

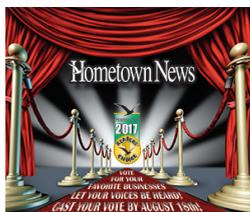
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## Concentrating on cake



'The Cake Lady' held Cup Cake Camp in Fort Pierce on Friday July 14. Participants decorate a dozen cupcakes daily, and a cake on Friday. An upcoming camp for ages 5-15 will be held Aug. 7-11, with a 'Ladies Night Out' 'Edible Succulents' garden class on August 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 772-242-8128. Here, Five-year-old Lydia Barrus of Port St. Lucie cuts out circles to make cake decorations.

Sevin Bullwinkle staff photographer

## County sees rise in job numbers

By Gaylon Parker  
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ST LUCIE COUNTY – Many Treasure Coast communities were hard hit by the Great Recession between 2007 and 2011, but not many were affected like St. Lucie County. However, there has been a remarkable rise in employment data, and officials are seeing positive signs.

Pete Tesch, president of the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County, said the numbers are like a sine wave, but that over the last 10 years the area dealt with a 16 percent unemployment rate in 2010-11. His research has shown that St. Lucie County was in the top-three in the state because of those numbers. Compounding matters was that the foreclosure rate was catastrophically high for housing and was one of the top five in the country.

"In terms of economic misery and actual suffering that our families experienced here in St. Lucie County, it can't be overstated," Mr. Tesch said. "But fast-forwarding to the first quarter of 2017, all of the key economic indicators are pointing up. Unemployment, average earnings per worker and the average sale of an existing single-family residence – along with the number of people participating in the workforce – are up.

"St. Lucie County was the first-in and the last-out."

He added that the economy is looking more robust, but he also is focused on economic development efforts to ensure that it doesn't happen again at those levels. Florida is the third-largest state – population-wise – and economic research agencies have seen that the state has consistently been one of the leaders in job growth in the country and while the economy has been uneven many factors contribute to the rebound, from cost-of-living affordability to low housing costs compared to communities north and south of the area.

"There are jobs being created and a lot of people want to live on the Treasure Coast because it's expensive in South Florida," Mr. Tesch added.

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## City approves cooped hens; no roosters

**Fort Pierce residents can legally have up to six hens in backyard coops but roosters will remain prohibited**

By Gaylon Parker  
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FORT PIERCE -- The feathers flew again July 17 during the hotly contested proposal to permit up to six backyard chickens that the City Commission ultimately approved 3-2, with Commissioners Rufus Alexander and Reginald Sessions dissenting.

Code Compliance Manager Peggy Arraiz has

high hopes the new ordinance will begin to ease the problems the city currently faces with homeless fowl and said ridding the city of wandering roosters is a primary goal.

"We already have an existing problem with free-roaming chickens and roosters, so we are trying to establish some regulations that will help solve some of the problems," she said. "We're hoping this is part of the solution so the residents who are already maintaining the chickens will now coop them up and keep them from free roaming into their neighbors' yards."

Commissioner Sessions has opposed the proposal since the first hearing July 3, saying he was offended to see "chickens all over the place" when

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# St. Lucie Elementary welcomes new principal

By Gaylon Parker

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PORT ST LUCIE – The new principal at Port St. Lucie Elementary School should be a familiar face to much of the staff and students. Dr. Michelle Herrington is taking over the front office this year, and it's a role for which she is well-suited. The St. Lucie County native grew up in the area and attended St. Lucie County Public Schools all her life. She was the beneficiary of a Bright Futures Scholarship and was only able to attend college because of attaining high marks during her time there.

"I was fortunate enough to have good teachers and attend great schools throughout my career here," Dr. Herrington said. "I graduated from Lincoln Park Academy and got a full-paid scholarship to IRCC at the time. So I stayed here and got my two-year degree here and did my final two years at Florida Atlantic University and became a teacher."



Herrington

Her first job was at Floresta Elementary, where she taught third and fourth grades for five years. She then transferred to West Gate

K-8 School and taught fourth grade for four years. She was hired onto the staff at the Professional Development Department training teachers and administrators. She received a master's degree thereafter and became the assistant principal at Windmill Point Elementary School for four years and finished her doctorate degree during her time there.

"I finished last July of 2016 and it was monumental and exciting thing for me, because nobody in my family had ever gone to college at the time," Dr. Herrington said. "So to be able to say to people that anybody can do it – regardless of your background – as long as you realize that your education, is important."

"Anybody can achieve their dreams."

She had taken on a challenge at Forest Grove Middle School but was only there for a month before the district created a position to work at a pair of schools that had received recent "Fs" on their evaluation reports from the Florida Department of education. C.A.

Moore and St. Lucie Elementary would never be the same, as she focused on raising that grade and both have had dramatic success over the last year.

"I wanted to give back to the community because the only way I was able to make anything of myself was because of public education, and I wanted the opportunity to make those same dreams come true for students," Dr. Herrington said.

It is her primary focus on elementary education that drives her to succeed, she said, because her teachers had a massive impact on her and can name them all who she had along the way.

"I just am super-passionate about what St. Lucie Public Schools did for me, starting from Kindergarten on up, and I want to be able to do that and provide that same hope for other students in this area," Dr. Herrington said.

For more information about St. Lucie Public Schools, please visit [www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/](http://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/) or call 772-429-3600.

## Community calendar

FRIDAY, JULY 28 – SATURDAY, JULY 29

• **Family Meals' Summer Outreach:** Lots of volunteers needed in order to deliver everything needed for a family meal, including pet food donated by Dogs & Cats Forever, to more than 1,000 families. Volunteer opportunities are available on Friday, July 28 at 1 p.m. to set up the room, count potatoes and unloading the food trucks, and on Saturday, July 29 starting at 7:30 a.m., packers and lots of helpers are needed. Sorting, packing and delivering happens out of Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Pierce (<http://trinitychurch4u.com>). Volunteering as a driver takes a total of 3-5 hours of your time - about an hour during the week calling families to let them know their delivery time and about 3-4 hours on Saturday morning picking up and delivering to families. Contact [FamilyMealsDrivers@gmail.com](mailto:FamilyMealsDrivers@gmail.com) ASAP to sign up as a driver. If you can volunteer, message [Family Meals Inc.](https://www.facebook.com/FamilyMealsInc) on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/FamilyMealsInc](http://www.facebook.com/FamilyMealsInc)) or email [familymealsvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:familymealsvolunteers@gmail.com)

SATURDAY, JULY 29

• **Showdown on the Green:** Charity golf tournament for Heathcote Botanical Gardens will be held at Indian Hills Golf Course, 1600 S. Third Street, Fort Pierce. Shotgun start at 8 a.m., four-member scramble format. \$65 per individual, \$250 per team. For more information or to register, call (772) 464-4672 or visit [www.heathcotebotanicalgardens.org/heathcotes-showdown-green/](http://www.heathcotebotanicalgardens.org/heathcotes-showdown-green/)

• **Protect an endangered plant:** St. Lucie County's Environmental Resources Department seeks volunteers to assist in the removal of exotic and overgrown vegetation at the Lakela's Mint Preserve to protect the endemic Lakela's Mint population on two Saturdays, July 29 and Aug. 12, from 8-11 a.m. Located at 5600 North U.S. 1, adjacent to the Ocean Discovery Center at FAU's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, the preserve is home to one of the largest wild populations of the federally endangered Lakela's Mint, which is only found at a few places in St. Lucie and Indian River counties and nowhere else in the world. Volunteers are asked to bring gloves, hand-tools and water. Sunscreen, a hat and insect repellent are also recommended. Additional water will

be provided, along with a light lunch.

Volunteers will be required to sign a liability waiver prior to working. Space is limited to 30 volunteers per day, so please sign-up early to reserve your space and help become a steward to one of the world's rarest plant species. To volunteer, contact the St. Lucie County Environmental Resources Department staff at (772) 462-2526 or email [thompsonam@stlucieco.org](mailto:thompsonam@stlucieco.org).

• **Bromeliads & More 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](http://www.pslbg.org).

• **Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup:** Tenth annual event. Help clean 125 miles of waterways in Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Event is for all ages, perfect for students, service clubs, or anyone who wants to help fight pollution. Meeting sites include many boat ramps on the Treasure Coast. For more information or to register for a particular site, visit [www.twaterwaycleanup.com](http://www.twaterwaycleanup.com).

MONDAY, JULY 31 – FRIDAY, AUG. 4

• **Marine Science Field Experience camp:** Offered by the Smithsonian Marine Station/St. Lucie County Aquarium at Fort Pierce. Campers ages 14 to 16 will have a hands-on week of learning about marine ecosystems, careers, research, and stewardship in and around the Lagoon and the Atlantic Ocean. Campers should be passionate about the ocean, prepared to spend a significant time outdoors and be ready for physical activities such as full day kayaking and snorkeling outings. The event is hosted each day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mask and snorkel provided; campers must bring fins for snorkeling days. Members' fees are \$175 and non-members' fees are \$185. For more information or to register, call (772) 465-3271 or email [SMSEducation@si.edu](mailto:SMSEducation@si.edu).

