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INSIDE THIS WEEK

Florida legend, rancher, pioneer 'Bud' Adams passes away at 91

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ST LUCIE COUNTY - The Treasure Coast lost a true cowboy, inventor, pioneer and environmental caretaker when Alto "Bud" Adams passed away on Saturday at the age of 91. But for hundreds of people, he also was a friend and family-man who will be sorely missed and his passing leaves a void between Florida's past and its future.

It is safe to say that Mr. Adams watched over nearly every change the area and state has gone through over the last century. His role in the growth of the area was critical and are a prominent part of legacy that he has left. From his birth in 1926 in Fort Pierce to the foundation of Adams Ranch in 1937, his family has played a significant role in the growth of the state's cattle business.

"Bud will be sorely missed, both personally and by many others," said Mr. Adams's close friend of 50 years Frank Fee III. "He mentored me, and he is one of the finest businessmen I know, and his integrity was his mark; he was a man of few words and when he said something he meant it and whatever he said was generally very telling."

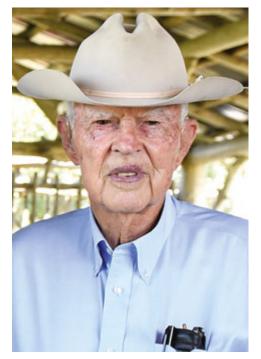
He is, perhaps, best known for being the only Florida rancher to breed a completely new type of cattle - known as the "Braford," which is a cross between a Hereford and Brahman and is better able to handle the state's weather condi-

"He is one of the few people this century that has done that, and maybe the only person this century who has done that," Mr. Fee said. "He was an innovator and he was wedded to the land and he thought the land was everything and was not counted in terms of dollars; it was invaluable and he treated it that way."

Among his many accolades were his service as president of the Cattleman's Association and his designation as "Landowner of the Year" by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission. But he also is a member of the state's Agricultural Hall of Fame and won numerous other designations and honors throughout his very productive life.

He was devoted to securing his ranchland which his father, Florida Supreme Court Judge Alto Adams, Sr. purchased for \$1.50 an acre in 1937 – as an example of Florida's pristine environment, and eschewed the use of pesticides and fertilizers that many blame on the creation of algae that infects the area's waterways farther downstream. His family ranch operates in four counties - St. Lucie, Okeechobee, Madison and Osceola - and comprises more than 50,000

"He was a studied ecologist and environmentalist, and since he had the raw material to work with he was able to put those ideas to work so far as the husbandry of his ranch was concerned,"



Alto "Bud" Adams

Mr. Fee said. "He always believed in keeping the land - and keeping it working - and he's taken action to see to it that it will project well into the future as a cattle ranching entity and not be developed."

Among the many other things he saw over the course of his life were service in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was an excellent pho-

tographer of wildlife and a major contributor to education through the Indian River State College Foundation. He also lent his support to the AJ Backus Museum and Heathcote Gardens.

According to a statement on the Adams Ranch website, Mr. Adams was "A Christian man, he taught his family and friends by example. He always had a firm handshake, and his word was his bond. His love for the outdoors, especially the Florida prairies and woodlands, were evident in not only his holistic approach to land management, but also his talent for photography. Mr. Bud could find God's beauty in plants, animals and people, and was able to capture these images on film for the rest of us to enjoy. We are all grateful for his generosity and grace."

Mr. Adams "leaves behind his wife of 67 years, the for-

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Family statement

mer Dorothy Snively. As Ms. Dot's health took a turn for the worse with a battle with Alzheimer's disease 12 years ago, Bud was home with her daily, personally feeding her and showering her with love that never wavered or faltered through the time of his passing. He and Ms. Dot raised three sons: Alto Lee III. (Cindy), Michael (Rachael), and Robert (Cindee). He also leaves behind 14 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren," the statement continued.

"It was a long life, well led, as they say," Mr. Fee added. "He will be sorely missed by many, and certainly by me. He's backed up by fine sons and family members that will remain active in the ranch and that was very important to him."

