located at 250 N.W. Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie. Citizens will be able to drive up and have their documents picked up and transported to the shredding truck. Deputy Clerks will be wearing green shirts for the event so they are easily identified.

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Treasure Coast is getting 'rocked'

By Gaylon Parker
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TREASURE COAST – It seems you can't go anywhere on the Treasure Coast without finding colorful rocks, hidden among the trees, on statues and under benches.

Some local groups have taken a nationwide idea, localized it and expanded exponentially in the process. The Martin County, St. Lucie County Rocks and Fort Pierce Rocks, among others, are having fun and getting people outdoors in the process. These groups serve as a means for networking, meeting new friends and finding that their painted rocks are ending up in the most unlikely of locations.

Martin County Rocks Facebook Group has exploded to nearly 20,000 members while the Fort Pierce Rocks group has nearly 1,500, the St. Lucie County Rocks has more than 1,700. But in the meantime, tons of their rocks – which the groups encourage be purchased from home-improvement stores and not taken from outside of businesses – are winding up all over and some even sought for their high quality.

"My sister in Lakeland were painting rocks and hiding them in their group and we are from Martin County so we had to start one here," said Martin County Rocks

administrator Cindy Rhude, who routinely paints and hides and seek the rocks with her daughter, Kaitlynn Byrne, who is 23. "She came here for Thanksgiving and we started the page that night."

Ms. Rhude said the number of new friendships she has made through the process has been massive and they have decided to get involved with local charities to help promote the game. She said it also is a good way for people to spread the word about a variety of issues and they even let businesses advertise on their Facebook page as long as it's through a rock. "It has to be rock-related," she said.

"People have made coupon rocks and come up with other ways to bring them into their businesses," Ms. Rhude said. "We just did a radio show a month ago and we were at 16,000 and now we are almost to 20,000."

"I just left Memorial Park and there were probably three to four families walking around hiding rocks and that's pretty cool."



Ms. Rhude said people are using the rock-painting fun for theme and birthday parties and she goes out hiding and hunting rocks for exercise about four times a week after she is done with work. She laughed and said she has made 20,000 "close friends," through the process. Somebody recently posted a picture of a Martin County rock in Gainesville and as far away as Antarctica, where somebody placed one while on a trip there.

"They're showing back up on the page, See **ROCKED**, page 18

Out & about

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

- **Community Trunk Sale:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Find some special deals, enjoy food and more. For more information, call (772) 337-1959 or visit www.pslbg.org.
- **Creating Outdoor Colorful Container Gardens:** 4-6 p.m., Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road, Fort Pierce. Dress up your garden for spring with the creation of fabulous & colorful container gardens. Bring your own container or one will be provided for you to take home. Learn the best combinations and ideas for your other planters. \$20 for members, \$25 for non-

members. Must RSVP by calling (772) 464-4672.

• **13th Annual Fur Ball:** The Humane Society of St. Lucie County's largest annual fundraiser. This year's theme is "Put a Little Love in Your Heart" – a throwback to the days of the '60s and '70s. The evening's activities include cocktails, dinner, dancing, both a live and silent auction and casino style gaming to support the pets in our community. For more information please visit www.hsslc.org

• **"An Evening with Paul Anka:"** 8 p.m., Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. Second Street, Fort Pierce. Mr. Anka, one of the greatest singer, songwriters in history, will be back at The Sunrise Theatre for one night only. He

started writing songs at an early age, but it was a trip to New York that changed his life forever, when he wrote a song called Diana for a girl. Tickets are \$110 or \$95. For tickets or more information, call (772) 461-4775 or visit sunrisetheatre.com.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

• **Song Circle and Folk Jam:** 3-5 p.m., Savannas Preserve State Park, 2541 S.E. Walton Road, Port St. Lucie. Bring a stringed instrument and enjoy an informal folk jam with members of the community, or just listen. Free with paid park admission (\$3 per car). For more information, visit www.sunrisetheatre.com.