• **Lego Camp** from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Oxbow Eco-Center. This fun hands-on technology and nature-based camp introduces the most ingenious engineer of all time – Mother Nature! Participants will build, program, and explore clever robot models of different creations using Lego

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## Chickens

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recently leaving the McDonald's restaurant on Delaware Avenue.

"It's embarrassing to be on a main corridor that we're trying to take to another level and you walk out in the parking lot and you've got chickens pooping all over peoples' cars," he said. "I fail to understand the concept of, if you're trying to take something off the streets, you allow people to grow it in their backyards. It doesn't make sense to me."

Ms. Arraiz believes residents will turn in some of the free-roaming chickens in order to cover their permit fee of \$5 per chicken to allow a coop in their backyards, a structure currently prohibited by city code.

"They also know that if they had a coop, Animal Control's going to come along and cite them, so they let the chickens roam free," she explained. "If this passes, there would be a permit fee of having a chicken coop of \$30 -- or turn in six chickens -- so you can turn in six chickens to pay for your permit fee. You get to keep six chickens, you turn in six chickens: That's 12 chickens that hopefully get removed from the streets."

Members of the public spoke out on the controversial topic, both for and against legalizing backyard chickens. Sunrise Boulevard resident Alki Steriopoulos took the latter stance, telling tales of a rooster terrorizing his neighborhood.

"This rooster was nasty," he said, "more than once going after the dog next door and the little girl behind me, Maria. Maria hated to leave her house for school each morning because of the rooster's kamikaze attacks aimed at her head and face. I do not exaggerate when I say this rooster was mean."

Although Mr. Steriopoulos says he finally convinced Animal Control officers to remove the offending fowl, he doesn't believe the Code Enforcement Department will be able to do any better enforcing chicken coop regulations than it currently does with his neighborhood's blighted and abandoned homes he described.

"Now thanks to legislation that Ms. Arraiz is attempting to pass, we're told

that chickens will be invited as our neighbors, and the chickens that run around the block over at the closed daycare center at Sunrise and 6th [Street] will dutifully march up the road to turn themselves in to chicken coops for processing and registration," he said. "These folks are not going to build or maintain their chicken coops to code when they don't do it for their own homes. They're going to laugh at us and know they won because the city lacked the courage and resources to go after them and their chickens."

Mayor Linda Hudson, who voted in favor of the new ordinance, said she wants city staff to closely monitor compliance to ensure the new regulations won't worsen the free-roaming chicken problem.

"One of the things I would like to let people know is that we told you to watch this very carefully because we're all concerned about it," she told Ms. Arraiz. "I think Commissioner Sessions expressed it last time and is concerned about it. We don't want to add to the problem that we have right now. We're trying to do something about that problem by requiring the coops, and we just want that watched very carefully."

For his part, Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson hopes the new ordinance will improve the situation.

"As far as the chickens, we currently don't have anything in our regulations except for they're outlawed," he said. "This is a procedure to try and regulate that and try to bring some stability to our community in a certain way. It's not perfect, but we're trying."

Under the stipulations of the new ordinance that prohibits roosters within the city limits, Fort Pierce residents will be allowed to have a maximum of six hens as long as they are kept fully enclosed in the backyard portion of their properties. The coop, run or henhouse must provide at least four square feet per chicken, be no larger than 80 square feet and have a maximum height of six feet. The structure must also be located a minimum of 10 feet from property lines and at least 25 feet from any neighboring house. A building permit may also be required if the proposed henhouse is much larger than a standard doghouse. Residents will be prohibited from selling the eggs, feathers or manure from backyard chickens.

# District fire captain recognized for efforts

By Gaylon Parker  
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ST LUCIE COUNTY - For 30 years, The Hundred Club has recognized public safety first-responders and their families for their efforts and hard work. The group got together in June for the annual First Responder of the Year Banquet to point out - individually - their contributions toward the community to help keep it safe in a variety of ways.

Six honorees were named, from the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, Fort Pierce Police Department, Port St. Lucie Police Department, St. Lucie Fire District and Florida Highway Patrol, and the purpose of the event was also to provide assistance to spouses and dependents of first-responders who have lost their lives or become disabled as a result of their sacrifices.

The honoree from the St. Lucie Fire District is Capt. David French, who has been with the SLCFD since May 1987. He serves as the captain at Station 4, which is equipped with an Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) apparatus that responds to aviation emergencies and is located at Treasure Coast International Airport.

"It's always a great honor to be recognized by people you work with and I know the Hundred Club is a great organization and I've learned a lot more about it since I got the award," Capt. French said. "They do a lot for the community's police, firefighters and first-responders and I definitely support that. It's a great cause."

Among his accomplishments, Capt. French most recently secured a donated air-

craft and airport property for training purposes. This piece of equipment will provide a training advantage for future efforts of the station. In addition, the large area on the airport property where the aircraft is now located gives crews the ability to train under simulated conditions using tactics normally employed only in real emergencies, according to SLCFD officials.

"I've just always looked at things as trying to be professional and go above and beyond," Capt. French said. "I've always believed in the old saying to 'do the right thing when nobody's looking,' and I take that approach with my crew members and my team and when you have a great team around you that helps because not just one person does everything themselves."

Up until these two efforts, the ARFF crews did not have the opportunity to practice on an actual aircraft in its training sessions.

"We have great equipment and we do a lot of training and a lot of support from the Fire Board and the community," Capt. French said.

Among his charitable outreach, Capt. French has worked with Christmas4Kids since its inception nine years ago, when he began collecting toys and clothing for the children in the low-income areas near Station 4. The effort has become a county-wide project, and each station in the SLCFD not only collect hundreds of toys, but also participate on an annual Christmas Day delivery. Over the years, Capt. French was instrumental in coordinating everything from the donations, to the wrapping, organizing and scheduling of volunteers for the project, and



Photo courtesy of the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office Hundred Club President Jason Berger, Captain David French and St. Lucie County Fire Chief Buddy Emerson.

he was chosen as the SLCFD's 2017 Fire Fighter of the Year, according to a press release.

"We do a lot of outreach into the community and work with a lot of organizations that we assist and help," Capt. French said. "So, a lot of firefighters give back to whatever cause it may be and everybody has their

own little niche that they're concerned with so they can give back, too."

For more information about the Hundred Club and how to participate, please visit [www.100clubslc.org/](http://www.100clubslc.org/) or call the main office at 772-462-3210.

*Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series of stories about the Hundred Club's honorees.*

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# A word from Sheriff Mascara

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a deputy sheriff? What's a day like on road patrol, or crime scene or aviation? Well the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy is a great place to answer those questions and see hands-on just what it's like behind the scenes.

The St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office encourages citizen interest and involvement in the law enforcement process and daily activities of its deputies, and the Citizens Academy is a great place to do just that.

The Citizen's Academy is a twelve-week overview of the entire law enforcement process from the patrol level of operations through the judicial and detention systems. Students will learn basic concepts to promote a better understanding of the functions of law enforcement. Classes are held

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KEN MASCARA



one night each week from the beginning to the end of the Academy with two classes held on Saturdays where students get to go hands-on at the agency's training complex and get to drive a real patrol car.

The next Academy is scheduled for August 16 through November 1. If you are interested in participating, please call 772-462-3604 or visit our website at [www.stluciesheriff.com](http://www.stluciesheriff.com).

Another upcoming opportunity designed specifically for teens is the Teen Driver

Challenge. The challenge is backed by the Florida Sheriffs Association. Research shows that 25 percent to 30 percent of teen drivers will be involved in a crash during the first year of driving. Traffic crashes are the number one cause of death among teens and cause billions of dollars in loss annually.

With those statistics alone it is imperative that communities seek ways to reduce the risk our teens have in driving. The Teen Driver Challenge does just that. While it is not an advanced driving course, it is a defensive driving program that covers topics such as vehicle dynamics, human factors, responsibility, liability, drug and alcohol use, night driving and aggressive driving and road rage. Practical driving exercises are also provided and include emergency breaking techniques, evasive

maneuvering, cornering, backing up, off-road recovery and skid control.

The Teen Driver Challenge is an effective program providing information and first-hand experience. If confronted with an emergency situation, students who complete this course will have the knowledge and skills to react accordingly and reduce the chance of becoming a statistic.

Participants required to have a valid Florida Operators License, or a Learner's Permit for the last six months, and drive a car they will be using a majority of the time. If you have a teen that would like to participate in this program, call 772-462-3607 or visit our website at [www.stluciesheriff.com](http://www.stluciesheriff.com).

Ken Mascara is the St. Lucie County Sheriff

## Calendar

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Bricks. Ages 10-14. \$120. For more information, visit <http://www.stlucieco.gov/departments-services/a-z/oxbow-eco-center>.