The family will have a Celebration of Life for Mr. Adams at the Adams Ranch Headquarters, 26003 Orange Avenue, Ft. Pierce, on Friday, Sept. 29, from 3 to 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his memory to the Treasure Coast Hospice at 1201 SE Indian Street, Stuart, FL 34997; and the Florida Cattlemen's Foundation at 800 Shakerag Road, Kissimmee, FL 34744.



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EQUILIDATES

Sheriff's Captain Scavuzzo passes away

Charles Frank Scavuzzo, 49, died suddenly at his home in Port St. Lucie, Florida on September 15, 2017. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Tonya, his three wonderful children, Sydney, Nicholas, and Lyndsey, his mother Ethel, and his siblings, Lori, and Robert Quist of Grand Rapids, MI. He is preceded in death by his father, Frank.

Charlie was a Captain who commanded the Criminal Investigations Division of the Saint Lucie County Sheriff's Office. He passionately served his community through law enforcement for 28+ years. He worked in various divisions including the Special Investigations Unit and Road Patrol. He also worked alongside federal, state, and local agencies.

Charlie volunteered extensively in his community. He served with the Fort Pierce Police Athletic League as a board member. He also served as a coach, board member, Vice President, and President of the Port Saint Lucie Athletic Association. Charlie also was a board member of the Boys and Girls Club of Saint Lucie County where he organized a multitude of events to benefit and better the community.



Captain Charles Scavuzzo

Charlie was an amazing husband, father, son, brother, and friend. He was respected and admired by many. His impact is monumental, and his legacy is everlasting.

A service was conducted on Friday, Sep-

A service was conducted on Friday, September 22, 2017 at Westside Church. Burial followed at White City Cemetery.

Community calendar

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

• World Suicide Prevention Day community symposium: Third annual free symposium will be held from 7:45-11 a.m., Port St. Lucie Community Center, 2195 S.E. Airoso Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Free communitywide event from Suncoast Mental Health and Martin Health Systems, featuring expert speakers in the area of suicide prevention and awareness. This event is meant for first responders, community leaders, neighbors, families, service providers, educators and interested community members. This year's theme is "Take a minute, save a life." For reservations, contact Janiece George at (772) 489-4726, ext. 2008, or email jgeorge@smhcinc.org

THROUGH SEPT. 30

• County-wide fertilizer ban: Runs June 1 through Sept. 30. Fertilization with nitrogen or phosphorus is prohibited during this period. (From Oct. 1 through May 30, all fertilizer application products must contain at least 50 percent slow-release nitrogen and 0 percent phosphorus unless soil test indicates deficiency.) This ban applies to all businesses and residences in unincorporated St. Lucie County, as well as the cities of Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie. For more information, visit http://stlucie.ifas. ufl.edu/index.html or contact Kate Rotindo, Urban Horticulture Agent at the St. Lucie County Extension Office, at (772) 462-1660 or krotindo@ufl.edu.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

• Race for Recovery 5K Run/Walk: Held at Mets Stadium/First Data Field, 525 N.W. Peacock Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Hosted by New Horizons of the Treasure Coast, race supports recovery from mental illness and substance abuse. The entry fee is \$20 before Sept. 18, \$25 from Sept. 18-27, and \$35 on race day. For more information, call New Horizons at (772) 672-8323 or email

info@nhtcinc.org. Access the registration form online at www.runthetreasurecoast.com/race-calendar.html

- Ride to Fight Suicide: Second annual event from Treasure Coast Harley Davidson and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Registration is 9:30-10:30 a.m., kickstands up at 11 a.m. Ride starts at Suncoast Mental Health Center, 1456 Old Dixie Hwy, Vero Beach. Ride ends at Treasure Coast Harley Davidson, 4967 S.E. Federal Hwy, Stuart. \$20 per rider and \$10 per passenger includes a patch (until supplies last) and ticket for the raffle. A police escorted ride from Indian River to Martin County. Party at TCHD from 12-5 p.m. with live music, games, raffles, food, bikini bike wash, prizes, more; \$5 per person for nonriders, and free for riders. For more information, visit www.afsp.org/ TreasureCoastRide or treasurecoastHD.com
- Hallstrom Planetarium Open House: 6 p.m., IRSC main campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Join IRSC, the Hallstrom Astronomical Society, and the Treasure Coast Astronomical Society for a free Planetarium open house. Telescopic views of the sky will be available, weather permitting. For more information, call the IRSC box office at (772) 462-4750 or visit www.irsc.edu.