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ARIES - March 21/April 20

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TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Listen before you make assumptions, Taurus. Resist any temptation to wildly post or chat about personal information. You might regret it later on.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Finances are your main priority this week, Gemini. Whether you have a lot in savings or are floundering paycheck to paycheck, it is time to reassess your financial situation.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, if things are stressful at home, it may be necessary to step away for some breathing room. Book a vacation so everyone can unwind and recharge.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

Take a deep breath and try to relax, Leo. You have been operating on overdrive for some time. See **SCOPES**, page 18

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Native-American Powwow set for March 24 weekend

By Gaylon Parker
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FORT PIERCE – For more than five decades, the Florida Indian Hobbyist Association has gathered in St. Lucie County for its annual Powwow and 2017 will be no different. The weekend of March 24 will set the stage at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds with a full slate of activities for anybody with or without Native-American heritage to enjoy.

“The organization started in 1965 and we used to do this over the years at Indian River Junior College and it’s been held at various places,” said lead organizer and Board President of FIHA Richard Gallant. “This is the second year we’re holding it at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds.”

There will be a long list of performers to see and more than 50 vendors on hand for the 52nd annual event, which carries the theme of “Returning to Our Traditions. In addition, all military veterans will be honored at a grand entry to the event to kick off the festivities.

The host southern drum group – the Ottertrail Singers and Alexander Santos – will be traveling from Apache, Okla. and the northern drum will be performed by the Red Boys from North Florida. Red Bird Jr. Singers – a southern drum – will be the host local drum out of Stuart with Sid Dingman.

“We have dancers that come from all over the country and some from Oklahoma, New York, North and South Carolina and of course all over Florida,” Mr. Gallant said. “Whenever you listen to Native-American music and you hear the higher-pitched sing-

ing that’s typically northern songs or northern singers.”

There also will be gourd dancing, a tipi village and competition and – perhaps best for people with a desire to learn about Native-American culture – a living museum that will feature the people and stories from throughout the centuries of Indians in the Americas. There also will be inter-tribal dancing, craft competitions, Hitchiti dancers and a princess competition to go along with all the other events at the festival.

Gates open on Friday, March 24 at 3 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. Admission is \$5 per person and children under 12 get in free. The grand entries will take place on Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m. with Sunday’s set at 1 p.m.

“Official membership of the organization there are about 50 local members, but on our Facebook page we have more than 800 supporters and we have a few thousand that show up every year to this event,” Mr. Gallant said. “We have a lot of people who come from all over, including a group from Israel who are coming over and they want to attend the event while they’re here in the United States.”

In addition, the organization has set up campsites for people who want to stay the weekend at \$15 per night. For those with RVs or campers, the fee is \$25 and features a full hook-up and the host motel this year will be at the Motel 6 at 2500 Peters Road in Fort Pierce.

The fairgrounds are located at 15601 Midway Road in Fort Pierce, and Mr. Gallant said they offer many more amenities for the organization.

Inter-tribal dancers Mark Janofsky and seven-year-old Gavin Smity dance to the rhythm of the Southern Horse Singers at the 50th Anniversary Powwow at Savannas Recreational Area last March.



file photo

“We get a lot more space and there’s a lot more bathrooms and all that stuff,” Mr. Gallant said. “The Fairgrounds have been great to us and very helpful.”

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Sweetie's Diner has that old-time feel, flavor

By Gaylon Parker

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FORT PIERCE – If you are one of those people who grew up eating at the ol' greasy spoon – and loved it – you need look no further than Sweetie's Diner. The place has a great character and immediately reminds the customer of the family restaurants of yesteryear.

Sweetie's Diner offers everything a person needs to fill up, from breakfast through dinner. Sweetie's also offers a full slate of specials throughout the week, so customers will never break the bank. The Monday to Thursday dinner specials include all the staples, from stir-fry chicken and chicken alfredo with broccoli to pepper steak with rice, pork chops, prime rib and roast turkey.