TUESDAY, AUG. 1

• **Free admission to the Aquarium:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Lucie County Aquarium featuring the Smithsonian Marine Exhibit offers free admission on the first Tuesday of each month. The aquarium is located at 420 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce. For more information, call (772) 462-3474 or visit <http://www.sms.si.edu/SMEE>

• **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](mailto:rovitoo@stlucieco.org).

• **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.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2

• **Pretty Princess Tea Party:** 10-11:30 a.m., first Wednesday of each month, at the

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# Police report

## St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office

*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

William Mullins, 54, 2625 S. 25th St., Fort Pierce, possession of cocaine and fleeing or eluding a law enforcement officer through failing to obey an order to stop.

Kenneth Brown, 53, 2997 S.W. Collings Drive, Port St. Lucie, possession of cocaine.

Curtis Hampton, 49, 1215-4 Hartman Road, Fort Pierce, driving under the influence with a blood-alcohol content of .15 or higher or with a person less than 18 years of age for the second offense.

Lidravius Mervil, 29, 205-A N. 22nd St., Fort Pierce, possession of a weapon or ammunition by a Florida delinquent with an adult felony charge (two counts).

Aaron Rodriguez, 20, 6254 8th Ave. N.E., Okeechobee, grand theft of a motor vehicle.

### Port St. Lucie Police Department

Julio Raines, 32, 2081 S.E. Stonecrop St., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant.

Michael Taylor, 24, 1926 S.E. Dranson Cir., Port St. Lucie, arrested on a felony probation violation for committing a new offense.

Jospeh Giancontieri, 26, 149 S.W. Voltair Terr., Port St. Lucie, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without the intent to kill.

Charlene McFadden, 44, 580 Paar Drive, Port St. Lucie, arrested on an out-of-county (Martin) felony warrant.

Jeromey Smith, 26, 3237 Minnisota Ave., St. Louis, Mo., arrested as an out-of-state fugitive (Missouri) on a felony warrant for stealing more than \$500 and a violation of probation for possession of a controlled substance, third-degree assault, resisting or interfering with an arrested and possession of up to 35 grams of marijuana.

Crystal Wilson, 33, 2721 Slade Place S.W., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an outstanding St. Lucie County felony warrant for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

Anthony Millines, 30, 9873-109 Lawrence Road E., Boynton Beach, driving with a suspended license for the third or subsequent offense.

Luders Croissy, 25, 1142 S.W. Swans Lake Cir., Port St. Lucie, arrested on a St. Lucie County felony warrant for possession of amphetamine and possession of certain drugs without a prescription.

Gregory Nail, 43, 992 S.W. McComkle Ave., Port St. Lucie, arrested on a St. Lucie County felony warrant on an order to revoke bond for trafficking in oxymorphone of four grams or more but less than 14 grams, sale or delivery of oxymorphone, possession of oxymorphone, unlawfully filling a prescription and unlawful use of a two-way communications device.

Gabriel Paez, 34, 1367 Granville Ave. S.W., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for a violation of probation.

Rayce Candee, 27, 3216 Memory Lane, Fort Pierce, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for possession of cocaine.

Kara Basarich, 32, 4911 Myrtle Drive, Fort Pierce, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for a violation of probation for

burglary of a conveyance and possession of a stolen credit or debit card.

Vince Frazier, 35, 5554 Balfrey Drive, West Palm Beach, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for aggravated battery.

Peter Chirco, 25, 115 Admiral Cir., Sebastian, possession of a weapon in the form of a short-barreled gun, rifle or machine gun.

Alexis Runge-Koss, 21, 6154 N.W. Gaylord Terr., Port St. Lucie, arrested on a St. Lucie County felony warrant for a violation of probation for third-degree grand theft.

Travis Penn, 37, 3025 Edwards Road, Fort Pierce, arrested on an active out-of-county (Indian River) felony warrant for a violation of probation.

William McKenzie, 56, 163 Ross Road, Tallahassee, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for a violation of probation for possession of marijuana of more than 20 grams.

Ricardo Medina, 53, 1232 S.W. Patricia Ave., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for leaving the scene of an accident with personal injury.

Dawnelle Lewis, 44, 1850 South Dove Trail, Fort Pierce, driving with a suspended license for the third or subsequent offense.

Antonio Hogan, 24, 3306 Avenue K, Fort Pierce, possession of cocaine.

Amanda Garbe, 29, 2407-12 N. Ocean Drive, Fort Pierce, grand theft of a motor vehicle.

Wendell Bellevue, 29, 1508 Citrus Ave., Fort Pierce, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for an order to revoke bond due to a new arrest.

Ladiante Smith, 26, 1216 Amy Ave., Winchester, Va., arrested on an active felony warrant for a violation of probation for lesser battery.

Alysia Radden, 29, 713 Angle Road, Fort Pierce, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant.

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Travis King, 37, 1440-17B N. Lawnwood Cir., Fort Pierce, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for an order to revoke bond because of a new arrest.

Ferdinand Terilus, 18, 1926 S.E. Hillmoor Drive, Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for an order to revoke bond because of a new arrest.

Luis Oliver, 50, 151 Princess Drive, Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for an order to revoke bond because of a new arrest.

Alec Erichsen, 21, 850 S.W. Curtis St., Port St. Lucie, larceny and grand theft of more than \$300 but less than \$5,000.

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## Rants & Raves

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The Rants and Raves section provides a chance for readers to share their thoughts with other readers. The opinions included are not those of Hometown News or its employees.

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#### Don't let this guy trim your trees

A man pulled up to our home and proposed trimming our trees for a specified amount of money and stated that he would have the piles of cuttings picked up within 24 hours by someone from Waste Management.

This, he wrote on the paid bill and signed it.

The next day, I called him and asked him when the pickup would occur.

He said "the person was reassigned to a different route, and he could not follow through with his promise."

I would have not hired him had he had not have been able to remove the debris.

He is obviously giving false promises to people in the area.

I warn you not to hire him.

Thank you.

#### I have a letter for the paper

I lost my husband three years ago. He was a smoker, and he was in the military.

I never saw a cigarette butt anywhere. He never threw one on the ground, never made a mess.

Everywhere I go, even outside of all the stores, somebody puts a cigarette out on the sidewalk just as they are opening the door to an establishment.

I think there ought to be a law. Somebody ought to be sued if they are caught doing this. I think it is a waste of our beautiful country.

#### I will never understand what this world is coming to

Talk about the ridiculous. Now we have driverless cars. What is next? Why not buses and trains and planes?

The stupidity of driverless cars. It is another way of these car people to make more money.

Why do you need a driver sitting in the driver's seat?'

I would not want to be on the road with a car like that. That is ridiculous for anybody to manufacture one.

What is this idiocy in our country going to stop? It borders on insanity. I am so annoyed, I could go on about other things this country is suffering, but it would take too much of my time and your time.

I am just fed up with the stupidity of some of the people in our country.

#### Buying online is not easier

A lot of department stores are closing their doors and going out of business. The main reason is that a lot of people are doing their buying online.

There are a number of reasons for buying online, most of them valid.

However, when a person is retired and in good health and says that they do not have time to go shopping, this blows my mind.

When you buy an article of clothing, don't you want to feel the material and see how it fits?

I realize that when you buy something online, you can always return it. You might have to do this numerous times to get it perfect.

If that is supposed to be easier than going to a store and trying on different outfits and buying on the spot? It is not.

#### Downtown delights

I'm going to visit Fort Pierce's downtown shops and restaurants more often! The owners and shopkeepers were, without exception, friendly and accommodating. What I

## Making sweet music



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

A visit to the Fort Pierce Performing Arts Academy Summer Music program on July 17, revealed a program of 'Virtual Schools of Excellence', offering kindergarten through 12th grade students full or part time online classes as well as the opportunity to come in and work at the learning center located at 210 South Depot Drive in Fort Pierce. Here, Luis Melendez, director of the Fort Pierce Performing Arts Academy, works with 11-year-old Jonas Beringer.

saw was attractive merchandise and appealing places to eat. I've lived here less than two years, but just learned yesterday that downtown Fort Pierce is a great place to shop.

#### Sick of deadbeat dad

I realize that in this day and age with the economy in the state it's in, everyone has something to complain about, the price of gas, the price of food, rising health costs, just to name a few.

All these things affect me, but like many other women, I am also faced with the never-ending chore of trying to collect child support from my son's "deadbeat dad."

For years it's been a game of "catch me if you can," so I put the problem in the hands of court system to collect this debt.

It's of no surprise that they haven't been successful, either. It seems to me that they don't really try too hard. Most of the burden

of information gathering lands right back in my lap.