TUESDAY, OCT. 3

- 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.

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Bealls to raise funds for hurricane relief

For Hometown News

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TREASURE COAST – Bealls Inc., head-quartered in Bradenton, and employing over 10,000 associates in the areas impacted by the recent hurricanes announced a companywide effort to contribute funds for hurricane victims.

"On behalf of the Bealls, Inc. family of stores, our thoughts and prayers go out to all those impacted by the recent storms. We know many of our associates and guests have sustained significant damage and loss of power, as have some of our stores that were in the path of the storms. We are gathering information from our associates so that we can offer them assistance through our R.M. Beall Sr. Charitable Foundation hurricane relief fund for associates," said Matt Beall, Senior Vice President, Bealls Stores, Inc.

Bealls family of stores (Bealls, Bealls Outlet, Burkes Outlet and Bunulu) has kicked

off a campaign through which our associates and guests can make a donation right at the register. Bealls Inc. will match dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000 in matching funds to provide much needed money for our communities. One hundred percent of the monies collected will go to the American Red Cross effort to support Hurricane Irma and Harvey relief efforts. Donations collected at Beall's Outlet stores in Georgia and Arizona as well as all Burke's Outlet stores will go towards Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane

Irma. Donations collected at Bealls Stores, Inc. and Bealls Outlet in Florida will support Hurricane Irma relief efforts.

Bealls has a 102 year tradition of caring for its associates and the communities that it

Bealls Inc. is a privately held company, still owned by the founding family. Founded in 1915, Bealls includes over 530 stores and BeallsFlorida.com. Bealls is the destination of choice for casual lifestyle and priced right apparel and home merchandise.

Community notes

Morningside Library offers a weekly meditation series

The Morningside Branch Library is offering a weekly meditation series every Friday from 2-4:30 p.m. during October.

Presented by Ted Leitho, the focus of this free series will be Seven Keys to Health and Enlightenment. Leitho has been teaching ancient techniques of enlightenment for more than 20 years. These lectures are based

on the book, "The Power of Now" by Eckhart Tolle, and serve as a guide for day-to-day living that stresses the importance of being in the present moment and avoiding thoughts of the past or future. Each class will cover two chapters in the book.

For more information call (772) 337-5632 or email henry-gordons@stlucieco.org.

The Morningside Branch is located at 2410 S.E. Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie. For more information about library events visit www.stlucieco.gov/library.

Crazy 8 Math Club adds up to fun at the Hurston Branch Library

The Crazy 8 Math Club returns to the Zora Neale Hurston Branch Library every Thursday at 4 p.m., beginning Oct. 5 through Nov. 30.

A new kind of math club, the Crazy 8 will have students building, running, jumping and making music. The program features

glow-in-the-dark geometry, a toilet paper Olympics, a bouncy dice explosion and more.

Designed for students in grades 3 – 5, this program is free, but space is limited to the first 16 students.

The Zora Neale Hurston Branch of the St. Lucie County Library System is located at 3008 Avenue D, Fort Pierce.

For more information, visit http://library.stlucieco.gov, call (772) 462-2154 or email rovitoa@stlucieco.org.

Calendar

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• 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, OCT. 4

• Treasure Coast Caregiver conference:

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Harbor Place at Port St. Lucie, 3700 S.E. Jennings Road, Port St. Lucie. Advice and support for caregivers, from balancing family, work and caregiving, to motivating family members to help, legally protecting aging parents, being a fearless member of your loved one's care team, and more. The conference is designed to help

attendees receive hands-on advice for his or her caregiving challenges. For more information, call (877) 829-2734 or email conference@caregiver.com