Sweetie's was named for owner Rick Reed's grandmother, whom he called "Sweetie," and the name fits the place like a glove. The front section of the diner has loads of character and a great feel, and the back section is massive and accommodating and routinely hosts church groups and other civic organizations.

"We opened in December of last year and it's overwhelming – and I'm touched – by how the community has embraced the place," Mr. Reed said. "Business has been phenomenal. We wanted to make sure that we didn't lose another business in town and do our part in sustaining the community and creating jobs, and we've created 25."

Mr. Reed and the other two owners in the business – Joe Foglia and Mike Abinanti – demand that the staff reflects the diverse character of the community and "looks like



Sweetie's Diner

Fort Pierce," and the three are committed to helping Fort Pierce grow and improve through the business community and providing jobs. Mr. Reed is himself a born-and-bred Fort Pierce native and said one thing that makes him happy is that he sees business and government leaders in Sweetie's on a daily basis.

"I wanted to make sure that this restaurant replicated the diversity in our community, and our customers are reflective of that diversity as well," Mr. Reed said.

The other obligation he had for his staff and menu is that the food is affordable and fresh. They go through about 400 pounds of ground beef per week, and there is a good reason why: The Burger was simply amazing and had a taste that one just cannot find in a fast-food or corporate joint and at less than \$6. Return customers rave about the atmosphere and upon walking through the door it's common to hear everything from Marty

Robbins to Fats Domino or Eddie Cochran's 60s-era music coming through the speakers.

But while it has all the style and character of a place that was time-warped out of 1950s or 60s America, the "proof in the pudding is the food." For those who want breakfast, the eggs were as fresh as if they had just come out of the coop. The scrambled eggs were fluffy and cooked to perfection and the bacon was crispy and flavorful. Meanwhile, the pancakes were off the charts and both fluffy and filling. A very sound value for the price.

Meanwhile, the place is clean as a whistle and – just like it used to be – you can watch the excellent cooks creating their masterpieces from the front-section seats. It cannot be said too many times how good the burger was, and the bun was toasted to perfection and the fries were delightful. The side vegetables were so fresh it was like they were just picked and one other thing must be said

about the burger: It is massive. You're not eating it with one hand – that's for sure – and even the bun had that little something extra. The fries were crispy and complement the burger magnificently.

The dinner special – which on this occasion was a bucket with fish 'n' chips – had better flavor than anything within the area code I've tried recently and the sides were spectacular.

The menu is packed with options, and as they came out of the kitchen the scent was hunger-inducing. From the specialty omelettes – of which there are six on the list – to the pancakes and waffles and French toast and crepes, the food did not last long on the customers' plates. There also is a healthy helping of eggs and biscuits to choose from if you need something to stick to your ribs.

Sweetie's Diner – all-in-all – is one astoundingly good greasy spoon, although nothing is greasy. Everything on the menu was excellent, and it's easy to assume that if you don't get to try everything at once it's worth it to come back and just run through the menu and choose a different item every time.

"We accomplished remembering what our demographic is and that is Fort Pierce's residents and we wanted to have prices that customers can afford," Mr. Reed said. "I see that we have a lot of elderly customers who come in here regularly because they can get a good meal for a great price because they're on a fixed income."

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Treasure Coast benefits from Okeechobee Music Festival

By Mike Winikoff

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TREASURE COAST – The music was only part of the story at the second Okeechobee Music Festival, March 2-5. Thanks to the generosity of festival organizers and attendees, the Treasure Coast Food Bank will feed more hungry people in the community.

Soundslinger, the festival production company that owns the 600-acre Okeechobee parcel called Sunshine Grove, has made a concerted effort to “green the festival” by partnering with nonprofit organizations. For the Treasure Coast Food Bank, based in Fort Pierce, the festival has been entirely positive.

“Last year, Soundslinger reached out to us, and we received approximately \$30,000 from the festival,” TCFB President and CEO Judy Cruz told Hometown News. “That was very unexpected and significant, considering it was a first time event. We were thrilled to receive that support. The festival had a wonderful impact in the community.”