You would think with the technology they have at their fingertips, they could find out where he's working or even if he's working. And if he works off the books, as I suspect is the case here, there should be another way of collecting this money. In my case, both I and my current husband are lucky enough to be working, but between his two kids and my one there isn't a spare penny to be had. I have a growing son who needs clothing, shoes, school supplies and other expenses. None of those expenses are being shared by his so-called father. If the system that we depend on to help us is ineffectual, then it needs to be fixed. Perhaps the people who are doing these jobs should find employment more suited to their talents, which are evidently slim to none. The only time we hear about how the state is going to

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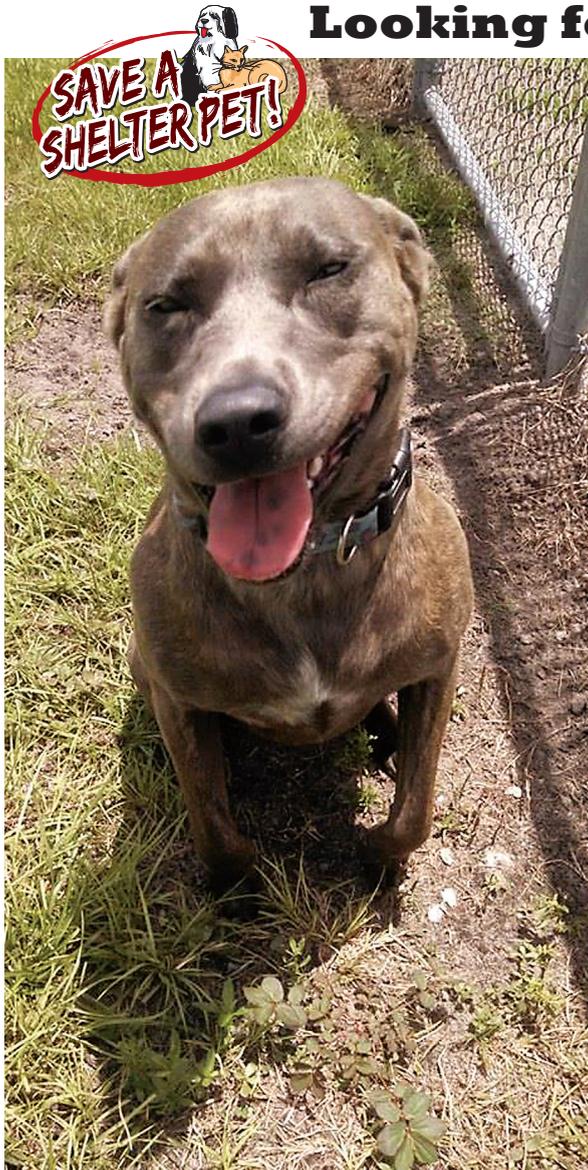


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## Numbers

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Terissa Aronson, president of the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, said her organization is seeing the same signs, and saw the same level of difficulties during the recession.

"Not only is our unemployment rate dropping, we are finding our niche," she said. "Our manufacturing jobs have shown strong 12-month growth as has our education and health services sectors. Of course, much of it is cyclical and as the nation recovers, we will show signs of that recovery too. But, I think we are finding our identity and have made changes in our ideology and administration. Local government and the private sector are working together better than ever before. This culminates in successful collaborations in attracting new business to our area."

Much of the rebound, she said, was due to the attractive nature of the area, which

maintains good weather and proximity to recreation. But the Treasure Coast also is an affordable place to live and work.

"We are a very desirable place to live, we are sunny, sandy and safe," she said. "As one of the most affordable areas in South Florida, we are going to continue to see big impacts from our housing market. When people have money they will purchase here and when they don't, like during the recession, we will be hit hard. As long as we can keep our sun, our sand and our amenities, we should be able to sustain."

But there also are future projects she sees on the horizon that will hopefully ensure a level of sustainability and growth for the St. Lucie County communities heavily impacted. "We are finding a niche in manufacturing which is a very coveted sector," Ms. Aronson said. "We have a 6-percent increase of jobs over last year in this sector and we hope to see more."

For more information about the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, please visit the website at [www.stluciechamber.org/](http://www.stluciechamber.org/).

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information, call (772) 807-4499.

### THURSDAY, AUG. 3

Port St. Lucie Civic Center, on the southeast corner of U.S. 1 and Walton Road. Meant for girls ages 2-10 years old. Cost is \$3 per child. Dress in princess attire and meet princesses from 'Princess Enchantments.' The party also includes a dress-up trunk, story time, 'tea time' snacks, sing-a-long, and fun crafts project. Parents are encouraged to participate. Pre-registration is required. For more

• **Writers Group:** 1-3 p.m., Lakewood Park Branch Library, 7605 Santa Barbara Drive, Fort Pierce. Get together with other writers to read and provide feedback on each other's work at this new program, scheduled for the first and third Thursday of each month. This informal writing support group is organized by community volunteers and is free and open to anyone interested in writing. Writers of all genres

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# University celebrates 40th anniversary

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PORT ST. LUCIE – Chancellor Arthur Keiser, Ph.D., Mrs. Belinda Keiser and campus President Leslie Kristof welcomed over 200 guests as they officially unveiled the new \$14 million Keiser University Port St. Lucie campus located at 9400 Discovery Way, on July 19.

The standing room only affair, which also served as one component of Keiser University's 40th Anniversary celebrations, included addresses from Dr. Arthur Keiser and Port St. Lucie Mayor Greg Oravec. "We were delighted to welcome Keiser University friends, neighbors and key officials to this celebration and look forward to future opportunities for collaboration and growth," said campus President Leslie Kristof.

As a talent development leader providing over 100 doctoral through associate degrees in workforce shortage areas in Florida's targeted industries, Keiser University is filling vital employment needs locally in the Port St. Lucie, Stuart and Fort Pierce communities and beyond. Its career-focused degrees are in the growing fields of Nursing, Biomedical Science, Business, Dietetics and Nutrition, Criminal Justice, Radiologic Technology, and Information Technology, among other areas.

"Keiser University has proudly served the Treasure Coast community for nearly 20 years and we appreciate the opportunity to continue our educational commitment to our students, alumni network, and local employers with an even more innovative,



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

Linda Fitzpatrick, Harold Tipton, and Belinda Keiser look on as Campus President Leslie Kristof cuts the ribbon with Chancellor Arthur Keiser, Ph.D., Commissioner Linda Bartz, Florida Representative Larry Lee and Petter Crocitto.

convenient new campus in Tradition," said Arthur Keiser, Ph.D., Chancellor.

"The two-story, 74,000-square-foot campus on nine acres, is 25 percent larger than the former location on U.S. 1 and will accommodate 1,200 students with space to grow. As we celebrate Keiser University's

40th year serving the state of Florida, we welcome the Treasure Coast community to join us in this grand opening celebration for our students, their families, and our industry partners," said Dr. Keiser.

Keiser University, co-founded by Dr. Arthur Keiser, Chancellor in 1977, is a pri-

vate, not-for-profit University serving nearly 20,000 students offering 100 degrees at the doctoral through associate level on 18 Florida campuses, online and internationally, employing 3,800 staff and faculty.

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## Master the art of growing African Violets

One of the most intriguing and beautiful houseplant is the African violet. These delicate plants are admired by many but a lot of people shy away from purchasing them because they think they are hard to grow. This is not really the case. It is true that they require some attention but then again, most other plants do also.

The first step is to decide what plant you would like to bring home. African Violets come in several colors and some varieties have variegated leaves. As with most flowering plants, is a good idea to buy plants that have some buds that not yet have opened. Make sure the leaves look healthy and green. Once you purchase your new plant, you need to transplant it into a different pot. Be sure to choose a pot that is



GARDEN NOOK  
JOE ZELENAK

designed for African violets. A regular flowerpot is too deep. Be sure to purchase a potting soil that is designed for African Violets. You also should purchase some small pebbles or stones. You will also need a saucer to place under the pot.

After you have purchased your plants and the supplies you will need, it's time to do the fun part. Fill your African violet pot about half full with soil and place the newly purchased plant centered in the pot. Fill the

remainder of the space with more soil. Pat the soil down slightly and then add a little more soil to top off the pot. Once your plant is situated, you can add a couple of Jobs plant spikes to the mix. Now, here comes the tricky part. Water your plants by placing tepid water in the plant saucer you purchased. Place the pot in the saucer and allow it to absorb the water for about an hour. Do not water the plant from the top or allow water to touch the leaves.

Since African Violets are native to Africa, they require a humid environment in which to thrive. You can use your saucer to help raise the humidity around your plant. You can achieve this by first placing small stones in the bottom of the saucer. Now, place your pot in the saucer and level the rocks so the pot remains steady. Now, put some water in

the water but be sure the water does not completely cover the stones or touches the bottom of the pot. This water will enhance the humidity around the plant and ensure that it remains happy. Check the plant every few days and water as needed. Always use the above-mentioned method for watering and do not water from the top.

That's all for this weeks column and I hope you enjoyed it. I will see you next week with more great garden tips and information.

