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Give me a hug!



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

The St. Lucie County 4H Club hosted 'Wags and Water Park' at the Indian Hills Stormwater Treatment and Recreational Area in Fort Pierce on Saturday, May 13. Improvements, including widening of the creek to provide additional storage capacity, installation of baffle boxes, and construction of littoral shelves, were made to improve the water quality that eventually discharges into the Indian River Lagoon. Here, St. Lucie County 4H Specialist Carly Barker plays with Lucy from Sunny Side Up Rescue.

Program helping community, police

By Gaylon Parker
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FORT PIERCE - Taking the first step toward success can sometimes be difficult, but one program in Fort Pierce is succeeding by reaching out to one child at a time. The First Step Program was created by Big Apple Pizza owner Scott Van Duzer, along with former St. Lucie county commissioner Kim Johnson and State Representative Larry Lee, Jr., and it is a way for local officials to spend time interacting with youth in St. Lucie County and Fort Pierce.

The group gets together with dozens of youngsters from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at what has become known as "First Step Park" in Fort Pierce, located at 33rd Street and Avenue G. Oftentimes, the children get a chance to interact

with everybody from city officials to law enforcement professionals from the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office and Fort Pierce Police Department and they play football or basketball with the youths. They also do arts and crafts and coloring or play kickball.

With LEOs there, it also lets residents know that for an hour or so their children will be safe while outside playing.

The group also provides pizza and drinks to attendees and they also talk for about 20 minutes about issues related to them. Among many people who have participated in the weekly events are the Indian River State College baseball team and professional football players like Michael Thomas.

FPPD Public Information Officer Ed Cunning-

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City wants to corral chickens

City to legalize backyard hens to get homeless fowl off the street

By Donald Rodrigue
For Hometown News

FORT PIERCE -- The City Commission plans to legalize up to six backyard chickens per household in order to stem a tide of homeless hens roaming the streets.

Code Compliance Manager Peggy Arraiz told commissioners during their Conference Agenda May 8 that she had studied the backyard chicken ordinances of other South Florida communities in order to come up with a solution to the problem. Currently backyard chickens are illegal, so people who own them simply let them forage freely through the neighborhood. Ms. Arraiz hopes to amend a current ordinance providing a special exception for farm animals in the city limits to also permit hens. She attempted to allay any fears of residents having to deal with early morning wake-up calls as a result.

"In the proposal, which is similar to every jurisdiction that I checked, it's hens only -- no roosters," she said. "Roosters are banned in every jurisdiction that I spoke to because they're the noise makers."

Several restrictions would also keep Fort Pierce from being inundated with legalized fowl.

"It would only be allowed at single family residences," she explained. "For duplexes, triplexes or other multifamily homes, it would be determined case by case because there are some duplexes with big yards where you would be able to meet the requirements. The keeping of ducks, geese, turkeys, peafowl pigeons and other poultry is prohibited, so we're really restricting this to backyard chickens only."

For questions beyond her level of expertise, Ms. Arraiz deferred to Fort

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Obituary

Janice Ruth Palmer Roberts

Janice Ruth Palmer Roberts, 69, passed away peacefully on May 11, 2017.

Janice worked for the City of Fort Pierce in the Clerks Office and the City Managers Office. Once leaving the City 34 years ago, she dedicated her life to all of her boys including her husband.

Janice is survived by her husband of 48 years J. Hal Roberts Jr, sons Jay Palmer Roberts, of Fort Pierce and Christopher Bryan Roberts of Okeechobee and her grandson, Evan Danise of Okeechobee.



Roberts

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in Janice's honor to the First Baptist Church, 4500 South 25th Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34982.

Arrangements were handled by Haisley Funeral Home, Fort Pierce.

Community calendar

SATURDAY, MAY 20

• **'Dash of the Titans' color splash run:** Race starts at 9 a.m., Treasure Coast High School, 1000 S.W. Darwin Blvd., Port St. Lucie. This is a color run for all ages to benefit the high school. There's no time limit so you run, jog or walk 3 miles at your own pace. For more information, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/dash-of-the-titans-color-splash-tickets-32657235671

• **Treasure Coast Tourism Showcase:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Havert L. Fenn Center, 2000 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Learn more about local tourism related businesses from all over the Treasure Coast. If you wish to participate, sign up by May 15. For information, call (772) 595-9999 or visit www.stluciechamber.org.

• **Bugs 'n Blooms Family Hike:** 9-11 a.m., Steven J. Fousek Preserve, 8551 Carlton Road, Port St. Lucie. Find the hidden beauty of the preserve as you hike and learn the key to identifying different species of wildflowers and invertebrates found there. Free, public is welcome, but pre-registration is required. Programs are usually limited to 15 people. This is meant for all ages. All minors must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or to register, call (772) 462-2526, visit www.slchikes.org, or email slchikes@stlucieco.org.

• **'Wacky Weeders':** 8:30 a.m. to noon, Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie. The Gardens need your help! All volunteers are welcome, there are jobs everyone can do, regardless of age or ability. Bring gloves, clippers and any personal gardening tools you prefer. Lunch is served; core and school students can earn double volunteer hours. For more information, call (772) 337-1959.

• **Dirty Hands Day:** 9:30 a.m., Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. Plant a tree, pull some weeds, clear a trail, and get your hands dirty helping out at the Oxbow Eco-Center. This volunteer opportunity is designed for community groups or individuals who are looking to make a difference in their community through environmental stewardship. This program is appropriate for all ages; however, those ages 18 and under will need to have guardian supervision. Call (772) 785-5833 or email oxbow@stlucieco.org.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

• **Natural Connections & Plant ID Hike:** 8:30-10:30 a.m., Spruce Bluff Preserve, 611 S.E. Dar Lane, Port St. Lucie. Every organism is connected to each other and to the abiotic features around them. Discover how to ID plant species and learn about their adaptations along the way. Free, public is welcome, but pre-registration is required.

Programs are usually limited to 15 people and designed for ages 12 and older unless otherwise noted. All minors must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or to register, call (772) 462-2526, visit www.slchikes.org, or email slchikes@stlucieco.org.

• **Society of American Magicians, Local Assembly 172, meeting:** Fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at St. Lucie Lanes, 6759 US Highway 1, Port St. Lucie. Members include hobbyists, amateurs, part time and professional magicians who all love and enjoy the art of magic. Free. Public is welcome, whether you're a professional magician, an amateur hoping to learn a few tricks, or just curious. For more information, call Dean Devitt at (772) 332-8412 or Matt Musgrave at (772) 519-6048.

• **Weekly Storytime Jam:** Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Zora Neale Hurston Branch Library, 3008 Avenue D, Fort Pierce. Designed for ages 2-5, this interactive program will have your young ones clapping, dancing, singing and listening to stories each week. For more information, call (772) 462-2154 or visit <http://library.stlucieco.gov> or email rovitooa@stlucieco.org.

• **Farm to Fork Fest Fresh Market:** 3-6 p.m., Treasure Coast Research Park at the corner of Kings Highway and Pruitt Research Road. Features local fruits and vegetables, meats, honey, soap, eggs, baked goods, more, along with live music from the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society and information from local non-profits. For more information, visit www.treasurecoastresearchpark.com.

• **Celebrate Recovery:** 7-9:30 p.m., Fairlawn Baptist Church, 3003 Rhode Island Ave., Fort Pierce. A free, Christ-centered recovery program offered every Tuesday evening. For more information, call (772) 461-0814.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

• **Turtle Tracks Beach Hike:** 6:15-7:15 a.m., location TBA. Enjoy an early morning stroll along the beach to learn about the tracks in the sand made by different sea turtle species. Free, public is welcome, but pre-registration is required. Programs are usually limited to 15 people and designed for ages 12 and older unless otherwise noted. All minors must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or to register, call (772) 462-2526, visit www.slchikes.org, or email slchikes@stlucieco.org.

• **Free yoga class:** 4 p.m. Thursdays, Down to Earth yoga studio, 2000 S.E. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie. For more information, call (772) 539-4039.

FRIDAY, MAY 26

• **Black-light Night Hike Part 5:** 7-9 p.m.,

Looking for answers is simple with drop-down menu

Most of the time, when I get calls for computer help I can usually figure out how to fix things out instinctively. Why? Well because I examine the contents of the different menus looking for the option that will most likely get me closer to my goal (while keeping in mind whatever it is I'm trying to do).

As an added bonus, just about every program out there that has pull down menus have "Help" listed as the last one to the right. So by the time I get to the last pull down menu I can always open that programs help file and do a search on what I'm trying to do. The help file will then list all the topics that contain whatever words I searched on and from there I can usually figure out how to take the next step.

Let's take a look at this in an example. Let's say I'm writing my column with a typical word processing program and I wanted to make the next line that I type bold and larger. Let's also say that I only have a very basic understanding of computers. At this point I have two choices, I can stare at the screen with a blank expression and then call Bob (who's pretty good with computers) and ask him or, I can start looking around the screen for something that may help me reach my goal.