The community engagement efforts were led by New York-based HeadCount, whose primary focus is registering young music fans to vote. As a nod to the Bob Dylan song Desolation Row, the group set up “Participation Row,” a village of education and activism strategically situated between the festi-

val’s daytime fun zone and the main stages.

“We got such a great response at Okeechobee last year, so this year we wanted to step things up,” said HeadCount’s executive director Andy Bernstein. “Registering to vote is the first step in being an active citizen, and now fans will be able to take more steps with all the different organizations.”

Ms. Cruz of the Treasure Coast Food Bank said that the festival organizers’ goals dovetailed nicely with TCFB’s own mission.

“They really wanted to spotlight food insecurity and folks who are struggling to make ends meet,” said Ms. Cruz. “They had approached us with expanded ideas including food recovery from the vendors on site, food rescue. They have a farmers’ market on site and wanted to ensure that nothing would go to waste, that all the food that the vendors and farmers’ market were bringing in would be used to help people that are food insecure.”

The festival promoted local restaurants, and the on-site farmers market managed by a local co-op encouraged participants to enjoy fresh local produce. Soundslinger plans to move the festival closer each year to a goal of being a carbon neutral event utilizing as many biodegradable, re-purposed, recycled and sustainable materials as possible.

“The festival is an extraordinary opportunity to raise awareness among event goers,”



Staff photo by Mike Winikoff

Treasure Coast Food Bank reps (left to right) Eric Metcalf, Director of Communications Triana Romero, Shirley Rion, and Mike Rion. TCFB had attendees write messages about hunger on paper plates, which they then delivered to Congress during an anti-hunger policy conference.

said Ms. Cruz. “They’re bringing in food for themselves, so the festival is asking attendees to bring food for a food drive. We set up stations throughout the festival and camping areas to collect donated food.”

“Each night, we have staff and volunteers meeting with the food vendors and picking up food, which we then distribute to feeding sites throughout the Treasure Coast. Food that can be frozen will be brought back to the warehouse for redistribution at a later date.”

“It’s a great opportunity to ensure that nothing goes into landfills, to help make it a green event. Our part is to make sure that no food will go to waste, and to spotlight the needs of folks who are trying to sustain their families. We’re spotlighting poverty as a whole and the working poor.”

Ms. Cruz said the promoters “were extremely supportive of TCFB, and the community as a whole, and really worked hard to ensure that the organizations that would benefit this year would serve the local community.”

HeadCount’s Mr. Bernstein added “Participation Row is a place where festival attendees can meet representatives from each nonprofit, take positive actions that support their missions, and enter a free drawing for a guitar signed by festival headliners. The nonprofits will receive proceeds from a VIP signed memorabilia auction.”

“We’ll see afterward the impact festival goers will have on hunger relief efforts along the Treasure Coast,” said Ms. Cruz. “For every dollar that the food bank raises, we’re able to provide eight meals into the community. So if we receive \$10,000, that’s 80,000 meals. If we receive \$30,000 like last year, that’s 240,000 meals.”

“I’m amazed at how kind and considerate they are,” Ms. Cruz said of the festival organizers. “More companies need to be like that. They are big believers in supporting the community that they’re in, and making a positive impact, and doing everything that they can to create awareness. It’s amazing that an organization of this scale, that puts on an event with 40,000 people, has that much compassion, interest and time to invest in the local community. They worked for months with us to see what else they could do to help.”

Other organizations that focus on issues such as health care and domestic abuse kept the attendees engaged. The first thousand fans who completed actions with any three nonprofit organizations received a pin that featured the Okeechobee festival’s logo in front of a sun, a nod to the event’s solar energy projects including sun-powered cell phone charging stations.

While the overall economic impact of the festival has not yet been calculated, last year’s festival created several hundred local jobs, sold out every hotel room in a 2-hour radius, and had a total economic impact of \$16.4 million, with \$1.5 million in state and local taxes generated by the festival.