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

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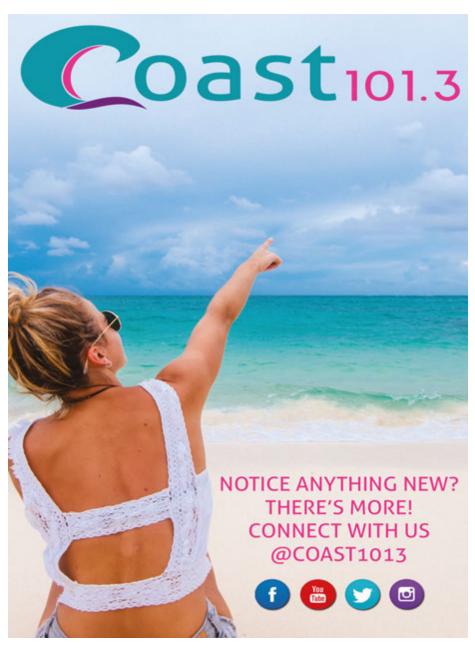
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St. Lucie County property taxes rise

Commissioners approved a 3.68 percent hike in millage while reducing the budget by \$16 million

By Donald Rodrigue

For Hometown News

FORT PIERCE -- The St. Lucie County Commission approved a 3.68 percent hike in property taxes Sept. 19 and a \$562 million budget for next year that is \$16 million less than the current one.

Jennifer Hill, interim director of the Office of Management & Budget, said her staff has tweaked the originally projected \$578 million 2018 budget several times since the summer budget workshops.

"These changes primarily reflect adjustments to balances remaining for capital projects and reconciling of grant balances," she said. "When comparing the tentative budget with the current amended budget, the 2018 budget is a 7.6 percent decrease over the previous year. The Board made changes during the three days of workshops in July that reduced the overall budget to

\$571.8 million. The budget that is being proposed tonight reflects a further reduction of \$9.7 million."

County Administrator Howard Tipton believes the millage increase, coupled with a \$2 million addition to the Reserve Fund, will help the county prepare itself fiscally for the provision of needed services to a rapidly growing area.

"As a community we have now gone over the 300,000 mark and we're looking to add an additional 155,000 people by 2020," he said. "Accommodating an immense amount of growth while providing an enjoyable quality of life takes considerable planning and investment. Change is coming, and it's coming fast."

Ms. Hill concurred, emphasizing the drop in the county's budget over the last 10 years and the potential negative effect a proposed statewide addition to Homestead Exemption could have on county coffers.

"In Fiscal Year 2008, the county had a budget of \$686 million with a population of 271,000," she explained. "Ten years later, we're looking at a projected budget that is \$124 million lower serving a population that is projected to be 46,000 higher. Next November there will be another item on the ballot for voters to decide if there is a third \$25,000 addition to the Homestead Exemp-

tion. If it passed, this would reduce our revenue by \$6 million in the Fiscal Year 2020 and be a significant strain on our resources."

The proposed millage rate increase to 8.1349 percent would mean an increase of \$58.65 for a median-priced \$200,000 home with Homestead Exemption in the municipalities of Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie. The impact on the same homes in the unincorporated portion of St. Lucie County would be higher due to a simultaneous increase in the Law Enforcement Municipal Service Taxing Unit. Those property owners will see an additional \$123.77 tacked on to their 2018 property tax bills to help cover the purchase of new patrol vehicles and a pay raise for St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office employees.

Sheriff Ken Mascara took personal responsibility for the Law Enforcement MSTU millage increase.

"The effectiveness of our men and women in green is lessoned when they don't have the proper equipment," he said. "It has been more than 10 years since the county has supplied funding for vehicle replacements. Some of our fleet are more than 10 years old with more than 200,000 miles on them. This budget has in it the purchase of 115 new patrol vehicles, [and] the cost will be annualized over five years with a yearly

cost of \$873,000."

The tentative millage rate increase would also cover salary increases that Sheriff Mascara hopes will stem the tide of his employees to nearby agencies.

"With a starting pay of \$38,723, we are currently 33 percent behind Palm Beach, 14 percent behind Port St. Lucie and 6 percent behind Fort Pierce," he explained. "This budget request also adds a \$1,040 increase across the Board to all of our employees, bringing our starting pay to \$39,723."