As I move my mouse (and my eyes!) around the screen I notice a couple of



COMPUTE THIS
SEAN MCCARTHY

things; first at the top of the screen, above where the words are being typed, there are (often) rows of menus and buttons available. And, as I move my mouse slowly over the buttons, little boxes pop up telling me what each button does. When I click on the "File" option it opens (or "pulls down") and I can see all of the commands that are available that have to do with Filing. As I move my mouse to the right, the File pull down menu closes and the Edit menu opens displaying all of the commands available for editing. Next the View pull down menu opens and then the Insert menu opens. As each menu opens I look at all the options available and for each one I ask myself "does this option look like it will help me change my text to bold and larger?" And as each menu does not present an option I go on to the next one eventually getting to the "Format" pull down menu.

When Format opens, I see it lists Bullets and numbering... Borders and shading... and what's this? Font?? Hmmmm.... Let me think... I'm trying to

change the formatting of my text and text is made up of "fonts," Thinking I may be on the right track, I click the Fonts option and a screen opens that allows me to change the characteristics of the type. Bingo! Exactly what I am looking for! It says I am typing in Times New Roman, Regular, Size 12. I change the specs to Times New Roman, Bold, Size 14, click OK and my typing is now larger and darker.



OK, so, that rather tame demonstration is just an example of how intuitive computing works; at no time did I ever get the urge to go get a book or call tech support for help, I kept in mind what I was trying to do and, after seeing what options were available, discovered the answer on my own. Instinctively.

Now, I know what a lot of you are thinking; that the things you have trouble doing are far more complex than just changing the characteristics of text, how can this possibly help me? And to that I answer the lesson is not in how to change the font size, the lesson is where to go for your answers!

Notice that the menus I looked at

were all within the program I was using. You should look at the menus and options available within the program where you are stuck. Also notice that each pull down menu is a category; all filing options are under "File" and we found our Font options under the "Format" pull down menu. That was no coincidence. I would have been very surprised to find the Fonts option under the File pull down menu but starting at File and moving to the right covers all the bases and rapidly gets you familiar with all the menus available.

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Firefighters train for rail incidents

By Gaylon Parker

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ST. LUCIE COUNTY – With the potential for increased freight coming through the Treasure Coast connected to All Aboard Florida, area fire departments recently trained for emergencies. The departments and districts – in conjunction with Florida East Coast Railway – were taught about different hazardous materials and the cars they are contained in, and learned how each one is contained in the event of a railway accident.

Florida East Coast Railway coordinated the training with CSX Railway, and the latter offered the use of a “Tank Car Safety Train” during the classes from May 9 to 11 at the St. Lucie County Fire District’s site in Fort Pierce. The class included representatives from the Martin County Fire District and the Stuart Fire Department.

“The training was excellent, it was very informative and the guys were getting a lot of hands-on experience,” said SLCFD Division Chief Jennifer Chambers. “The goal of the training was to basically give our guys a familiarization with how the trains operate and where the shut-offs are, so we



got a chance to interact with subject matter and experts regarding the trains and that was fantastic.”

One of the items the firefighters were educated on is the fact that liquified natural gas has become the preferred fuel source for trains traveling through the area, and the training was designed to prepare and equip

St. Lucie County Fire District Firefighter Rusty Hines, in the foreground, and Captain William Garrigan were two of the SLCFD’s representatives who participated in training with Florida East Coast Railway and CSX Railway to learn about locomotive operation and the methods for containing leaks on railway cars last week in Fort Pierce.

Photo courtesy of the St. Lucie County Fire District

the first responders with techniques to deal with an LNG incident should one occur. Fifteen of the FECR’s trains are powered with LNG instead of diesel fuel, so the firefighters were given full instruction on that.

Also, hazardous materials training and tank car familiarization – including LNG –

was available for first responders, who were guided through the various procedures to contain a leak if necessary.

There also is an electrical hazard with locomotives, Chief Chambers said, and the firefighters reviewed that information and she added that the personnel were able to climb onto and around the tank cars to experience first-hand how they are designed. “They showed us where the valves and shut-offs for the fuel, the hand-brakes and the hazardous materials and all that type of familiarization about how the rail cars are configured and built,” she said.

The districts and departments sent about 90 firefighters to the training each day, and the SLCFD sent about 75 to 80 participants each day, with Stuart Fire Rescue and Martin County Fire Rescue comprising the remaining firefighters. The SLCFD also sent two of their trucks and special operations vehicles.

“With us having this type of relationship with the railroad and them coming in and working with us, it should make communities feel better about the rail coming through and our ability to handle any incident that might come up,” Chief Chambers said.

Have a taste

The second annual ‘Taste of the Islands, held at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center on Saturday, May 13, was created to offer Caribbean as well as non-Caribbean natives of the area the opportunity to enjoy the tastes, beverages, spices and culture of ‘the Islands.’ For more information please visit <https://www.psltasteoftheislands.com>.



Photos by Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

Three-year-old Elias Kerkula plays in the bounce house.



Natalie Grant dances with nine-year-old twins Zion and Naya Moore.

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

Kevin Tomkiwicz, 46, 6325 S.E. Colonial Drive, Stuart, driving with a suspended license for the third or subsequent offense.

Antonio McArthur, 40, 2404 Oleander Blvd., Fort Pierce, possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted Florida felon (two counts), possession of cocaine, possession of cocaine with the intent to sell, manufacture or deliver, possession of marijuana with the intent to sell, manufacture or deliver, possession of marijuana of more than 20 grams and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

Joshua Ashley, 42, 2404 Oleander Blvd., Fort Pierce, possession of cocaine, possession of cocaine with the intent to sell, manufacture or deliver, possession of marijuana with the intent to sell, manufacture or deliver, possession of marijuana of more than 20 grams and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

Evone McArthur, 55, 2404 Oleander Blvd., Fort Pierce, possession of methamphetamine with the intent to sell, manufacture or deliver and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

David Wright, 34, 1441-G400 Brandywine Road, West Palm Beach, aggravated battery.

Jesse Milam, 26, 5156 Big Oak Road S., St. Augustine, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without the intent to kill and property damage or criminal mischief of more than \$200 but less than \$1,000.

Joseph Francis, 47, 1025 S.W. Dartmouth Ave., Port St. Lucie, sexual assault with a weapon or forced sexual battery on a victim 12

years of age or older.
Travis Panella, 37, 832 S.E. Celtic Ave., Port St. Lucie, resisting a law enforcement officer with violence and battery on a law enforcement officer, firefighter or EMT.

Lajolua Smith, 30, 2903-A Avenue F, Fort Pierce, arrested on an active felony warrant for filing a false statement for public aid.

Jimmy Bynoe, 42, homeless, Fort Pierce, unarmed burglary of an unoccupied conveyance.

Ryan Most, 30, 5706 Paleo Pines, Cr., Fort Pierce, fabricating, destroying or tampering with physical evidence.

Port St. Lucie Police Department

Ronald Laverty, 48, 9 Robin Road, Keansburg, N.J., unarmed burglary of an unoccupied structure and grand theft or larceny of more than \$300 but less than \$5,000.

Alfred Diggs, 45, 2816 S.E. Tate Ave., Port St. Lucie, trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription (two counts) and possession of drugs (Schedule III or IV).

Jennifer Braun, 42, 2816 S.E. Tate Ave., Port St. Lucie, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office

Rodricka Nikerson, 19, 2199 Avienda Ave., Fort Pierce, arrested on an out-of-county felony warrant for (Indian River) for possession of clonazepam.

Lewis feuquay, 50, 2201 Trillo St., Port St. Lucie, battery by a person detained in a prison

or jail facility.
Michael Barone, 33, 2211 S.E. Mandrake Cir., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an outstanding felony warrant for grand theft of more than \$300 but less than \$5,000.

Flint Bate, 30, 3037 Summit St., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active felony warrant for possession of dimethyltryptamine.

Joseph Morris, 51, 1907 Tucker Court, Fort Pierce, arrested as a felony out-of-state fugitive for a prole violation out of Connecticut.

Arthur Anderson, 43, 436 Means Court, Fort Pierce, possession of marijuana with the intent to sell, manufacture or deliver and possession of marijuana of more than 20 grams.

Reece Sturgis, 21, 2052 Kings Hwy. Unit 1, Clearwater, arrested on an outstanding felony warrant for a probation violation for fraudulent use of personal identification information and possession of marijuana of more than 20 grams.

Joseph Pugh, 29, 5011 Sanibell Ave., Fort Pierce, possession of cocaine and possession of cocaine with the intent to sell, manufacture or deliver.

Briana Scott, 18, 3055 S.W. Segovia St., Port St. Lucie, sale of marijuana, possession of marijuana of more than 20 grams and public ordinance crimes by using a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.

Cabet Pierre-Louis, 21, 3141 Naylor Terr., Fort Pierce, arrested on a felony warrant for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Michelle Morgan, 46, 248 N. Quick Cir. S.W., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active felony warrant for filing a false statement of public aid.