Not to be forgotten of course is the music. Performances by Kings of Leon, Usher with the Roots, The Lumineers, George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic, The Revivalists, Waka Flocka Flame, and 100 other acts on five stages kept young and old alike dancing round-the-clock for three and a half straight days.

For more information about Treasure Coast Food Bank, including volunteer and donation opportunities, visit www.StopHunger.org or call (772) 446-1744.

Performance artists and dancers mixed with the crowd so festival goers had something interesting to marvel at in every direction.



Staff photo by Mike Winikoff

Out

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• **Weekly dance:** 6:30-9:30 p.m., Polish American Social Club, 343 NW Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Dance to the music of Permanent Affair. \$8. BYOB and Soda. Open to the public.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 – TUESDAY, MARCH 14

• **Open Auditions:** For ‘Exit Laughing,’ to be presented by the Pineapple Playhouse in

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TUESDAY, MARCH 14

• **Stinkbot Movie Making Class:** 2 p.m., Zora Neale Hurston Branch Library, 3008 Avenue D, Fort Pierce. Children can explore stop-animation movie making. Free. For more information about library programs, call (772) 462-2154, visit <http://library.stlucieco.gov> or email rovitoo@stlucieco.org.
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

• **Movie Matinee:** Showing ‘Moana’ at 2 p.m., Zora Neale Hurston Branch Library, 3008 Avenue D, Fort Pierce. Rated PG with a running time of 107 minutes. Free. For more information about library programs, call (772) 462-2154, visit <http://library.stlucieco.gov> or email rovitoo@stlucieco.org.

• **Weekly Latin Dance:** Every Wednesday night, 8-11 p.m., Midtown Grill & Bar, Fort Pierce. Salsa, Merengue, Bachata. \$5. For more information, (703) 402-3645.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

• **Comedy Corner presents:** 8 p.m., Black Box at Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. Second Street, Fort Pierce. Tammy Pescatelli and Wendy Liebman will both headline. All tickets are \$40. For tickets or more information, call (772) 461-4775 or visit sunrisetheatre.com.

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Fewer rules for golf starting in 2019

Every couple of years, the United States Golf Association and the Royal and Ancient, get together to tweak the Rules of Golf. The idea is to not only protect the game of golf from technology that would make skill less meaningful than buying the latest equipment, but to make things easier for the layman to understand.

Currently there are 34 rules in the book. While it doesn't sound like a lot for a game hundreds and hundreds of years old, it is far more than the average, recreational golfer cares or tends to pay attention to.

Just before the end of February, the USGA and the R&A announced that their five-year-long modernization of the Rules of Golf is finally complete. Most of the rules have been streamlined with common-sense changes that will make them easier to understand and more fair.

Under the proposed changes, the rules will be reduced to 24. The rules will become a more reasonable representation of the evolved game that we play now. Since these changes are "proposed" it is not written in stone that all of them will be implemented or not face further tweaking. The best part is that for the next six months, the USGA and R&A will accept feedback on the changes from golfers everywhere, no matter their skill level or stature in the game.

After listening to golfers who send in their feelings on the revised rules, a final revised code of rules will be released next spring. The new code will then go into effect on Jan. 1, 2019.

There are a few notable changes to how the game will be played under the proposed

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code.

There is no longer a penalty for accidentally moving your ball while searching for it, or for accidentally moving your ball or marker on the green.

No more penalty stroke if your ball, when in motion, accidentally strikes you. Such as a bounce off a tree or off the face of a bunker.

When you must take a drop, you can drop the ball from as close to the ground as an inch. This should end having to re-drop when the ball bounces or rolls too far from the spot where it landed.

Your ball is deemed lost after just a three-minute search, compared to the current five.

No more penalties if your ball is played from the green and hits an unattended flagstick in the hole.

You may repair almost all damage on the green. This includes spike marks and animal damage. You are still prohibited from building a trough for your ball to follow.

Red and yellow stakes may now cover areas such as desert, jungle, or lava fields in addition to water.