*Joe Zelenak has more than 30 years experience in gardening and landscape. Send e-mails to [hometowngarden@gmail.com](mailto:hometowngarden@gmail.com) or visit his website [www.hometowngarden.com](http://www.hometowngarden.com).*

## Rants

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crack down on "deadbeat dads" is during an election years. I heard it a year ago, but what happened?

### A few questions

- Why can't they put a back-up battery for the traffic light clocks so that they will stay timed? All it takes is a small battery such as your alarm clock at home. This isn't rocket science.
- Why do I have to drive behind a car that has tint so dark that I can't see the brake lights of the car in front of them? That is the purpose of the high middle brake light.
- Why is it that in my house, with the air conditioning on, I can't hear my television in my bedroom in the back of the house because of loud car stereos?
- Why is it that people are setting off professional fireworks in their back- yards?

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and skills are welcome to drop in and participate. For more information, contact the staff at (772) 462-6870, email [shroyerc@stlucieco.org](mailto:shroyerc@stlucieco.org) or visit <http://library.stlucieco.gov>.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 5

- **Back to School expo:** 8-11 a.m., Havert L. Fenn Center, 2000 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Supplies free backpacks and school supplies (while supplies last), plus health and dental screenings, school physical appointments, vision screenings, information on Florida KidCare insurance, drug and alcohol prevention, mental health information, and more essential

information on community resources for families.

- **Frog Watch:** 7-9 p.m., Savannas Preserve State Park, 2561 S.E. Walton Road, Port St. Lucie. Help collect real data on local toad and frog populations on a 1.5 mile evening hike after you learn about the frogs and toads you might see in the park. Free admission, but donations are appreciated. Reservations requested - call (772) 398-2779.

### SUNDAY, AUG. 6

- **ALS Awareness Day at First Data Field:** 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 525 N.W. Peacock Blvd., Port St. Lucie. As you enter the game, you'll have a chance to pick up raffle tickets for special giveaways, with all of the money going to ALS

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# Why I prefer a laptop over a desktop

People are often surprised when they find out that I prefer laptops over desktop (or tower) computers. For the average computer user, laptops have everything a person needs to get up and running right out of the box. It's usually not necessary to have to shop around for parts – the typical laptop comes equipped with all the hardware needed so there are no surprises.

For example, you don't have to worry about getting it home and finding you still need to get a webcam to get online and talk with Skype. Laptops, by default, come with everything one needs to do the basic computing tasks that the typical user is trying to do.

"But aren't desktops more powerful than laptops?" people will often ask and to that I reply with mostly "no" and I say mostly because remember, we are talking about the "typical" computer user here not a "super user" or "gamer" with needs beyond what I listed earlier.

Now if you were to tell me you were setting up some type of file server or that you were planning on editing video or maybe doing computer aided design (CAD) then maybe a tower or desktop model is more appropriate. A tower does typically have more space inside so you can add multiple hard drives, and the cooling on a desktop or tower is often better than you get with laptops simply because things aren't crammed together as tightly. And cooling is important when pushing your machine hard like you do when gaming, video editing or CAD – but again, these aren't things that the "typical" computer is doing.

For the basic tasks, a laptop is just fine. Today's laptops have power to spare for the basics.

"But Sean, I never take my computer anywhere and I just hate to try to type on that tiny keyboard" is an objection that I hear often and here's where laptops really shine. Did you know that you can plug in a standard keyboard, mouse and monitor into a laptop and use it just like you would a desktop? In fact, many people who get rid of their old desktop and start using a laptop are surprised to find they can plug their old computer's keyboard, mouse and monitor into the new laptop and it's indistinguishable from their old desktop! Actually, there is one distinction, with the old desktop they had one monitor. When they plugged their



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SEAN MCCARTHY

old monitor into their new laptop they now have two screens! The mouse zips from one screen to the next and they're delighted to find they can drag icons and windows from one screen to another. All this right out of the box.

So what that means is that if you're replacing an old desktop or tower and you decide to get a laptop, don't throw away the old machine's keyboard, mouse or monitor! Find a place on your desk for the laptop and you still have the benefit of a full size keyboard, a regular mouse and a second screen. On top of that, the laptop battery makes for a fine UPS (uninterruptible power supply).

If you had your old machine plugged into the wall and the power dropped out, your old machine would reboot if it wasn't plugged into a UPS. With a laptop, the battery kicks in and lets you continue right through the power outage giving you enough time to close and save whatever you were doing – which, of course, is much better than having the rug yanked out from under you like in a power outage.

"But what if I'm not upgrading from a desktop, what if I'm just buying a new machine or replacing an older laptop? Shouldn't I get a desktop since I don't have a full size keyboard, mouse and monitor? Again, I'm not going to take it anywhere and I do hate using that touch pad and tiny keyboard."

To that I answer save yourself some aggravation and pick up a twelve dollar keyboard and a ten dollar mouse. You can also find used flat panel monitors for dirt cheap at thrift stores or Goodwill if you look hard enough.

The point is your laptop doesn't have to be limiting and irritating to use. Setting one up to take advantage of a full size keyboard, mouse and monitor is super easy and cheap. And once it's all set up on your desk, you'll have a hard time telling the difference between it and a desktop.

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

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research. After the game, there will be an effort to break the record for the most people participating in the Ice Bucket challenge. To purchase tickets, email cindy\_almeida6@yahoo.com.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 8

• **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 [rovitoea@stlucieco.org](mailto:rovitoea@stlucieco.org).  
• **Celebrate Recovery:** 7-9:30 p.m., Fairlawn Baptist Church, 3003 Rhode Island Ave., Fort Pierce. For more information, call (772) 461-0814.

### FRIDAY, AUG. 11

• **Lunch & Learn lecture:** Noon to 1 p.m., Manatee Observation & Education Center, 480 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce. Enjoy a live native wildlife presentation by Tim Brown, Director of Education at the Treasure Coast Wildlife Center. Using residents of TCWC he will explain about habitats, adaptations and some of the dangers faced by our wild neighbors here on the Treasure Coast. Free event. For more information, visit [www.manateeeducationcenter.org](http://www.manateeeducationcenter.org).

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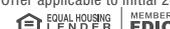
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## Touring with the Townies



Mindy Weiss, of Stuart, took her copy of Hometown News with her when she visited Switzerland. She is pictured here in the capital city of Bern on June 28, 2017. Thanks for taking us along!

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

Each week, we will feature a different reader-submitted photo that showcases one (or more) of our Treasure Coast residents reading the Hometown News in a unique or exotic place. Whether you take a trip to the Grand Canyon or a cruise to the Bahamas, bring your Hometown News with you and have someone snap a picture.

Email your photo (at least 1 MB in size) to [news@hometownnewsol.com](mailto:news@hometownnewsol.com) and include your first and last name, the city you live in and the location/date of where the photo was taken. Type 'TOURING WITH THE TOWNIES' in the subject line.

Let's see how many places we can go!

# Health Department recognized for efforts

**For Hometown News**  
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ST LUCIE COUNTY – The Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie has been recognized by the National Association of County and City Health Officials for its ability to plan for, respond to, and recover from public health emergencies. DOH-St Lucie demonstrated these capabilities by meeting the comprehensive preparedness benchmarks required by Project Public Health Ready, a unique partnership between NACCHO and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. DOH-St. Lucie joins a cohort of over 450 local health departments across the country that have been distinguished for excellence in preparedness through PPHR, either individually or as part of a region.

“We are proud to have been recognized again, by Project Public Health Ready for our high level of preparedness,” said Clint Sperber, Health Officer and Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie. We will continue to improve our ability to quickly and effectively respond to any public health crisis in St. Lucie County.”

PPHR recognition confirms that DOH-St. Lucie has a thorough and coordinated emergency response plan in place and that staff have the training to protect the health of the community during an emergency. Local health departments recognized by PPHR undergo a rigorous evaluation by

peer review to assess their ability to meet a set of national standards for public health preparedness. These standards align with federal government requirements and other national best practices.

PPHR recognition also requires health departments to collaborate with their state, local, and community partners to develop plans that account for all the constituents in their jurisdictions.

“Local health departments play a critical role in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from public health emergencies,” said Dr. William Barnes, NACCHO Interim Executive Director & Chief Program Officer. “NACCHO commends St. Lucie County for being a model of public health emergency preparedness.”

NACCHO, the voice of the 2,800 local health departments across the country, provides resources to help local health department leaders develop public health policies and programs to ensure that communities have access to vital programs and services that people need to keep them protected from disease and disaster. Its mission is to be a leader, partner, catalyst, and voice for local health departments in order to ensure the conditions that promote health and equity, combat disease, and improve the quality and length of all lives.

Follow the department on Twitter at @HealthyFla and on Facebook. For more information, please visit [www.Florida-Health.gov](http://www.Florida-Health.gov).