Port St. Lucie resident Tom Sinnott spoke out during the budget hearing and expressed his opposition to the higher property taxes, particularly for those who reside in the unincorporated areas of the county.

"I work as an employer of many of those people, and I can't pay them \$200 more, so I'm not sure where they're going to get that from," he said. "They don't make hundreds of thousands of dollars a year -- they make a little bit of money -- and you're taking it from them."

Mr. Sinnott believes the county is not trying hard enough to cut expenses and worries that the increase in the millage rate could also hurt small employers such as himself.

"You have used the same millage rate this

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Jeremy Ralston, 39, 601-A Roselyn Ave., Fort Pierce, domestic battery by strangulation and kidnapping or false imprisonment of an adult.

Carson Symmonds, 36, 990 S.W. Aviation Ave., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active out-of-state (Missouri) felony warrant for a violation of probation.

Gary Simmons, 20, 4042 45th Lane, Vero Beach, arrested on an active out-of-county (Indian River) felony warrant for a violation of probation.

Lewis Adams, 29, 1021 Grand Club Place, Fort Pierce, driving with a suspended license for the third or subsequent offense.

Shemeca Owens, 35, 1204 N. 22nd St., Fort Pierce, possession of cocaine and driving with a suspended license for the third or subsequent offense.

De'Quay Roberts, 21, 212 N. 39th St., Fort Pierce, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without the intent to kill.

Cedric Brown, 24, 432 N. 17th St., Fort Pierce, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant.

Port St. Lucie Police Department

Javier Mendez, 40, 321 S.W. Homeland Road, Port St. Lucie, driving under the influence with a blood/alcohol content of .15 or higher with a person under 18 years of age present for the first offense.

Police report

Kyle Jacobs, 32, 1426 S.W. Herder Road, Port St. Lucie, unarmed burglary of an occupied dwelling.

Mikhail LeAndre, 26, 160 S.W. Grove Ave., Port St. Lucie, fleeing or eluding a law enforcement officer – failure to obey an order to stop.

Joshua Warnick, 24, 102 N.W. Dorchester St., Port St. Lucie, larceny – possessing or retaining a stolen credit card, fraud – illegal use of a credit card to obtain goods for \$100 or more and fraud – impersonation, use or possession of the identification of another person without their consent.

Suzanne Alban, 50, 2250 S.E. Abcor Road, Port St. Lucie, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

Jeffery Alban, 23, 2250 S.E. Abcor Road, Port St. Lucie, possession of marijuana of more than 20 grams.

Shane Kelly, 40, 410 26th St., West Palm Beach, grand theft of a motor vehicle.

Madelain Moore, 24, 2138 S.W. Fears Ave., Port St. Lucie, driving under the influence with a blood/alcohol content of .15 or higher with a person less than 18 years of age present.

Tamara Gaskin, 30, 7802 Westmont Drive, Fort Pierce, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without the intent to kill.

Conrad Ludwig, 45, 15220 S.E. 211 Court, Umatilla, battery on a law enforcement officer, firefighter or EMT.

St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office

Andrew Powell, 27, 3813 S.W. Revere Court, Port St. Lucie, possession of cocaine.

Orlando Cordero, 34, 3771 S.W. 58th Ave., Davie, arrested on an active St. Lucie County capias warrant for third-degree grand theft.

John Hernandez, 46, 551 N.W. Sharpe St.,

Port St. Lucie, aggravated stalking – following, harassing or cyberstalking after an injunction.

Vincent Gaskin, 23, 2757 Niagara Ave., Fort Pierce, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant while in open court.

Antonio Gonzalez-Chia, 47, 925 S.W. General Patton Terr., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an out-of-county (Broward) felony warrant for carrying a concealed firearm.

Jason Herlihy, 42, 955 S.E. Bywood Ave., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active out-of-county (Martin) felony warrant for possession of hydromorphone.

Briana Scott, 18, 3055 S.W. Segovia St., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for an order for pretrial detention and termination of pretrial supervision.