There will no longer be a penalty if you touch or move a loose impediment or touch

the ground with your hand or club in a penalty area. You are only prohibited from touching the sand with your hand or club to determine its condition or with your club in the area right in front of or behind the ball, in making a practice swing or in making the backswing of your stroke.

If you are ready to play and another golfer is farther from the hole, but not ready to hit, you may proceed and take your stroke. Ready golf. I love it!

Your caddie is not allowed to stand on a line behind you from the time you begin to take your stance until you have completed your stroke. This one should speed up play

on the LPGA Tour.

These are all fine and good, but I feel they one and left one well-enough alone. Many golfers want to eliminate the stroke and distance penalty for out-of-bounds. I disagree. If you hit the ball off the golf course, what is fair in you getting the same penalty as someone who hit the ball into the trees or pond next to the fairway? No change to this rule, and I agree.

I would love to see where fairway divots can be declared "ground under repair." After all, if the area was the size of a bed not just a few inches, it would be declared thus.

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Rocked

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which is really cool to me,” Ms. Rhude said. Aleigha Gilbert, who is one of the administrators of the St. Lucie County Rocks page, started the group with her friend Prachi Lustgarten after they heard about the same organization in Ohio. The two thought it would be a good way for kids and parents to get together.

“It’s a great way for the little ones to make new friends and parents, too,” Ms. Gilbert said. “It’s all about spreading kindness and

friendship. I have four kids and they really enjoy it; my eight-year-old comes home from school and wants to paint more rocks.

“My dining-room table is overtaken with paint and rocks.”

The St. Lucie County Rocks group routinely visits new parks and sites to plant the rocks and people communicate where they deposit them. They also host events with Indian River County Rocks and the two groups combine for upcoming events at LaPorte Farms and in various locations in the coming weeks. In Fort Pierce, the downtown area seems to get lots of ‘rock traffic,’ however places like libraries, parks and the

hospital have also been ‘rocked.’ “I first saw these Rocks being painted and hidden in the woods while I lived in Colorado,” said Jen Barson, founder of Fort Pierce Rocks. “I was stoked to see Florida getting into it, so I created a Fort Pierce group.”

Some local artists have gotten in on the game, where people paint rocks with various symbols or whatever they choose, and leave them in various places such as parks and beaches. From there, some people advertise the rocks’ locations and folks flock to those sites to pick them up and drop a few off at the same time. Area businesses also have gotten in on the act and painting rocks

with their logos and office numbers to spread awareness of their companies.

“We advise against people taking shells from landscaping businesses, because those people pay for the rocks,” Ms. Gilbert said. “But when you find cool rocks at the beach or something, that’s different. We’ve been getting ours from Florida Falls on US 1 near Midway because they sell them for 30 cents per pound.”

For more information about Martin County Rocks, St. Lucie County Rocks, Fort Pierce Rocks and other groups near you, please visit Facebook.

Out

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FRIDAY, MARCH 17

• **Chinese Calligraphy Classes:** 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., March 17 and March 31,

Fort Pierce Branch Library, 101 Melody Lane, Fort Pierce. Instructor Jeany Sawyer learned calligraphy as part of her basic education in Taiwan and has taught classes at ArtMundo in downtown Fort Pierce. This free program is geared toward adults. All materials will be provided. For more information, call (772) 462-1615 or visit

<http://library.stlucieco.gov>.

• **Food Truck Invasion:** This event is hosted at Tradition Square on the first and third Friday of the month from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Catch us as we invade Tradition in Port St Lucie. Be sure to bring your folding chairs or blankets to picnic on the lawn at Tradition Town Hall.