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# Dining & Entertainment

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## Public School party set for Aug. 4

For Hometown News  
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PORT ST LUCIE – Local business and community leaders are throwing a party to celebrate the significant accomplishments made by the St. Lucie Public Schools. The efforts of the school district's teachers, administrators and staff will be applauded on Aug. 4 at 5 p.m. at the Mets First Data Field in Port St. Lucie, ahead of the 6:30 p.m. baseball game.

"We want to show all the school district employees – teachers, cafeteria workers, office staff, bus drivers, janitors, administrators – how much they are appreciated," State Rep. Larry Lee said. "As a former teacher, I know the job they are tasked with. Our local businesses and government leaders are celebrating the school district's success."

More than half of the district's schools achieved an increase in school grades, while the district grade jumped to a B – the second highest district on the Treasure Coast in total points earned, according to reports recently released by the Florida Department of Education. Graduation rates have jumped to 86.8 percent, bringing SLPS from 45th place all the way up to 13th place in the state, and industry certifications increased 102 percent.

"The data continues telling a positive story about the academic growth taking place in our classrooms across the district," said Superintendent E. Wayne Gent. "Our teachers, our administrators, our support staff, our bus drivers – everyone, absolutely everyone, is put-

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## Pastry chefs at work



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

'The Cake Lady' held Cup Cake Camp in Fort Pierce on Friday July 14. Here, Izzy D'Albora, 9, and Sadie Lee, 8, decorate their cakes.

## Out & about

FRIDAY, JULY 28 – SUNDAY, JULY 30

- **Lil' Feet Boot exhibit:** Free opening reception is July 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the A.E. Backus Museum, 500 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce. Display of firefighter boots that have been decorated by local artists. These boots will be auctioned to the public on Aug. 3 to help purchase shoes for children going back to school in St. Lucie County. For more information, call (772) 465-0630 or visit [backusmuseum.com](http://backusmuseum.com).

FRIDAY, JULY 28

- **'Day of Freedom':** 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Port St. Lucie Community Center, 2195 S.E. Airoso Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Combination of a beauty, health and wellness expo and back

to school extravaganza, with guest speakers and vendors from various fields of wellness for the whole family. Free, public is welcome. For more information, email [info@aabbtreasurecoast.com](mailto:info@aabbtreasurecoast.com) or [freedomentgroupinc@gmail.com](mailto:freedomentgroupinc@gmail.com).

- **Make & Take Crafts:** 2 p.m., Zora Neale Hurston Branch Library, 3008 Avenue D, Fort Pierce. Students can build some unique summer crafts that they can take home with them. For more information about Hurston library events call (772) 462-2154 or visit <http://library.stlucieco.gov>.

- **Bring school supplies for free entry to Mets game:** The Tools for Schools school supplies campaign, led by United Way, is now into 21 years of providing school supplies for

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## Horoscopes



ARIES - March 21/April 20

Putting your thoughts into action isn't easy this week, Aries. But you know you have to get moving on something. Dig into familiar tasks that you can do on memory.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Taurus, most of your best decisions are fueled by the heart. Continue to put your full self into all that you do, and others will recognize your undeniable devotion.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

It is time to stop diverting attention away from the truth, Gemini. Remember that honesty is the best policy. Find the time to talk about the situation.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, confidence gives you the power to open doors and initiate conversations you never would have thought possible. Trust your gut instinct and move forward.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

Leo, people are anxious to hear what you have to say, even if the discussion pertains to something minor. Enjoy the attention while it lasts.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

Virgo, a busy time is ahead and it's easy to get overwhelmed when you look at the bigger picture. Instead, focus on one detail at a time until you get through your tasks.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

You have something to discuss that others may find uncomfortable, Libra. Get it out in the open, and in so doing you will remove the mystique of the situation.

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## Nice Catch!



Noah Miles, 6, of Vero Beach, caught a 23-inch, 3.5-pound trout, off Round Island.

# Youth Symphony now scheduling auditions

For Hometown News  
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The Treasure Coast Youth Symphony is coordinating its audition schedule for high school and advanced middle school musicians interested in becoming members of the orchestra for the 2017-18 concert season. Auditions for strings, winds, brass and percussion will be held Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Jensen Beach High School Band Room.

To receive an audition time, complete and submit the registration form found on the youth symphony's website. Upon receipt of a request for audition time, the musician will be contacted by either Dr. John Enyart, for string players, or by Thomas Servinsky

for woodwinds, brass, and percussion. Annual auditions are required for past members of the youth symphony as well as new musicians desiring to be seated in the orchestra. The orchestra draws young musicians from Martin, Indian River, St. Lucie, northern Palm Beach, Brevard and Highlands counties.

Concert rehearsals are held on Mondays during the school year at the Jensen Beach High School Band Room between 6-9 p.m. Most concerts are scheduled on Monday evenings.

Specific audition requirements, information, and registration to schedule an audition are found on line at [www.treasurecoastyouthsymphony.com](http://www.treasurecoastyouthsymphony.com).

## Party

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ting forth the effort to support our children to make a positive difference in their lives."

"This will be a giant pep rally," said Lee, who is also a former professional football player and a football coach. "The school district is getting ready once again for the big game - this coming school year."

All St. Lucie Public Schools employees will receive two free admissions to the event and the game, with their district identification. "We also want to invite students, parents, local businesses and everyone in our

community join this celebration," said EDC President Peter Tesch. "Quality schools are the building blocks of a dynamic economy. When the schools succeed, we all succeed."

School employees are asked to arrive between 4 and 5 p.m. Local businesses will have booths located throughout the stadium, offering giveaways and chances to win raffle prizes. Students, parents and other members of the public will be admitted to the stadium after 5 p.m., as space is available, with the purchase of a ticket to the evening's game against the Tampa Yankees.

For more information about school grades, please visit [www.schoolgrades.fldoe.org/](http://www.schoolgrades.fldoe.org/).

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# Pirates invade Riverside Park for annual festival

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VERO BEACH – Pirates from across the state and beyond will return to the shade of Riverside Park's 300 year old oak trees. The 3rd Annual Vero Beach Pirate Festival will take place Friday, July 28- 30.

The festival was created to commemorate the loss of the Spanish Treasure Fleet back in 1715, and to educate patrons on why this area is called "The Treasure Coast," with a three-day celebration of piracy, better known as the Vero Beach Pirate Festival. A festival that is "Over 300 Years in the Making."

This family friendly event features pirate bands and performers, living history pirate encampments, pirate weapon displays, mermaids, costume contests, nautical, pirate themed and arts and crafts vendors, roving performers, live music, and a little buccaneer kids zone where younger pirates can play all day with a \$10 wristband. In addition, the festival will feature world famous treasure hunters, historians, authors and an abundance of pirate enthusiasts that will converge to share their stories and exhibits depicting pirate lore and the never ending quest for gold.

While at the festival, patrons can indulge in some delectable dishes, tasty libations, frozen treats and delicious cuisine from a hand selected list of food vendors.

There will also be pirate themed exhibitions featuring weaponry and all things

piratical, including a Pirate's Ball Friday evening at Riverside Park for adult's 18 and older. (Ticket required).

The Vero Beach Pirate Festival is held under the shade of 300 year old oak trees at beautiful Riverside Park located at 3258 Riverside Park Drive Vero Beach, FL 32963.

Festival Hours: Friday 2pm to 6pm, Saturday 10am to 8pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm.

Festival Admission is free - though a voluntary \$2 "Buck-N-Ear" contribution is greatly appreciated.

Looking for some Treasure? Come and hear tales from treasure hunters who use modern day technology to find the lost treasure that lured Pirates to the Treasure Coast.

Learn from the expertise of Carl Fismer, one of the most respected and knowledgeable Spanish coin experts and treasure diving professionals in the world.

Meet Captain Mike Daniel, whose most renowned discovery includes finding the Queen Anne's Revenge, which was the flagship one of the most feared pirates, Blackbeard.

Meet Allen Balogh, historian and the author of the book "Black Sails 1715" a historical novel inspired by the fate of the 1715 Spanish Fleet that sank along Vero's coast.

Please visit the event's website for more information on these and other special guests.

The scheduled lineup of live music is equally impressive with the fun-loving Irish American band, the Bawdy Boys, and the eclectic world fusion band "A"-Tribe, who

blend the Australian Didgeridoo, Indian Sitar and a mix of other organic instruments with modern day rhythms. Rusty Cutlass who perform Authentic Sea Shanties, Pirate Songs, Irish Tunes, and Contemporary Nautical favorites with old world and traditional instruments, and For Love or Money. An amazing duo of strolling minstrels that play traditional instruments and perform many maritime favorites and shanties from around the world.

There is also plenty for the younger pirates such as, the kid's costume contest, Blackbeard's Kid's Show, guided treasure hunts, the very popular Little Buccaneer Kid's Zone, and the Quest Game, which is an interactive hunt for wanted pirates.