Keisha Blumenthal, 31, 971 S.W. Consolata Ave., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for filing a false statement for public aid.

Larry Richardson, 39, 4601 Matanzas Ave., Fort Pierce, destroying, tampering with or fabricating physical evidence, possession of cocaine with the intent to sell, manufacture or deliver, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, sale of synthetic narcotics and driving with a suspended license for the third or subsequent offense.

Andre Robinson, 47, 5007-B LaSalle St., Fort Pierce, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for child abuse as an intentional act

Zuwena Roberts, 42, 2514 Avenue K, Fort Pierce, arrested on an out-of-county (Martin) felony warrant for aggravated child abuse.

Gary Boatwright, 42, 6447-201 Moorhen Trail N.W., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an outstanding St. Lucie County felony warrant for driving with a suspended license.

Andres Bookert, 27, 8220 S.E. Washington St., Hobe Sound, arrested on an outstanding



St. Lucie County felony warrant for a violation of probation for carrying a concealed weapon and possession of oxycodone.

Noah Duren, 18, 144 S.W. Milburn Cir., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an outstanding St. Lucie County felony warrant for transmission of material harmful to a minor by electronic equipment.

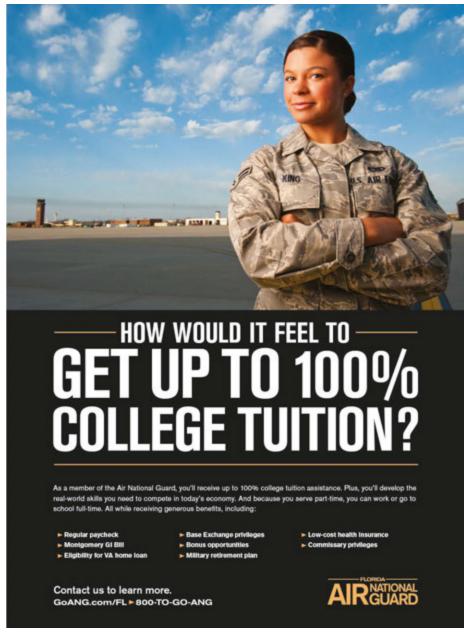
Cody Bennett, 21, 4611 Magnolia Drive, Fort Pierce, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for lewd or lascivious molestation by an offender more than 18 years of age on a victim between 12 and 16 years of age and promoting a sexual performance by a child.

Michael Boubert, 40, 1962 S.W. Taurus Lane, Port St. Lucie, arrested as an out-of-state (New Jersey) fugitive on a felony warrant for shoplifting – taking merchandise without paying for a value between \$500 and \$74,999.

Christopher Cooper, 26, 1110 Beach Court,

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Rants & Raves

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Thanks to all of you

The residents of Florida know that hurricanes are part of the package deal when living in this beautiful state. However, Irma was certainly much more than we ever could have imagined or bargained for.

We prepared to the best of our ability, and millions heeded the warning and evacuated when advised to do so or the death toll could have been much higher.

I would just like to say "THANK YOU" to all of those who helped us prepare and those who are still helping with our recovery.

Some of those were the gas stations who kept fair prices, those who offered free sandbags and worked for days in the hot sun filling those bags, the police and fire departments who responded to emergencies even when it meant putting their own lives in jeopardy, the meteorologists who kept us informed of Irma's track, Lowe's, Home Depot and all of the other lumber companies who kept trying to fill the need for plywood and generators, stores that tried to provide the needed water, the National Guard who responded (and still are responding) when Irma was gone, the various power engineers and technicians who are working so diligently to restore the much needed power (monumental task with so many who were without), those people who are still helping our most affected residents, the various agencies and churches who helped with water, food, and the list goes on and on.

I know I have neglected to mention others who have been instrumental in providing aid, and to you I apologize. Sadly, we have areas that have been totally devastated, and many residents are still dealing with flooding, as well as some who have no home to return to.

It will take all of us to continue to work together to rebuild our lives, but Florida residents are resilient and we will prevail. Again, my heartfelt "Thank You."

Do you have no shame?