Raymond Lillard, 25, 136 Carol Susan Lane, Fort Pierce, arrested on a felony warrant for robbery with a deadly weapon and actual possession of firearm.

Michael Caunto, 25, 2417 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active

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warrant for lewd computer solicitation of a child.
Sean Dearborn, 51, 11 Camino Del Rio Drive, Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active felony warrant for possession of a stolen credit or debit card and organized fraud of less than \$20,000.

Solomon Rose, 19, 2041 S.W. Beekman St., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an outstanding felony warrant for burglary of an unoccupied conveyance.

Gabrielle Reese, 26, 1317 E. 55th St., Savannah, Ga., arrested on an out-of-county felony warrant (Indian River) for uttering a forged instrument.

Er'shard Thomas, 19, 7407 Pine Lanes Blvd., Port St. Lucie, smuggling contraband into a detention facility.

Steven Zimmerman, 25, 931 S.W. McCall Road, Port St. Lucie, destroying, fabricating or tampering with physical evidence.

Gregory Gabriel, 32, 1550-205 Brickell Ave., Miami, carrying a concealed weapon of firearm.

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Rants & Raves

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

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Be careful when renting

This is the time of year Snowbirds go back up North and some will dubiously rent out their Florida home under the guise of "Fully Furnished." In fact, what they are doing is getting people to PAY for the "right" to babysit their home.

The reason I say "home" is because they declare the house as their homestead, their home. To RENT out a homestead is illegal, you say? Well yes, it is, so be very careful because you are dealing with underhanded criminals. Make sure that you video tape the home and have the homeowner walk around the house, and the grounds, pointing out any indiscretions. If there are far too many cheap & worn out objects in the house, have the homeowner state that in your video, too. If you see something you think should be pointed out but they refuse to, make sure you do it while you're filming. I would also do a 2nd video (perhaps via another person, not you) the very first moment you take possession of the house and at the MOMENT you are opening the door.

If you don't do this, you will be sorry. There are people in this town who do this year after year and they use the money that they save by not fully paying taxes and by keeping people's deposits to supplement their carefree lifestyle- as though collecting unemployment weren't enough. Check to see if they have any lawsuits against them and don't take any of their explanations as the truth. They're criminals. They lie.

Welcome to 65

Hitting the Big 65, welcome to Medicare, officially a Senior, OK, so now your Old! Two days removed from 64, breakfast is left over Birthday Cake because "She Who must be Obeyed" is still in bed fast asleep! Golf tournament will eat up most of the day, you don't feel old, and parts of me are a little

reluctant to function as they once did, can't see a ball in the fairway past one hundred twenty five yards, but golf etiquette keeps buddies from messing with your head while you're out there having fun. Alrighty, so you need extra Advil & Sun tan lotion, which sometimes you remember to apply. The blond Terror will need to be walked once you get home, she's nothing but boundless love because you've been gone all day and Mom's OK but your Pa! Even though you'd like nothing better than taking a nap right now, out the door the two of you go, walk for ten minutes, visit a few neighbors and soon your back home. When you do lie down, she's on the bed making sure your safe and will be there when you wake up. Over coffee later that day, you'll mull over friends and neighbors 70, 75 & 80 years young, they seem to manage, maybe more exercise might not be a bad thing. The yearly re-evaluation seems to call out for more attention to keeping the old body in working order, but the good news is; the memory of that will fade within a week's time until you try something outside your limits and brings it back to the front of your brain. 65, Hey I made it here, sometimes a few years back there was some minor doubt, but now lets get to 70, I hear good and bad about that age milestone, guess I'll find out!

Cut the bushes!

Fort Pierce has planted some beautiful, thick, green shrubbery along Orange Avenue in the downtown block from the railway tracks to 2nd Street. While pretty to look at, these bushes are planted right next to the curb. With luck I can find a good parking spot, but my passengers can't open the car doors on their side because they are blocked by the thick shrubbery. A good idea spoiled by unintended consequences. Solution: cut the bushes back.

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Raising money



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Members of the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office and the Fort Pierce Police Department prepare for their April 21 shift as "celebrity waiters" during a Tip-A-Cop fundraiser at the Fort Pierce Applebee's to benefit the Special Olympics of Florida. The law enforcement officials earned \$1,624 in tips, which were donated directly to the Special Olympics.

Letter to the editor

Interventions

Interventions can be the difference between life and death for a drug addict or an alcoholic. Not every person in need of rehab is going to initially jump at the chance to get clean and handle the issues that drove them to addiction. While some addicts or alcoholics have been so badly beaten and battered by their lifestyle that they grasp at the first opportunity to deal with their problems, others need some type of external help in order to seek help. Interventions are extremely helpful tools for families who are dealing with a loved one who is completely against getting help and resistant to going to treatment.

Some families believe if an addict or alcoholic isn't willing to get help and go to drug rehab on their own, they aren't going to force them to go and certainly won't waste their money. Here's an interesting fact: if some addicts or alcoholics believe they can continue to drink alcohol or use drugs successfully, without any type of consequences for their behavior, they will continue to do so because the problems caused by their addiction is still less than the power of the addiction over them.

There are 2 types of interventions; one where the family sits down with the addict and has a professional interventionist conduct a family intervention, where the addict is confronted and offered drug

rehab. If they choose not to attend drug rehab, the family gives the addict consequences for their choice. The other type of intervention is done by an interventionist and conducted on a one-on-one basis, where the interventionist works with the addict alone to get their agreement to go to treatment. Once the interventionist, in either case, gets the addict to choose help, they will escort them to the treatment center the family has picked out and gets them successfully checked in.

Often, interventionists can be more successful in handling the addict than the family since, in many cases, the interventionist is an ex-addict himself. By having gone through addiction, the interventionist can level with the addict, speak from their reality and truly understand and have empathy for what they are going through. The interventionist is also a neutral party and not heavily emotionally involved in the situation like the family is. Interventions can help an addict make a logical choice for themselves when they might not be able to alone. If an addict is struggling with addiction, but refuses help, interventions can be a powerful tool used to save their life.

For more information on interventions, go to <http://www.narconon-suncoast.org/blog/the-power-of-an-intervention.html>. If you are in need of a referral to a treatment center, call us at 1- 877-841-5509

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SATURDAY, MAY 27

• **Democratic Women's Club of St. Lucie County monthly meeting:** 9:30-11:30 a.m., community room in the main building of the Garber Buick GMC dealership, 5255 U.S. 1, Fort Pierce. This month's guest speaker will be Ghazala Salam, founder and president of the American Muslim Democratic Caucus. All Democrats are invited to our meeting. too) For more information, please email dwcstlucie@gmail.com

• **Military appreciation night at Tradition Field:** Game time is at 6:30 p.m. against the Clearwater Thrashers. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. There will be a jersey auction where people can win game-worn jerseys. Tickets are \$5. Contact Joe Lusardi at (772) 579-5730 or Mike Kiper at (772) 519-8188.

• **Red, White & Blue Mother's Day Plant Sale:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Free

admission, everyone is welcome. For more information, call (772) 337-1959 or visit www.pslbg.org.

• **Flying Eagles RC Club** meets the last Saturday of each month at the club flying field at 9 a.m. The flying field is located on the North side of Indrio Road, 0.6 miles west of Johnston Road, in Fort Pierce. Radio control flying takes place daily and visitors are welcome. Call (757) 619 4231 for directions and more information.

• **Explore Archery class:** New class, held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the fourth Saturday each month from Feb. 25 through May 27, at the Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. Meant for beginners of all ages (over age 10). Participants age 15 and under must have a guardian present. Instruction will include a classroom session and outdoor range time. Please bring a bagged lunch, water bottle, closed-toe shoes and wear appropriate clothing for Florida weather. The fee is \$10 per person for anyone planning to participate in the outdoor range time by shooting a bow. Reservations are required. Call (772) 785-5833 or email cartmille@stlucieco.org with your name and phone number.

MONDAY, MAY 29

• **Memorial Day Service:** 10 a.m., Veteran's Memorial Park, Port St. Lucie. A special service to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, provided by the United Veterans of Port St. Lucie. Limited seating is available; bringing a lawn chair is suggested. The event will start promptly at 10 a.m. and is free to the public. All ages are welcome. Call (772) 878-2277

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St. Lucie County Sheriff Ken Mascara, right, pushes his way past Scott VanDuzer playing ball with children in the park at Avenue G in Fort Pierce in October of 2015.

Program

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ham said the program is integral to officers being able to connect with children from an early age and that familiarity results in a better understanding between the community and law enforcement.

“It builds good relationships with kids and we see those kids becoming more comfortable to walk up to police officers and talk to them and not be afraid to engage the police so we can have a big benefit in the long term that those kids will follow our advice and be less likely to get into trouble,” Officer Cunningham said. “They also will be more likely to report to us if something bad is going on.”

“It’s a real nice park now, and we’re out there every Tuesday evening and it’s a great place for them. Each week we get more kids and the group is growing because word is getting around.”

Officer Cunningham said there are now kids who approach him each week and that he would, “miss it if I wasn’t there.”