If you are lucky, you can see one of the many beautiful mermaids swimming around in the Mermaid Tank throughout the weekend.

The Living History Pirate Encampment is a firsthand look at how pirates would live ashore back in the day, and be sure to catch the Pirate Weapon Demonstrations with real swords, muskets and cannons! Visitors can shop more than a hundred various nautical theme and arts & craft booths and enjoy delicious foods and drinks.

The 2017 Vero Beach Pirate Fest is produced and hosted by POTTTC Events, the Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce, Pirates of the Treasure Coast, and is proudly sponsored in part by Southern Eagle Distributing, Cricket Wireless, Tobacco Free Florida, Storm Tight Windows, Brinley Gold Shipwreck Rum, Pirate's Town Orlando, Home-



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At the High Hampton Inn in Cashiers, North Carolina, guests take a refreshing step back in time to an era where peaceful relaxation, without the distractions of today's "hurry up" world, is the theme.

Since 1922, the High Hampton Inn has been about getting out of your room or away from your cabin, and out into the world of nature. Surrounded by the Blue Ridge Mountains, with eight hiking trails, a crystal clear 35-acre lake for canoeing and swimming, tennis courts, and a wonderfully fun golf course, there is no need to stay locked in your room.

To encourage guests to get outside and enjoying the beauty that surrounds this 1,400-acre resort, there are no televisions or phones in the rooms. Guests at the Inn have found that truly being away from it all helps them to relax and enjoy a true vacation. With so much room to roam, it's even possible to enjoy your own spot where the rest of the family cannot find you.

I discovered that many guests are return visitors who travel to the resort with generations of family members in tow. Spending a long weekend or a week together, without heading to the mall or sneaking off to the movies, gives many families time to reconnect, rejuvenate and grow together. Something many of us are missing in our hectic lives.

Our room was quite cozy, with a beautiful view of Hampton Lake, Chimney

**GOLF**  
**JAMES STAMMER**



Top Mountain and Rock Mountain. While there was no air conditioning, being 3,600-feet up in the mountains, the evenings were pleasantly cool and the days mild.

The High Hampton Inn, situated in what is called "Waterfall Central" in North Carolina and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, offers such long-standing customs as Afternoon Tea, dressing in coat and tie or dress for dinner, and casual conversation. The Inn is quite rustic, and may not appeal to those looking for bright lights and night clubs, but many find it a welcome change. So much so, that they return year after year, generation after generation.

There is a Children's Program to keep the young ones occupied and entertained as well as giving the adults time to relax. The children build crafts, play games and even had a parade using golf carts that they had decorated while we were there.

Being an avid golfer, I had to test the course. The course at The High Hampton Inn is by no means long. Measuring just over 6,000 yards from the tips, you will find yourself playing a relaxed, controlled round surrounded by nature's finest beauty.

The course's defense is a plethora of elevation changes and tall, thick pines,

hemlock, and mountain laurel surrounding the fairways. The par-3s are particularly tough, and the eighth sits along Hampton Lake with a breathtaking view of the entire resort.

The greens are some of the best I've played in years. I had forgotten how wonderful bent grass greens are. Like the resort they are not speedy, but more measured and sure of pace. There is not a single bunker on the property, so I'd suggest leaving the sand clubs at home, and instead bring a trusty fairway wood or hybrid that you can hit nice and straight.

While I was playing golf, my wife enjoyed a relaxing facial at the new Hampton Spa. Judging by the beautiful, relaxed glow of her skin when I saw her later, I'd have to say her time there was just what she needed.

The dining room is where we enjoyed all of our meals. Everything is buffet style, with the soup coming out an hour before dinner service begins. I strongly suggest trying the soup every day!

We were overwhelmed at the amount of food. Meals are not overly fancy and feature very southern "family" cooking. Of the meals we enjoyed, we declared the BBQ



lunch the best of the bunch. Breakfasts are especially filling with eggs, fruits, grits and a lot more to choose from. There is no excuse for a guest here to start or finish the day hungry.

Currently High Hampton Inn is celebrating the summer and the late daylight hours that allow you to enjoy the outdoors late into the evening. To find out more and schedule your visit, drop by the website at [www.highhamptoninn.com](http://www.highhamptoninn.com) or call them at 800-334-2551.

*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 [stammer-golf@yahoo.com](mailto:stammer-golf@yahoo.com).*

## Out

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children in St. Lucie County. Enjoy a free Mets game (Mets vs. Marauders) by bringing two new school supplies per person for free entry to the game. Items needed include backpacks, notebook paper, composition books, folders, glue sticks, crayons, colored pencils, pencils and erasers. Game is at 6:30 p.m., First Data Field, 525 N.W. Peacock Blvd., Port St. Lucie.

**FRIDAY, JULY 28 – SUNDAY, JULY 30**

• **Vero Beach Pirate Festival:** Annual festival will feature fun under the oaks in Riverside Park. Riverside Park will host pirate entertainment throughout the event – histor-

ic pirate encampments, nautical vendors, children's activities, food and beverages, and the Pirate's Ball on Friday night under the big tent. Main festival hours are Friday from 2-6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission, but \$2 ('buck-an-ear') admission donation suggested; Pirate's Ball tickets are \$25 and not available in advance. *For more information and a full schedule, visit [www.verobeachpiratefest.com](http://www.verobeachpiratefest.com).*

**THROUGH SATURDAY, JULY 29**

• **Fort Pierce Library's July ArtSpace:** The Fort Pierce Branch Library's ArtSpace will feature works by Fort Pierce resident Elizabeth Huggins-Thompson on display July 1 - 29. The Fort Pierce Branch Library is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. – 8

p.m., Wednesdays from 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Residents interested in displaying their artwork as part of the Fort Pierce Library's non-commercial ArtSpace area should contact Librarian Shelia Small at 772-462-2199 or [small@stlucieco.org](mailto:small@stlucieco.org). The Fort Pierce Branch of the St. Lucie County Library System is located at 101 Melody Lane. *For more information about programs visit: <http://library.stlucieco.gov>.*

**SATURDAY, JULY 29**

• **Skateboarding event:** Roll Models Skateboarding for At Risk Youth will host a free event at Lawnwood Skate Park from noon-4 p.m. Music by Gravel Kings, bbq provided by Moonswiners and Carrabas. Hall of Fame skater Mark Buncy will be there to take pictures with the children. *For more information, visit them on Facebook.*

• **Bromeliads & More 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](http://www.pslbg.org).*

• **Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup:** Tenth annual event. Help clean 125 miles of waterways in Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Event is for all ages, perfect for students, service clubs, or anyone who wants to help fight pollution. Meeting sites include many boat ramps on the Treasure Coast. *For more information or to register for a particular site, visit [www.twaterwaycleanup.com](http://www.twaterwaycleanup.com).*

**SUNDAY, JULY 30**

• **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.

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2**

• **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 donation, \$5 for members. *For more information, call (772) 337-1959 or visit [www.pslbg.org](http://www.pslbg.org).*

• **The Children's Museum turns 9:** Help celebrate the museum's ninth birthday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast, 1707 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach. *Call the museum for more information, (772) 225-7575, or visit [www.ChildrensMuseumTC.org](http://www.ChildrensMuseumTC.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, AUG. 3**

• **Lil' Feet Boot Auction and Dinner:** 6:30-9 p.m., River Walk Center, 600 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce. Annual event's theme this year is "Boots & Pearls." The event brings together local artists, governmental agencies, businesses, and leaders to raise money to purchase shoes for St. Lucie County children in need. Barbecue dinner and cash bar. Tickets \$30 per person, \$50 for couples. Reservations are necessary. *For more information, to register, or to be a sponsor or make a donation, call Brenda Stokes at (772) 621-3333.*

**FRIDAY, AUG. 4**

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# Blue crabs are great, but not for everyone

Yes, blue crabs are here and plentiful in our area with all the waterways in Florida.

I used to get blue crabs for my mother (when she was still with us) and one of my sons as a special treat. They would place layers of old newspaper on the dining room table.

For those of you who don't know what a dining room table is, it was a large table the family used to sit down at and eat together. But that's a story for a different time.

Now about blue crabs ... I would buy 3-4 dozen live crabs and steam them in beer and Old Bay seasoning for 30-40 minutes. Then I would pile them on the table. Mom and son would take the nut crackers and nut hammers and eat away. I would have melted butter, fresh lemons and fresh coleslaw available and that was it. I stopped making the coleslaw because they hardly ever got around to eating it. Crab was the main course and only course! They loved it.

But blue crabs are not for everyone. You guessed it. My wife is not a blue crab person and I am sure there are many people reading this article that agree with her. You see, you have to work during the eating process to get the meat from a crab. You use your hands and get all greasy and make a big mess. No, no, no. My wife likes to dine and eat with a knife and fork.

She loves crabs. Crab cakes, crabs au gratin, snapper stuffed with crab meat. You get the picture. I do the work, she eats the crab meat.