Scopes

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time now and you're just about out of gas. Book that vacation, pronto.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

A promising collaboration may be on the horizon, Virgo. This could prove interesting and also propel a hobby or your career a bit further than you had anticipated.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Libra, newfound success earns you the recognition you deserve. It could mean a promotion to a corner office or even the opportunity to enjoy a new, more lucrative job elsewhere.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

A dream or a passion project you have been working on for several months may finally come to fruition, Scorpio. Make changes gradually and success will follow.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21

Sagittarius, there's no wiggle room left for apprehension or ambivalence. Take action this week and it could be a turning point in your life. Seal the deal however you choose.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Capricorn, the key to landing on your feet is to always expect the curveballs that will be thrown your way. This way you are always on your toes and can adapt quickly.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Now is a good time to declutter your life, Aquarius. Start sorting through your belongings, then move on to any emotional baggage you've been carrying.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

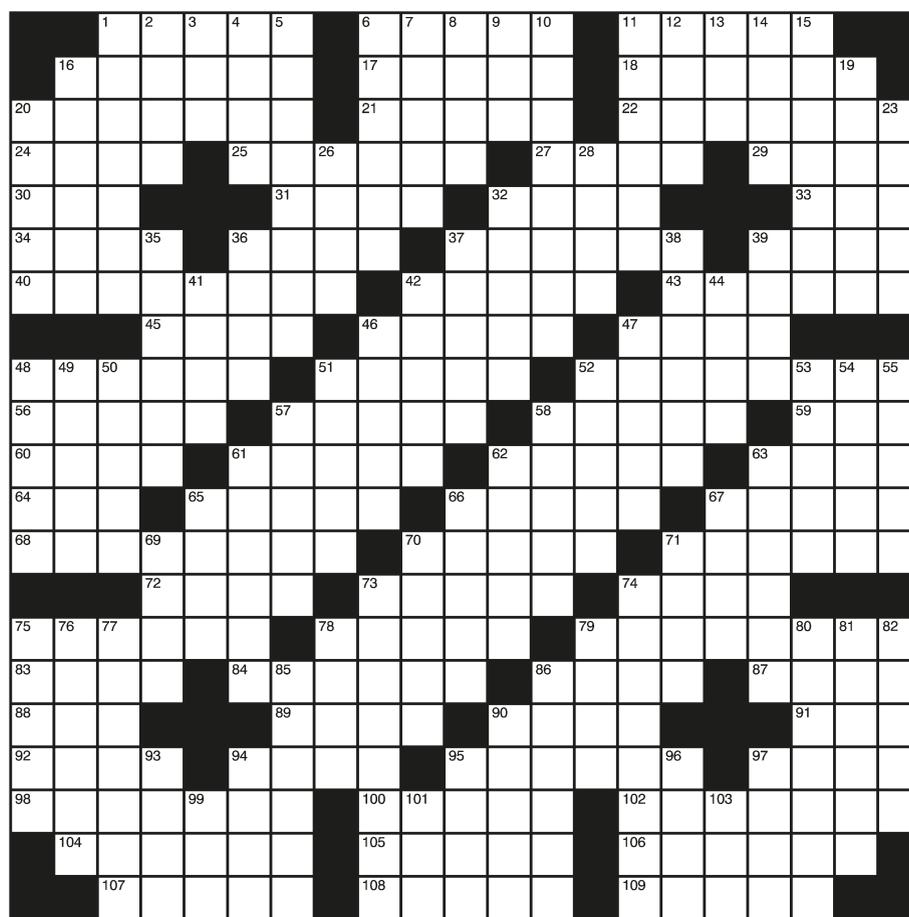
This week is ripe for love, Pisces. A romantic connection may finally bloom or you may get news that someone is expecting a baby.