Mr. Van Duzer saw the opportunity to be an active member in the community through the program, and his Van Duzer Foundation has been instrumental to reaching out to help almost 100 families over the last nine years. The program was started last year in an abandoned park, but with an infusion of donations the organization was able to provide playground equipment and spruce it up to the point that it has become a hive of activity each week.

“It started out that no one really knew how to help these kids in this area, and there are a lot of resources and programs but these kids don’t know anything about them,” Mr. Van Duzer said. “So we went out there and picked the worst intersection in town and Sheriff (Ken) Mascara, myself, Mayor Linda Hudson went out there with a football.

“These kids were afraid to come to the park because there was a lot of crime there, and we have reduced crime by half ... these kids know that it’s a safe place to go and a lot of people care about them; it turned out way cooler than I imagined.”

For more information about The First Step program and the Van Duzer Foundation, visit www.vanduzerfoundation.org.

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Community notes

Lawnwood Stadium, Track Closed for Maintenance

Lawnwood Stadium and Track will be closed to the public from Tuesday, May 16 through Wednesday, May 31 as St. Lucie County's Parks, Recreation and Facilities staff performs end-of-the school year maintenance and repairs.

St. Lucie County asked that residents avoid using the stadium and track inside the John B. Park Sports Complex, located at 1302 Virginia Ave., during this time, so crews can expedite the maintenance that needs to be done. The closure may be extended depending on the weather and other factors.

For those looking to exercise, St. Lucie County has more than 42 miles of trails on its 10,000-plus acres of nature preserves. For an interactive map of all county parks and preserves visit <http://gis.stlucieco.gov/Parksfinder> or for guided hikes visit www.slchikes.org.

St. Lucie County Master Gardener shares fertilizing tips

Plants need important nutrients to survive and thrive. Gardeners can aid the process by adding necessary fertilizers to their landscapes and container plants. The key is knowing how and when to fertilize, and understanding the local ordinances regarding fertilizer use.

Master Gardener Michelle Peterson will discuss best practices for fertilizing gardens, with special emphasis on the nutrients day-lilies require, at the next meeting of the South Florida Daylily Society on Sunday, May 21 at 2 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Meetings are held indoors in The Pavilion. All meetings of the South Florida Daylily Society are free and open to the public.

There is a county-wide fertilizer blackout period in St. Lucie County, including both the cities of Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie, from June 1 through Sept. 30, prohibiting the use of fertilizer with Nitrogen and Phosphorus during this time.

For details visit <http://www.stlucieco.gov/departments-services/a-z/planning-and-development-services/code-compliance/fertilizer-info>.

Turtle walks offered

Turtle Tracks Beach Hike: 6:15-7:15 a.m., location TBA. Enjoy an early morning stroll along the beach to learn about the tracks in the sand made by different sea turtle species. Free, public is welcome, but pre-registration is required. Programs are usually limited to 15 people and designed for ages 12 and older unless otherwise noted. All minors must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or to register, call (772) 462-2526, visit www.slchikes.org.

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for more information.

TUESDAY, MAY 30

- **Weekly Storytime Jam:** Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Zora Neale Hurston Branch Library, 3008 Avenue D, Fort Pierce. Designed for ages 2-5, this interactive program will have your young ones clapping, dancing, singing and listening to stories each week. For more information, call (772) 462-2154 or visit <http://library.stlucieco.gov> or email rovitoo@stlucieco.org.

- **Farm to Fork Fest Fresh Market:** 3-6 p.m., Treasure Coast Research Park at the corner of Kings Highway and Pruitt Research Road. Features local fruits and

vegetables, meats, honey, soap, eggs, baked goods, more, along with live music from the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society and information from local non-profits. For more information, visit www.treasurecoastresearchpark.com.

- **Celebrate Recovery:** 7-9:30 p.m., Fairlawn Baptist Church, 3003 Rhode Island Ave., Fort Pierce. A free, Christ-centered recovery program offered every Tuesday evening. For more information, call (772) 461-0814.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

- **Free yoga class:** 4 p.m. Thursdays, Down to Earth yoga studio, 2000 S.E. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie. For more information, call (772) 539-4039.

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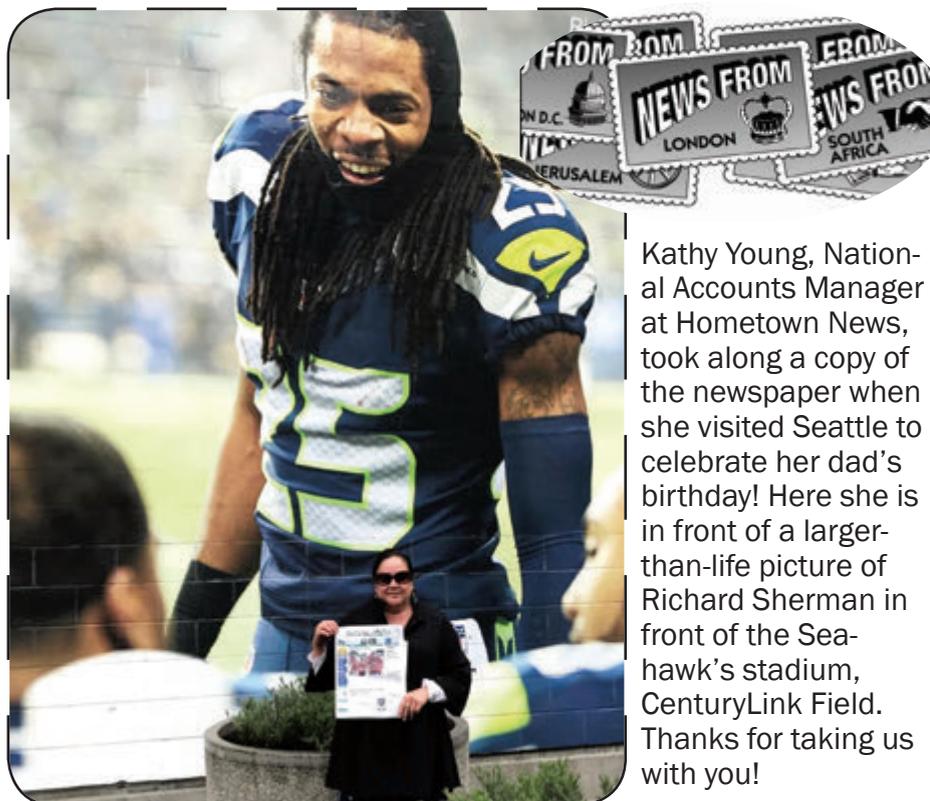
Universal Healthcare is a must

President Trump praised Australia's universal healthcare system which is administered by the federal government. At the same time, he congratulated the Republican controlled Congress for passing the American Health Care Act. Now the American Health Care Act will go to the Senate where the majority of the Republican Senators are opposed to it. The Republican Senators are talking about starting over again!

Since President Trump admires the Australian universal health care system, he should push the Republican controlled Senate to approve an American universal health care system. I am positive that President Trump would find strong support from the Democratic Senators.

The American people deserve, what citizens of most major countries already have, a universal health care administered by the federal government. This would guarantee healthcare to we the people of the United States at a fraction of the cost per capita that we presently spend. President Trump promised the best medical system at a lower cost – this is his chance to deliver on that PROMISE!!!

Touring with the Townies



Kathy Young, National Accounts Manager at Hometown News, took along a copy of the newspaper when she visited Seattle to celebrate her dad's birthday! Here she is in front of a larger-than-life picture of Richard Sherman in front of the Sea-hawk's stadium, CenturyLink Field. Thanks for taking us with you!

Are you a fan of the Hometown News? Well, we are inviting you to take us along on your next adventure.

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Jupiter is light years away from the rest

This northern enclave of Palm Beach County never ceases to offer new surprises. From wildlife rehabilitation to Major League spring training games, Jupiter packs a surprising variety of activities into a relatively small city. During our last visit here, we discovered the tropically delightful outdoor dining spot on the Intracoastal known as Guanabana's. This time we enjoyed a personalized tour of the waterway with Captain Art Steffey of PonTiki Boat Cruises. We departed from the pier directly behind Guanabana's, and Captain Steffey entertained my wife Gloria and I with his South American adventures as we leisurely motored around the emerald-green waters of Jupiter Inlet and took pictures of the historic Jupiter Lighthouse. The small and comfortable boats carry a maximum of six passengers and are perfect for family outings and intimate reunions. Unlike typical tour boats with regularly scheduled sailings, PonTiki offers private, custom cruises on a per-person basis, meaning customers can choose the time of day that best suits them, even during the middle of the night under a full moon. All drinks are included, and the unique vessels even feature waterslides so passengers can slip right into the quiet channels surrounding the inlet.