Before Irma came, everyone went and bought water, batteries, tarps, nails, food items, plywood, generators, foam chalking and etc.

After Irma, I'm at Lowes, where people are returning batteries, tarps and water.

At Walmart, you return the same with food stuff. Did you know the water and food stuff has to be thrown out?

I guess you will never need batteries or drink water again. Now, with Maria possibly coming, you'll go and buy the batteries, food stuff and water again.

People have no shame.

Not just another typical hurricane Irma story

Monday afternoon, Sept. 11: Got back home after the storm had passed. The awning on the front of my house had been ripped off and was nowhere to be found in my community.

Wednesday morning, Sept. 13: A man from a neighboring community was looking for a house that had lost an awning. He just said that he thought I might want to get pictures for insurance purposes. I did so later

Monday afternoon, Sept. 18: I went to see if the awning was still there so I could measure it for replacement.

That same man came up the street and helped me. The awning had been moved to the opposite side of the street.

Monday night at about 11:20 p.m.: there was a loud crashing sound in my back yard that woke me up. I discovered that my awning had been thrown over the back fence. This must have taken several people **Great Family Fun**



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

'Team Cakes by Michelle' hosted the Family Pig Roast to raise funds for the Police Athletics Leagues Dancing with our PAL's 2017. Food was provided by 'Big Bone BBQ', 'Paella King and Bonner Bar', with music provided by 'Next Level DJs', 'Bouncing on a Budget' bounce houses, and a dunk tank from 'Superior Event Rentals'. 'Dancing with Our PAL's' will be held on Saturday, October 7 at 6pm at the Sunrise Theatre in Fort Pierce. For more information or tickets visit www.fortpiercepal.com. Here, Kathy and Jim Buchheit take guests for a hay ride.

since it is metal, 20 feet wide and six feet long. It had to be carried at least 50 or more feet and lifted over a 5-foot wooden fence between the rain storms.

I am glad the this community is surrounded by a fence. It keeps me from having to call these people "neighbors."

Where is the national sewer system?

After this destruction of Texas because of Hurricane Harvey, isn't it time now that everybody should agree that the United States needs a national sewer system to

drain every state that floods into the Nevada and Arizona deserts where they need the

This is going to cost billions and billions and take years to fix.

The disaster in Texas: That money should have been spent on the national sewer system years ago, after Katrina; but that they have not done one thing except fool around with going to Mars and the moon, which can't help us at all.

Why don't they fix the planet Earth first and start with a national sewer system to eliminate these floods forever and make a new desert out of our old desert that would bloom and become beautiful.

It is just common sense. Do it. Now!

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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 information, call (772) 807-4499.

THURSDAY, OCT. 5

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

• St. Lucie County Audubon meeting: 7 p.m., Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. Held the first Thursday each month, beginning in October. For more information, call (772) 785-5833 or email oxbow@stlucieco.org.

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

• 21st annual Chuck Hill Golf Classic tournament: Benefit for the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County. 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

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Taxes

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year as last year: That tells me that you couldn't find one bit of reducing anything," he said. "I would come back to you that you need to sharpen your pencils. It's not proper or fair to all of your residents to say we're going to keep the millage rate the same when you acknowledge that the property values have gone up. I can't give my employees a \$1,000 raise so perhaps we could consider a lower increase."

Commission Chairman Chris Dzadovsky defended the county's efforts, saying it did reduce the millage rate in 2017, which dropped by 0.196 percent.

"We were able to achieve that last year," he said. "What we're seeing from the state is a tax shift from their expenses to our own. Without any revenue to go with it, we're trying to find the proper balance."

Commissioner Frannie Hutchison cast the lone dissenting vote on the tentative millage rate and proposed budget, saying she needed more information on the potential effect of the tax increase on local businesses before the final hearing scheduled for Sept. 26.

"We've been very good in the past and continue to work very hard and invest every dollar we can that will improve our economic development," she said. "So I don't want to be doing that, and in the same time, turn around and be hurting our businesses."

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Couple celebrates 'anniversary' during Irma

By Gaylon Parker

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ST LUCIE COUNTY – Sometimes, out of difficulty comes happiness.