Pencil Me Blue

Edited by Linda and Charles Preston

ACROSS

- 1 At all ____
- 6 Right-to-receive certificate
- 11 Step
- 16 Large drawing room
- 17 Suppress
- 18 Social groups
- 20 Genus of trees
- 21 Useful
- 22 Survivors
- 24 Baking compartment
- 25 Overstrain
- 27 ____ of Evil
- 29 Open lesion
- 30 Russian peasant commune
- 31 Undefined
- 32 Employed
- 33 Churchill sign
- 34 Puffed
- 36 Rich source
- 37 Small upright piano
- 39 Malt beverage
- 40 Lees
- 42 Kind of pool
- 43 Terminates prematurely
- 45 Chinese dynasty
- 46 Boy's catapult
- 47 FBI agent
- 48 Specimen
- 51 Burn with steam
- 52 City in Minnesota
- 56 Nimble
- 57 Intone
- 58 Warble
- 59 N.T. book, for short
- 60 Measuring stick
- 61 Center of things
- 62 Hackneyed
- 63 Italian lake
- 64 Wrath
- 65 City in Vermont
- 66 Small songbirds
- 67 City in Italy
- 68 Made dim
- 70 Render stable
- 71 Unruffled
- 72 Goals
- 73 Pigeon species
- 74 Soft mineral
- 75 Crystalline mineral
- 78 Levees
- 79 SRO patron
- 83 Gasp
- 84 Number on clockface
- 86 Burn
- 87 Noble Italian family
- 88 Miss Claire
- 89 Eponymous ancestor of the Hebrews
- 90 Riding whip
- 91 Sailor
- 92 Frog genus
- 94 Horse provender
- 95 Biblical king of Damascus
- 97 Underdone
- 98 Redactors
- 100 Cone-shaped domicile
- 102 Connected by blood



Answers Located in the Classified Section

- 104 Bring into harmony
- 105 Atelier item
- 106 Figures of speech
- 107 Writer Richard ____
- 108 Attire
- 109 Irish poet

DOWN

- 1 Provided food
- 2 Pearl Buck heroine
- 3 Costa del ____
- 4 Surpasses
- 5 Breaking suddenly
- 6 The face of a cube
- 7 Charming little one?
- 8 Check
- 9 Noxious
- 10 Gratifying
- 11 Walk with long steps
- 12 Very: Fr.
- 13 Trouble
- 14 Wading bird
- 15 Regain
- 16 English statesman George ____
- 19 Della ____

- 20 Toothed instruments
- 23 Prophets
- 26 Litter's smallest
- 28 Stranger: Gk.
- 32 Set on end
- 35 Nun's head cover
- 36 Word on the Wall
- 37 Marsh bird
- 38 Mexican dish
- 39 Beethoven's birthplace
- 41 Distance measure
- 42 Slope
- 44 To lade
- 46 Frighten
- 47 Coarse hominy
- 48 Tasty
- 49 Greek marketplace
- 50 Certain race horse
- 51 Fragment
- 52 Pickle
- 53 French school
- 54 Style of type
- 55 Sluggard
- 57 Roman goddess
- 58 Lock of hair
- 61 Treat
- 62 Attempts
- 63 Ring

- 65 Nota ____
- 66 Interlaced
- 67 Dissolve
- 69 English county
- 70 Card game
- 71 River to the Moselle
- 73 Stripped
- 74 Early Boston event
- 75 Steeple
- 76 Dish with soaked bread crumbs
- 77 Silliness
- 78 Obligation
- 79 A ____ in the dark
- 80 Landed properties
- 81 Gazes
- 82 Biblical name
- 85 Certain contracts
- 86 Baskets for anglers
- 90 Algonquian speakers
- 93 ____ boy!
- 94 French river
- 95 Church part
- 96 Withered
- 97 Engrossed
- 99 Empire's call
- 101 Sense organ
- 103 Mauna ____

Stammer

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I think any shot that winds up in the fairway should be subject to removal from a divot, cleaning of mud, etc. Why should anyone who hits the fairway be penalized by someone's laziness in not fixing their divot?

Of course, this is what the six-month feedback period is for. If you have input, please send it along to the USGA. They may finally be listening.

James Stammer has been an avid golfer and golf enthusiast for nearly 40 years. He hosts the Thursday Night Golf Show on WSTU 1450-AM. Contact him at stammergolf@yahoo.com.

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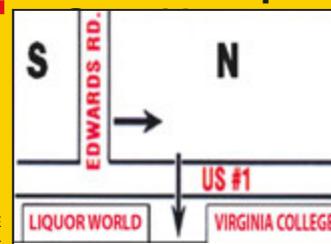
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