We began our most recent stay here at the Jupiter Beach Resort & Spa, a Four Diamond hotel at the eastern terminus of Indiantown Road in the center of all the area has to offer. Here the celebratory mood begins at check-in, when guests receive a complimentary glass of champagne among the cozy backdrop of the warm, wooden tones of the lobby. Just downstairs lies the Opal Spa, which offers a number of pampering services to make your vacation even more relaxing. Nestled between the lobby and the Atlantic is an Olympic-size pool, waterfall hot tub and the outdoor dining extension of our next destination, Sinclair's Ocean Grill. The charm continues with the open-air kitchen of the establishment, where guests can observe the savory dishes being crafted, such as the tender Grilled Tenderloin sauteed with oyster and shiitake mushrooms. Gloria opted for the chef's fresh catch of the day, a sweet-potato-encrusted hog snapper that we both



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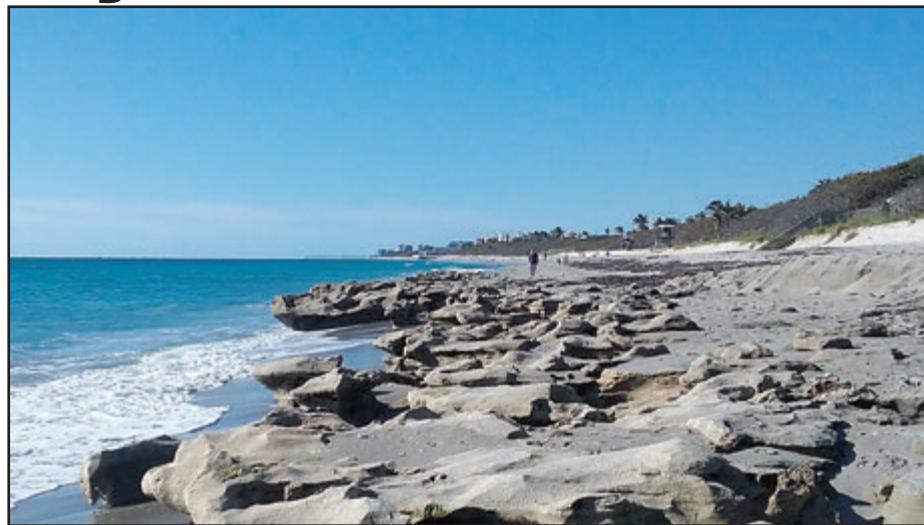
wished would show up on the regular menu. We started off our dinner with a fluted basket of chewy homemade breads and homemade soups, of which the Roasted Chicken simmering in a savory broth of aromatic vegetables and orecchiette pasta proved to be particularly delightful. We shared a crunchy crème brulee for dessert, accompanied by cups of deliciously robust coffee.

After dinner, we took a five-minute drive to Harbourside Place, Jupiter's new defacto downtown on the banks of the Intracoastal Waterway. Here we strolled along a section of Jupiter's 2.5-mile Riverwalk, darted in a few of the shops that were open and spent a few relaxing moments sitting in Adirondack chairs and listening to live music at the beautiful Harbourside Place Amphitheater.

Upon return to the resort, we discovered that the electric motor had unexpectedly died on the door to our comfortable king room, which led to an unexpected surprise. When the helpful staff were forced to dismantle the door to get our room back open, the manager decided to relocate us to a two-bedroom penthouse suite that appeared to be larger than our Port St. Lucie home. Although we were only there for the night, we found this accommodation with a huge separate living/dining area to be perfect for pre-wedding parties and family groups traveling together.

The next morning we took a short walk south along the gorgeous beach to a small outcropping of Anastasia limestone formations similar to those at the nearby Blowing Rocks Preserve in Martin County, where we sat for a few minutes enjoying the spectacular interplay of tides and stone.

For breakfast, we headed over to one of Jupiter's most popular morning spots, the Royal Café, in the Concourse Village Shopping Center, where it appeared that almost everyone knew everyone's name. This old-style coffee shop still features bar-stool seating and award-winning omelets (the Spanish Omelet was truly delicious!).



We finished our morning at one of our favorite Jupiter destinations (and one of the city's most picturesque spots), the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary. One of the closest animal refuges to the Treasure Coast, the Sanctuary takes in more than 5,000 injured and orphaned animals annually and boasts permanent exhibits of everything from Florida Panthers to crocodiles, bears and several species of owls in the aviary section. The boardwalk area leading through the cypress wetlands is particularly stunning. You'll also find the Loggerhead Marinelife Center just to the south in nearby Juno Beach. This 12,000-square-foot facility is dedicated to the preservation of sea turtles, and you can actually sign up for a nighttime tour to watch one lay her eggs.

We lunched that afternoon at Calavera's Cantina in Harbourside Place. This unique Mexican restaurant is decorated by playful skeleton murals and even some unique chandeliers embossed with images of skeletons imported directly from Mexico. Calavera's sets itself apart with its own unique creations, beginning with its homemade tortilla chips seasoned with a special copyrighted blend of more than 30 spices and served with either smooth or chunky salsas (both were yummy). The restaurant also makes and bottles its own ancho chipotle sauce (A creamy blend of medium-heat smoky chipotle and mild, sweet ancho chili peppers), which I found delicious on

everything). While Gloria enjoyed the Carnitas (roast pork), I ordered the Brisket Quesadillas, a delicious combination of tender beef, Chihuahua/cotija cheese, onions, peppers and mushrooms. To top off our meal, we ordered the most unique dessert on the menu: Cinnamon Corn Ice Cream topped with candied pecans and chocolate sauce.

While in Jupiter this trip, we enjoyed a performance of Westside Story at the award-winning Maltz Jupiter Theatre, just a stone's throw from our hotel. We have always found the productions at this venue to be particularly fascinating.

Before heading home that evening, we drove just south of the Jupiter Beach Resort along A1A until we passed Carlin Park, a huge facility that offers everything from volleyball and tennis courts, a baseball field and even bocce ball. Guests can reserve a number of beachside pavilions, as well as enjoy live music and other events at the Seabreeze Amphitheater. There's free on-street parking and a broad sidewalk here perfect for strolling or bicycling.

Jupiter lies about 40 minutes south of the heart of the Treasure Coast via I-95 or the Florida Turnpike.

Weekend Wanderer is written by Donald Rodrigue. Prior to moving to the Treasure Coast in 2007, Mr. Rodrigue worked for a custom-publishing division of the Miami Herald and wrote travel articles on destinations up and down the western hemisphere.

Chickens

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Pierce Planning Director Peggy Grohall, who she referred to as a "chicken guru." The latter, a resident of unincorporated St. Lucie County, has five chickens of her own and refers to them as "pets." Commissioner Rufus Alexander posed just such a question after Ms. Arraiz said city residents would be able to use the chickens for both eggs and a food source, and the room soon cackled with laughter.

"How can you get an egg without a rooster?" he asked naively.

"Chickens lay eggs all the time," Ms. Grohall responded. "If you have a rooster, then the egg makes a baby chicken; otherwise, it's just an egg."

Mayor Linda Hudson then chimed in.

"I'm so glad you asked that question because I wanted to know myself," she said.

Both Commissioner Alexander and Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson wanted to know the specific requirements for housing the hens.

"They cannot exceed six feet in height,"

Ms. Arraiz explained. "The enclosures have to be cleaned, and they cannot be closer than 10 feet from any property line nor within 25 feet of an adjacent residential structure."

Commissioner Johnson worried the coops could still end up being too large for the property and wanted maximum sizes codified in the amendment.

"I just don't want a 10 X 60 coop in the backyard for six birds," he said.

Ms. Arraiz emphasized that Stuart required a minimum of "four square feet per bird," and agreed that 10 square feet per hen could be used as the maximum size.

"What I'm hearing is put in a requirement of a minimum of four square feet per chicken and with a maximum of 10," she said.

The city will also have the right to control how many chickens ultimately end up flocking together in a neighborhood due to the use of the special exemption permit.

"This isn't going to be a right," she said. "You actually have to apply to keep the chickens, which would require someone to actually go out and inspect the property and make sure that all of these conditions can be met."

Although the Code Enforcement Department created the amendment to ease the city's problems with free-roaming chickens, it will not affect other roaming species such as ducks, geese, turkeys and the city's beloved peacocks. Commissioner Alexander wondered if the city could face any legal challenges by strictly singling out the homeless chickens for incarceration and posed the question to City Attorney James Messer. The latter said he was no fan of the foraging fowl but loved the peacocks.

"That's a good question," he said. "It would seem that the free roaming peacocks have to go somewhere for food and water. I guess what the ordinance reads is, the ducks, geese and peacocks can roam at large, but the chickens have to be kept in a chicken coop. The animals unfortunately don't have constitutional rights, so there's really no legal effect."

Since the chickens may be considered a food source for those who keep them, both Ms. Grohall and Ms. Arraiz had to come up with restrictions on their potential slaughter to avoid repeating an undesirable situation in the past.

"We actually had someone who hung them from her clothesline, and the neigh-

bors were not happy with that," the latter said. "So we said if this is what you're going to do, don't do it where the neighbors are going to watch you slaughter the chickens. Do it in a place that's not visible."

Commissioner Thomas Perona believes the city could rely on its sound ordinance to control any problems with excessive clucking.