My favorite recipes are crab cakes and crab salad grilled cheese sandwich. Wow, is that good. Crab cakes have been with us since Colonial days from English settlers. The southern and eastern coasts are a great source of crabs and blue crab were the most common.

The Maryland Chesapeake area has a large estuarial region that produces large



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amounts of blue crabs, making it one of the main food sources in that area. This helped to create the many Chesapeake crab cake recipes. Crab cakes were first mentioned in print in 1930 in the cookbook by Crosby Gaige, "The New York World's Fair Cook Book." This was the first reference for the term "crab cake," which had been served in the south and Maryland for many years prior to this time.

Now how about a great secret crab recipe? Surprise your family and friends and tell them you came up with this great

idea, I won't tell.

## CRAB SALAD GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH

### Ingredients

- 6 ounces crabmeat, flaked and cartilage removed (canned back fin)
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 5 teaspoons minced celery
- 1 teaspoon Old Bay seasoning
- 1 tablespoon minced green onion
- 4 slices cheddar cheese (1/2-ounce each)
- 4 slices Monterey Jack cheese (1/2-ounce each)
- Fresh whole grain artisan bread (your choice)
- 2-4 ounces butter

### Directions

In a small bowl, combine the crab, mayonnaise, celery, onion and Old Bay. Slice bread 1/2-inch thick and butter both sides. Spread each half with crab mixture. Top with cheeses; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place sandwich on heated sauté pan and cook over medium heat until golden brown on each side.

Option: These can also be baked in the oven on a sheet pan at 350 degrees until golden brown.

Yield: 2 servings.

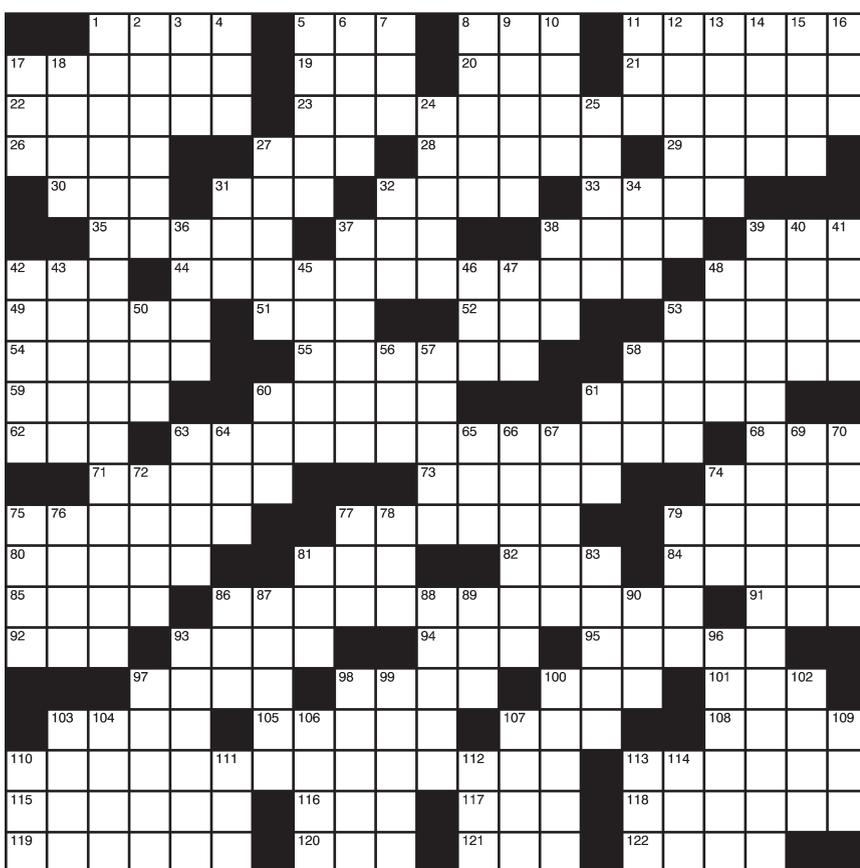
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### SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Scorpio, you can lay the foundation for a deep, intimate friendship if you want to. Revealing your own vulnerability can inspire others to trust you.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21

Sagittarius, if money is on your mind, speak with a financial advisor, accountant or knowledgeable friend. Setting new goals may be the answer.

### CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Do you find you are constantly reinventing yourself, Capricorn? If so, you may not be comfortable in your own skin. Learn to see what others find so appealing about you.

### AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Aquarius, right now you might benefit from some quiet contemplation that can help you zero in on new goals. Take a few days for yourself to mull over your options.

### PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

Don't try to accomplish too much on your own, Pisces. Your network of friends is waiting in the wings to help you out whenever needed.

# Out

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• **Back to School night at the St. Lucie Mets game:** 4:30 p.m., First Data Field, 525 N.W. Peacock Blvd., Port St. Lucie. All St. Lucie Public School employees and students get in free; employees get a free hot dog and soda. *For more information, visit* [www.stluciechamber.org](http://www.stluciechamber.org)

• **Friday Fest:** 5:30-9 p.m., Fort Pierce's Marina Square, the first Friday of every month, weather permitting. Friday Fest is a street festival to showcase downtown Fort Pierce and the waterfront in Marina Square on Melody Lane. Festival includes music, food, children's activities, community vendors and arts and crafts. Free admission, free parking in parking garage. *For more information, visit* [mainstreetfortpierce.org](http://mainstreetfortpierce.org).

## SATURDAY, AUG. 5

• **Planting a Butterfly Garden with Florida Natives:** 9:30-11 a.m., Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road, Fort Pierce. Learn about plants to attract butterflies and other pollinators to your garden. Speaker is Annmarie Loveridge, who serves as the president of the Florida Native Plant Society. The interactive workshop is \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members. Must RSVP. *For more information, call* (772) 464-4672 *or visit* [www.heathcotebotanicalgardens.org](http://www.heathcotebotanicalgardens.org).

## SUNDAY, AUG. 6

• **Family Day at the Museum:** Noon to 4 p.m., A.E. Backus Museum, 500 N. Indian

River Drive, Fort Pierce. Free admission and activities for children, focusing on sound and movement. *For more information, call* (772) 465-0630 *or visit* [backusmuseum.com](http://backusmuseum.com).

• **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.

## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 9

• **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 donation, \$5 for members. *For more information, call* (772) 337-1959 *or visit* [www.pslbg.org](http://www.pslbg.org).

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

## FRIDAY, AUG. 11

• **Pizza Jam Lock-in:** 6-9 p.m., Minsky Gym, 750 S.W. Darwin Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Children ages 6-12 will enjoy games, pizza, basketball and more for \$7.90 per child. Parents must register their child at the front desk, and children will not be allowed to leave until a parent picks them up at 9 p.m. Doors will be locked at 6:30 p.m. *For more information, call* (772) 344-4142.

## SATURDAY, AUG. 12

• **Bunco fundraiser:** Hosted by the Pilot Club of Fort Pierce from 1-4 p.m. at Indian River Presbyterian Church, 2499 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. \$20 per person includes 3 games, snacks, desserts, and door prizes,

cash prizes awarded, plus raffles and 50/50. The Pilot Club is a 501c3 organization and a portion of the proceeds will support their local community service projects.

• **Movie Matinee:** 2 p.m., Morningside Branch Library, 2410 Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Monthly matinee on the second Saturday. *For more information, call* (772) 337-5632 *or email* [sperrss@stlucieco.org](mailto:sperrss@stlucieco.org).

## SUNDAY, AUG. 13

• **Summer Time Movie Series:** Showing 'Hidden Figures' at 3 p.m., Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. Second Street, Fort Pierce. Free. Tickets are limited to four per person and must be picked up in person at the box office, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, or two hours before each movie. *For more information, call* (772) 461-4775.

• **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). *Visit* [www.friendsofsavannas.org](http://www.friendsofsavannas.org).

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## SUNDAY, AUG. 20

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## SATURDAY, AUG. 26

• **Pineapple Playhouse Open House:** 10 a.m. to noon, Pineapple Playhouse, 700 W. Weatherbee Road, Fort Pierce. This season's directors will give you a sneak preview of their plays, you'll meet the Board of Directors and take a tour of the theater. Guests can also take advantage of ticket specials offered exclusively during the open house, renew membership, or sign up to volunteer. Refreshments will be served. *For more information, visit* [www.pineappleplayhouse.com](http://www.pineappleplayhouse.com).

## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30

• **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 donation, \$5 for members. *For more information, call* (772) 337-1959 *or visit* [www.pslbg.org](http://www.pslbg.org).



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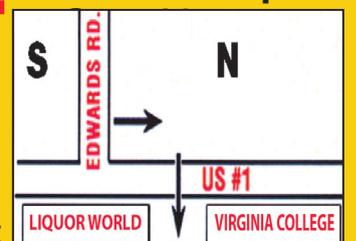
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