"They can be noisy from time to time," he said. "If it gets to be a nuisance, we have sound ordinances that provide protection."

Ms. Grohall immediately cried foul over the defamation of her hens.

"The only time my chickens are loud is when three of them are laying an egg at the same time and for some reason they tend to like high-five each other," she said as the chamber burst into laughter. "The rest of the time they're quiet."

All jokes aside, Mayor Hudson hopes the ordinance amendment will help rid the city of free-roaming hens, who Ms. Arraiz said still have a bounty on their heads.

"We're trying to deal with a situation where some people want chickens," the mayor said. "We're trying to give them a legal way to do it without disturbing their neighbors or destroying the community."

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Future 6 hosts skate program

By Gaylon Parker

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FORT PIERCE – Future 6 Helping Hand is an alternative-sports organization that has a different approach to youth outreach. They have a series of programs designed to draw at-risk youths to sports such as skateboarding and surfing as a way to keep them active and give them an outlet for their athletic creativity.

The organization is getting ready to host one such event on Saturday, May 27 at Lawnwood Skate Park in Fort Pierce from noon to 4 p.m. and will encourage kids to experience the sport of skateboarding firsthand and with the benefit of not requiring their own equipment to do so. The group provides all the necessary safety equipment and boards of shapes and sizes throughout the day and Vice President Donny Ottofaro said they have plenty of room for more kids.

“We do this once a month and our last one will be in July for this season and we kick back up in November,” Mr. Ottofaro said. “We divide the kids up into groups and skill levels whether they’ve skated once or twice or never before and they learn how to do tricks and it’s a lot of fun.

“The response has been good, but this program should have the ability to cater to between 40 and 50 kids and we have not hit that marker yet.”

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Photo courtesy of Future 6 Helping Hand

Youths will get a chance to learn about skateboarding from Future 6 Helping Hand at a Roll Models event at Lawnwood Skate Park on May 27. The organization provides the equipment and instruction for free for kids who want to try their hand at the alternative sport.

Horoscopes



ARIES - March 21/April 20

Aries, as long as you keep trying your best, you will come out on top. Now you just have to have a little more confidence in yourself. Choose a motivational song as your anthem.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Try something new, Taurus. What is the worst that can happen? If you find you do not like the activity, then check it off your list and embrace a new opportunity.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, think about reconnecting with an old flame. Even if the connection is purely platonic, the stroll down Memory Lane might be good for you.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, this week may be a turning point for you in your life. Although you feel ready for the changes that are in store, you may have to adapt a bit more once they're here.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

Leo, even if you stumble, you will have an opportunity to regain your footing. Do not shy away from taking a few chances here and there. You can handle what's in store.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

This may be one of those weeks when nothing seems to bother you, Virgo. The bad stuff just rolls off your back, and everything seems to keep you smiling.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Libra, weigh all of your options before making a major commitment. Once you move forward, you may not have much room to turn things around.

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Out & about

FRIDAY, MAY 12

• **River Nights:** 5-8 p.m., Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Relax, recharge, enjoy a tranquil evening among nature and enjoy the fire. There will be live musical entertainment, a cash bar and food available for purchase. All ages are welcome at this free event. Call (772) 878-2277 for more information.

• **American Public Garden Day:** Enjoy free admission to Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road, Fort Pierce. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. More details TBA.

For more information, call (772) 464-4672.

THROUGH FRIDAY, MAY 19

• **Juried Art Show:** The A.E. Backus Museum & Gallery's annual juried show will be on display from March 23 through May 19. Artwork on display for the show will be in four categories: watercolor, oil/acrylic, three-dimensional, and varied techniques (mixed media, pastel, pencil, monoprint, graphics, collage, computer generated,

other). The museum is located at 500 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.; closed Monday and Tuesday. For more information, call (772) 465-0630 or visit www.backusmuseum.com.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

• **Get Crafty with Bookmarks:** Adults are invited to come make cute corner bookmarks as placeholders using cardstock and craft

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Schools add to Summer Slide program

By Gaylon Parker
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — St. Lucie Public Schools have worked over the last year fine-tuning a program to help students stay focused even during the summer months. “Summer Slide” was developed as a way to encourage students to continue their educations and not let all their hard work from the previous year get lost in the shuffle. It also has become a tool for teachers to help youths along in their studies and hopefully be ready to hit the ground running in the fall.

“We actually have several new resources that were added from last year,” said Jane Whitaker, the SLPS Curriculum Coordinator for the Office of Teaching and Learning. “This is our second year in action and we’ve added some new resources, especially into

the sixth-grade through 12th-grade and we are excited about giving students some exposure to some new technology and online resources.”

Last year, the SLPS offered the services and augmented the program with various Web-based resources for grades Pre-K through 12 available for use by students, parents and community organizations any time and from any place. This year, the website has added college and career readiness resources called “Best Notes,” which gives students more access to book summaries and literacy work. There is also new civics and history components, such as a guide to US Government and “TED-Ed Lessons” with topics on historic events from centuries ago to present day. The new science resources for K to 5 includes “Energy Quest,” which is an active encounter for the students with interactive games.

“It gets students thinking about science-fair projects that will be coming up in middle and high schools,” Ms. Whitaker said. “It gives kids experiences to actually look at different ideas and they can start a the ground level and get prepared for those and help give parents ideas, too.”

Many students have a tendency to lose some of the achievement gains they made during the previous school year, but this Internet resource allows students to strengthen their skills and avoid learning loss over the summer in Arts and Technology, English Language Arts, English Language Learners (ELL), Math, Science, Social Studies and College Career Readiness,” according to a press release from SLPS.

The sections are broken down into four different areas: resources for VPK, Kindergarten to fifth-grade, sixth to eighth grade and high school students. Ms. Whitaker

said officials were surprised at the number of students who participated in last year’s inaugural roll-out and that the numbers were split similarly across the grade spectrum.

“We were very pleased with the first year and we were able to track the number of hits we had on each site,” she said. “That gave us feedback on what worked and what didn’t. It was pretty balanced; we thought we would get more hits at the elementary level, but I think a lot of our students are thinking about ACT and SAT-prep.”

For more information about the Summer Slide program, please visit the www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/seasonal/summer-slide/homepage and look for the “Summer Slide” logo to explore the VPK through grade 12 resources. For more information visit, www.stlucie-schools.org.

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paper at 10:30 a.m., Fort Pierce Branch Library, 101 Melody Lane, Fort Pierce. For more information, call (772) 462-1615, email carranzaa@stlucieco.org or visit <http://library.stlucieco.gov>.

• **'Ladies Sing the Blues: Lauren Mitchell, featuring Annie Mack'** 8 p.m., Black Box Theatre at Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. Second Street, Fort Pierce. Tickets are \$23 in advance, \$25 at the door. Call the box office at (772) 461-4775 or visit www.sunrisetheatre.com.

• **Mommy/Son Spring Dance:** 7:30-9:30 p.m., Port St. Lucie Community Center, 2195 S.E. Airoso Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Moms, here’s your opportunity to take your boy(s) out for a special evening. Entertainment, dancing, goodie bags, a memorable photo and a raffle for a dinner (for four families). Pre-registration is required by May 10 to be included in the raffle, or by May 15, for just the event. The dance is for boys ages 2- to 11 years old, and is \$11.50 per child. Call (772) 878-2277 for more information.

• **Food Truck Invasion:** This event is hosted at Tradition Square on the first and third Friday of the month from 5-9:30 p.m. Catch us as we invade Tradition in Port St

Lucie. We’ll have the food trucks parked at Tradition Square. This is a huge outdoor picnic where food trucks of different origins, cuisine and menus prepare food that is cooked to order. It’s not fast food and a bunch of these trucks are run by chefs. A great deal of fusion cuisine, comfort foods and sweet treats to choose from.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

• **Movie Matinee:** Showing 'Sing' at 2 p.m., Fort Pierce Branch Library, 101 Melody Lane, Fort Pierce. Film is rated PG, running time is 108 minutes. For more information, call Gicele Perna (Ms. Sally) at (772) 462-

2812 or email pernag@stlucieco.org.

• **'No Letting Go:'** Presented by Suncoast Mental Health Center at 2:30 p.m., Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. Second Street, Fort Pierce. This film, originally screened at last year’s Vero Beach Wine + Film Festival, is based on the true story of a boy who suffers from bipolar disorder, and the effects of the path to diagnosis for this young man and his relationships. Film is not rated but appropriate for all ages, though children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Free tickets are required; call the box office at (772) 461-4775 or visit www.sunrisetheatre.com.

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Looking for stories of great shots

As I watched the Players Championship unfold this past weekend, I was thrilled with the number of outstanding shots I witnessed. I saw a couple of aces, an albatross, a near hole-out from somewhere by the hospitality tents on the 18th hole, and more.

Watching those great shots got me thinking about some of my best shots as well as some of the not-so-great ones.

One of the first great shots that I remember from my past happened back in high school. Playing at Melbourne Municipal Golf Course, now Crane Creek Reserve, I carded my first eagle on the par-4 second hole. It was a 7-iron from about 150 yards or so. I saw it take one bounce and disappear.

I was certain that it had gone over the green, as I had hit a solid shot. I arrived at the green and proceeded to look over the green. It was no where to be seen. I then back-tracked and looked in the hole. There it was! I still have that golf ball.

Not every golfer has a hole-in-one on his or her resume'. I have played this game for nearly 45 years and I am happy to say that I have one ace. Sadly, I missed seeing it go in the hole. I was playing with my son at Sanctuary Ridge in Clermont. The sixth hole is a shortish uphill par-3 with a bunker guarding the front of the green. On that day the pin was up front and the tees were a bit forward.

I chose a pitching wedge and took my swing. I wasn't quite sure it was struck well

GOLF
JAMES STAMMER



enough, but when I saw it bounce on the green instead of landing in the bunker, I bent down to pick up my tee. It was then that my son said, "Oh, go in!" It did. By the time I looked up the ball was no longer in view and I swore that he was pulling my leg and that the ball must have somehow gone off the back of the green.

We got tho the green, and I checked the hole. Sure enough, there it was. I was so thrilled. My first, and thus far only, ace and it came on a day with my son. I was sad that I didn't actually see it go in, but it counts either way.

My most pressure-packed shot came when I attended the grand opening of Harmony Golf Preserve on US 192 between Melbourne and St. Cloud. The course was designed by Johnny Miller and he was on-hand for the day.

The previous evening we media and other guests had attended a dinner and party, and then stayed over-night at the Hyatt Orlando Airport. The evening was fantastic as we got to chat with Johnny in a very relaxed atmosphere.

The day of the grand opening, Johnny gave a clinic and afterward we hit the

course. Johnny spent the day bouncing around the course playing holes with groups and answering questions. The 15th hole is a long dog-leg right par-5.

With no homes built at that time, it was easy to cut the corner and take a shortcut. I hit a solid drive, but still had 235 to the green with water all down the left side and guarding the front of the green. I had decided to lay up and already had my 7-iron in my hand. At that moment, Johnny drove up and commented what a great drive this was and asked who had hit it. He caught me putting my iron back in my bag.

"You were going to lay up?" he asked. "Well, with you here now, I am certainly not," I replied.

I pulled my 3-wood and, considering the pressure, hit one of the better shots of my life. The ball flew high and straight and settled in the fridge just on the right side of the green.

"That's a great shot," was Johnny's comment as he gave me a high-five.

He then proceeded to tell us that he would show us the way to play this shot. He took out a 4-wood and hit a beautiful fade out over the water that settled softly about 15 feet from the hole. We all exchanged high-fives and had to laugh that my shot



had been bettered.

Sadly, I have had more not-so-great shots in my golf career than the ones I just mentioned. However, I keep playing, waiting for that next great shot. They do come and some day they may make my "Best of" list.

I'd like to hear from you. Tell me about your greatest shots, your most pressure-filled shots, and more. I'll share them here at a later date and we will all remember why we love this crazy game.

Drop me an email at stammerglass@yahoo.com. I'd love to hear about your moment of greatness.

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 stammerglass@yahoo.com.

Skate

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The series is intriguing because it opens up the possibility for inner-city youth to experience alternative sports – in some cases for the first time. And it is helpful because the instructors are there to offer tips and guidance along the way. Mr. Ottofaro said some of the kids take to the sport right away, and as they progress he sees them grow in ways different from being in team sports.

"For the kids in the at-risk community, it

is an amazing response by them," Mr. Ottofaro said. "These kids are growing up in gang-related neighborhoods or high-crime areas with drugs or violence and they're innocent kids who – in some cases – don't have mentors or mentorship programs like we provide.

"First and foremost, the program tries to provide a new outlet for them so that they will not feel stuck in those neighborhoods and they can get out, get some exercise and release some energy."

The series was started in 2016 and they work directly with the Boys & Girls Clubs and routinely draw between 10 and 30 kids to the events. The organization also is trying

to reach out into the school systems in the area to bring in more participants.

The organization also is hosting a series of surfing events – aimed at children with special needs such as Asperger's syndrome or Down's Syndrome – and the next one will be at Oceanfront Beach in Boynton Beach on Saturday, May 27. The next local program "For the Love of Surfing" will be at Dollman Beach in Jensen Beach on June 10.

For more information about Future 6 Helping Hand, please visit the Web page at www.f6helpinghand.org or see them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/future6official/. Lanwood Skate Park is located at 2100 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce.

Out

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• **Bunfest 2017:** Sixth annual event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Flagler Place, 201 S.W. Flagler Ave., Stuart. Enjoy a day focusing on rabbits, guinea pigs and their fans, presented by the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast. Features a critter spa, bunny playground, vendors with specialty items for rabbits and guinea pigs, adoptable animals, glamour photos, educational seminars, a children's zone, raffles and silent auction, and a rainbow bridge memorial wall. Admission is \$5 per person; ages 10 and under admitted free. Any extra donations help the Humane Society care for the smallest creatures at the shelter. For more information, visit www.southeastbunfest.org.

SATURDAY, MAY 20 – SUNDAY, MAY 21

• **Treasure Coast Community Singers community concert:** Theme is "Can't Buy Me Love." Two performances, at 3 p.m.

Concerts are held at North Stuart Baptist Church, 1950 N. Federal Highway, Stuart. Tickets are \$15 in advance, or \$20 at the door. Tickets are available from a member, at the door on the day of the show, by calling the church at (772) 696-1616.

THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 21

• **'Exit Laughing':** Play by Paul Elliott will be presented by the Pineapple Playhouse, 700 W. Weatherbee Road, Fort Pierce. When the biggest highlight of your life for the past 30 years has been your weekly bridge night out, what do you do when one of your foursome inconveniently dies? If you're three southern ladies from Birmingham, you 'borrow' the ashes from the funeral home for one last card game, and the wildest night of your lives ensues. Show runs through May 21. Show times are Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Individual tickets are \$20. Call (772) 465-0366 or visit www.pineappleplayhouse.com.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

• **'Wade in the Water' concert:** A concert focusing on water as a musical theme,

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Planting summer treasures

With summer on the horizon we all want to get the most flower for our money when the sun beats down on the garden. One of my favorites is a flower known as the Gazania Daisy. These flowers burst with color and do very well in a sunny location. They thrive well in poor soils and they add a splash of brilliant color to your summer bedding. They flower most of the summer and can last as long as October. I am using them in a colorful flowerbed that I have in front of my house. They open wide during the day but the flowers close on dull or rainy days. These flowers come in all colors from yellow, pink red and orange. Many flowers are multi colored and start with a light shading on the outer edge and finish with a dark color near the center.

Another interesting and colorful summer plant is a small, colorful flower



GARDEN NOOK
JOE ZELENAK

called Purslane (*Portulaca oleracea*). This common garden plant is actually considered a weed. Weed or not, they offer beautiful color and do extremely well in sandy soil and full sun. These brilliant flowers open up wide during the bright Florida sun and close up at night as though to go to “sleep.” They can be easily propagated by breaking off cuttings and planting in soil and they also propagate themselves from the seeds of spent flowers. As an added fact, Purslane can also be eaten either fresh or cooked and are said to

be extremely high in Omega 3 fatty acids. They can spread easily in your garden and if not controlled, they can actually take over. I also use these plants in my front bedding area. They look great around my birdbath in fact; I am looking out the window admiring how colorful they are right now!

I have one other summer favorite, Mexican Heather. These plants boast colorful lavender, purple or white flowers. They do well in both summer and winter. They do well in full sun as well as partial shade and will



tolerate temperatures as low as 28 degrees. Even if they freeze to the ground, there is a chance they will grow back. They have excellent heat tolerance but do best with regular watering. They can grow to be 3 feet tall but can be easily trimmed to fit your needs. They can be propagated from plant cuttings in the summer and they also can be grown from seed. The most common variety in retail stores is the Allyson which has purple flowers. I also use Heather in my bedding area.

The combination of the three flowers makes a great contrast of color in a flowerbed and you have the advantage of using flowers that tolerate our intense heat. You can also add some Dusty Miller to the mix for a real treat. The silver-white colored leaves can really add the flower mix for a picture perfect garden! I will have some pictures of my garden on my website, hometowngarden.com, if you care to see how I did the arranging of the flowers.

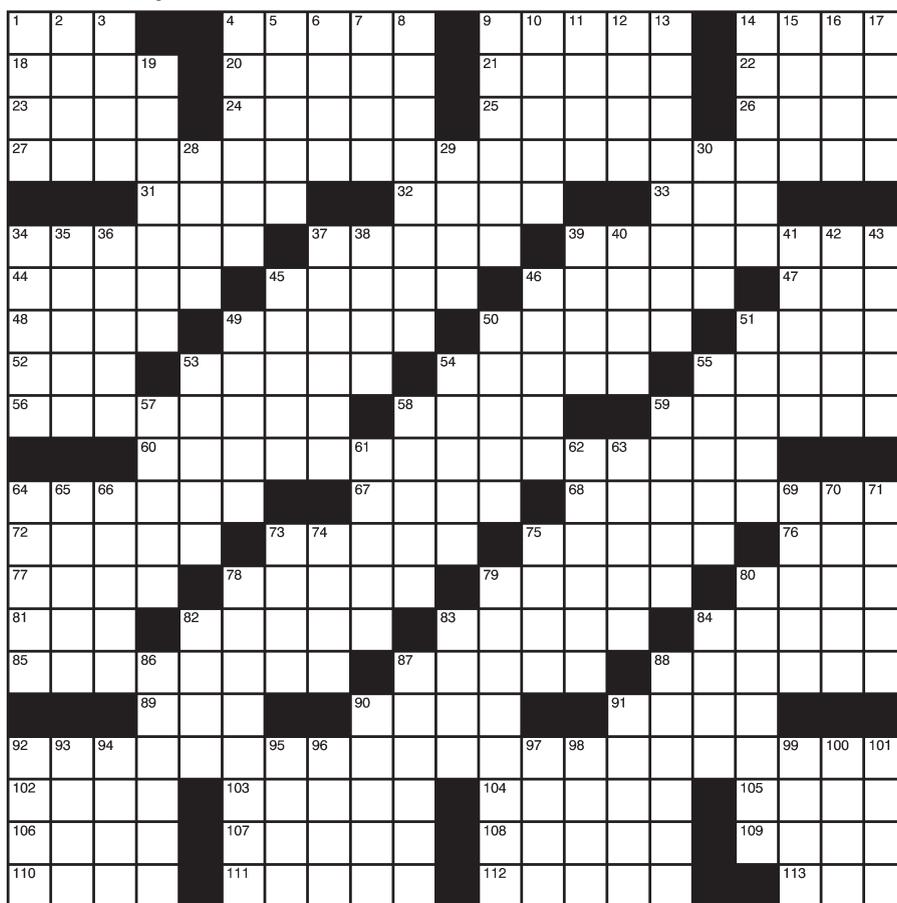
Joe Zelenak has more than 30 years experience in gardening and landscape. Send e-mails to hometowngarden@gmail.com or visit his website www.hometowngarden.com.

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Scopes

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SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Scorpio, someone is trying to tell you something but you may not be receiving the message just yet. Settle in and the message may dawn on you at a later time.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21

Talk about big plans with someone close to you, Sagittarius. This person might have some wise words to share, or may just be the sounding board you need right now.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Mistakes are a key to learning, Capricorn. Don't let minor hiccups derail you from the larger plan. Otherwise, your momentum may get seriously stalled.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Confidence is the key to just about anything, Aquarius. This week you have it in abundance. At this point, you can probably sell ice to eskimos, so put your luck to good use.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

A career move may be imminent and it could be worrying you, Pisces. After the first few days, things will be smooth sailing.

Who does the cooking at home?

My wife and I were enjoying our Saturday morning together, which is a special time for us.

I make whatever she wants for breakfast and it gives us time together away from work and family responsibilities. We were just sharing and enjoying each others company when it happened!

She started reminiscing about the times when we first started out with two small children and another on the way and she would cook for the family while I was working long and crazy hours never home to help. She reminisced how much she missed cooking for the family. That's when I opened my big mouth!

If you want, you can start cooking for the family again. You see, I do all the cooking at home and my wife takes care of everything else, the plumbing ,the painting, the repairs and oh so much more. I started remembering the tuna casseroles, the string beans with Campbell's mushroom soup, the gelatin salads and all the home-eckey recipes. That's when I put my foot in my



CHEF COSTA'S COOKING CORNER
COSTA MAGOULAS

mouth again.

Go ahead honey cook what you want. I'll make my own dinner. That's when I realized what I had said. She looked at me and smiled. "No, I think will keep things just the way they are."

I have the greatest wife in the world or maybe she just loves my cooking too much. The truth is we are very happy together and enjoy life the way it is. Thank goodness. I don't think I could handle another carrot salad.

By the way, life skills classes or home economics began in 1800s. Ellen Richards, a young women from a small town in Massachusetts, decided to leave home to attend Vassar College. She went on to be the

first women to earn a degree from MIT where she also became an instructor of sanitation science. She was very active in social reform.

In 1899, working with other educators, she was successful in making it possible for home economics to be taught in secondary schools and colleges. Because of these classes, many homemakers and parents were given the opportunity to pursue careers in business, food industry, textiles, and hotel and restaurant management.

Today, these classes have evolved into culinary academies, offered in most high schools, opening the doors for students to enter the hospitality industry. The food training has evolved as well with upscale dining and gourmet meals taught.

Try this great recipe, instead of tuna casserole.

HONEY ORANGE GLAZED FLORIDA GROUPE

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 small orange, peeled, seeded, sliced thin
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- 2 teaspoons butter, melted
- 1/2 teaspoon light soy sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 3/4 pound grouper fillets

Directions

Preheat oven 350 degrees. Combine all ingredients except grouper and butter, mixing well. Place fillets on a spray oiled broiler pan and brush fillets with honey glaze and place orange slices on top of filet. Bake at 350 degrees for 7 to 10 minutes until lightly browned and fish flakes or breaks easily. Brush with melted butter, serve

Costa Magoulas is dean of the Mori Hosseini College of Hospitality and Culinary Management at Daytona State College. Contact him at (386) 506-3578 or magoulc@daytonastate.edu.

Nice Catch!



Tucker Reef Seibert of Jensen beach, 6, caught his first snook while fishing with his uncle Greg Tharp.

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presented by the Treasure Coast Chorale. 7 p.m., First Baptist Church, 2206 16th Ave., Vero Beach. Doors open at 6 p.m. Suggested donation of \$10 is welcomed to help support the chorale. *For more information, call (772) 231-3498 or visit www.treasurecoastchorale.org.*

- **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.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

- **Jazz Jam:** Presented by Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society at Black Box at Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. Second Street, Fort Pierce, from 7-10 p.m. on Tuesdays through June 27. Full bar available, \$7 cover, \$6 for members. 7-10 p.m. *For more information and updates, visit www.jazzsociety.org.*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

- **Get Crafty with Bookmarks:** Students are invited to come make cute corner bookmarks as placeholders using cardstock and craft paper at 2:30 p.m., Fort Pierce Branch Library, 101 Melody Lane, Fort Pierce. *For more information, call (772) 462-1615, email carranzaa@stlucieco.org or visit http://library.stlucieco.gov.*
- **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.*

THROUGH FRIDAY, MAY 26

- **ArtSpace:** The Fort Pierce Branch Library, located at 101 Melody Lane, Fort Pierce, features works by students from Fort Pierce Central High School through May 26. Showcasing two-dimensional works from students, several of these pieces were part of their senior portfolio. Inspired by contemporary and classical artists, the students' work experiments with various lines, values and movements, creating incredibly intricate designs and sophisticated compositions. The Fort Pierce Branch Library is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m., Wednesdays from 9 a.m. – 5:30

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- **Jazz Jams at the Gardens:** Presented by the Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society. 6:30-9:30 p.m., Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie. All are welcome. \$6 cover, \$5 for members. *For more information, call (772) 337-1959 or visit www.pslbg.org.*

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Everett Maycock Braynen, Sr., deceased, whose date of death was January 9, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 700, Ft. Pierce, FL 34954. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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Personal Representative: Linda Braynen, 1704 Avenue N., Ft. Pierce, Florida 34950 Attorney for Personal Representative: Thomas E. Weiksnar, Esquire, Florida Bar

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Number: 0897256, Gary, Williams, Parenti, Et Al, 221 S.E. Osceola Street, Stuart, FL 34994-2110 Telephone: (772) 283-8260 Fax: (772) 219-3365 E-Mail: tew@williegary.com Secondary E-Mail: caj@williegary.com Pubs: 5/12/17 & 5/19/17

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF GARY L. MOSIER a/k/a GARY MOSIER, Deceased. File No.: 2017CP000362

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Gary L. Mosier a/k/a Gary Mosier, deceased, whose date of death was December 21, 2016, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is St. Lucie County Courthouse, 201 South Indian River Dr., 3rd Floor, Fort Pierce, FL 34950. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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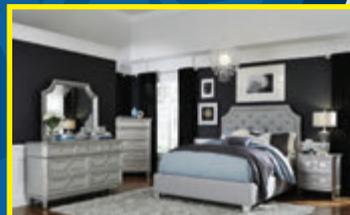
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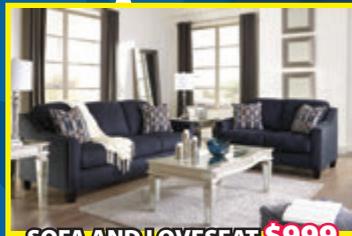
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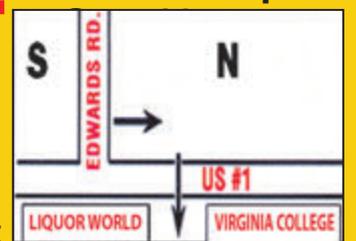
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