For one couple, Hurricane Matthew – which targeted the Treasure Coast in October 2016 – created a union because of a chance meeting at the Lakewood Park Elementary School shelter. At the time, Rick Nemith noticed that Doris Rabenstein wasn't feeling particularly well because of kidney stones and approached her to see if he could help her feel better.

So, he walked and talked with her around the shelter during and after the storm to alleviate the pain, and they have been walking hand-in-hand ever since. The couple recently celebrated their anniversary of dating when Hurricane Irma came calling and the same Lakewood Park Elementary shelter.

"We had to go back and celebrate," she said with a laugh. "He's a super-nice guy and

he says everything happens for a reason."

"We started talking, and as the hours went by I found her to be a very interesting person," Mr. Nemith said. "I had kind of given up on relationships, because I had two marriages that went south and things just weren't looking good. But we kind of clicked and I enjoyed her conversation and her company, so I got up some nerve and gave her a call and we went out a couple times.

"Next thing you know, it's been just over a year and we're still together."

They shared that when they entered our shelter in 2016, they were both fairly new to our area and really didn't have a lot of friends. Ms. Rabenstein – who moved to the area three years ago – came to St. Lucie County from Louisville, Ky. and Mr. Nemith was from Lancaster, Pa., and neither had any idea that they would get along so well.

"It's hard to meet people, because everybody's in such a hurry, and I thought there would be plenty of older people here to visit with. I found out everybody down here is



Rick Nemith and Doris Rabenstein

busier than they were before," Ms. Rabenstein added. "But we got down there (to Lakewood Park) and he talked to me."

Many people's first time weathering a

hurricane can lead to confusion and difficulty, but for the couple it turned out to be a blessing. Ms. Rabenstein added that her experiences in Kentucky and Ohio – where tornadoes are prevalent and can come out of nowhere – led to her understanding that the advance preparation for a hurricane makes it easier for her.

The two experienced little damage from the storm, and apparently never lost power at their respective homes, and plan to continue seeing each other.

"It was kind of funny, because we were going to stay at Doris's house, but the way the storm was going we figured why should we take a chance," Mr. Nemith said. "We would up going up to the school for an anniversary. She's just a super person.

"It's just fantastic the way things worked out, because I'm like her: I am down here by myself and we have no family here. I have friends and all that, but she is my main friend and my best friend right now; I really lucked out."

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Club Med Sandpiper Bay, 4500 S.E. Pine Valley Street, Port St. Lucie. Golf, prizes, fellowship and international buffet lunch. Each year, this tournament supports a specific need for the organization; stay tuned for more information about the plans for this year. For more information, visit http://bgcofslc.org.

• Golf tournament: LifeBuilders of the Treasure Coast will host a golf tournament at the Legacy Golf & Tennis Club at PGA Village, 9000 Clubhouse Drive, Port St. Lucie. (There will be a cocktail party on Friday, Oct. 6 at 6 p.m.) Registration for the golf tournament is at 7:30 a.m. and shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call (772) 462-2381 or visit www.lifebuilderstc.com.

MONDAY, OCT. 9

• Beta Sigma Phi meeting: Women's service and social organization meets monthly from Sept. through May throughout Martin and St. Lucie counties. Contact Mary Jackson at (772) 370-1665 or Leslie Jannereth at (772) 465-2820 for locations.

TUESDAY, OCT. 10

• Bunco nights: The Pilot Club of Fort Pierce Florida will be hosting a monthly Bunco game night on the second Tuesday of each month from Sept. 2017 to May 2018 at the Lynmoore Assisted Living facility, 1550 N. Lawnwood Circle in Fort Pierce. There will be three games of Bunco at a cost of \$10 with door prizes, prize money, desserts and snacks. Fun conversation time and great game time. For more information, contact Tammy Wood at (772) 579-9762 or email pilotftpierce@gmail.com.

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Post Irma, Crandon Golf Club re-opens

ne of my favorite courses just reopened. Thanks to Hurricane Irma, Crandon Golf Club on Key Biscayne in Miami sustained enough damage to need two weeks of cleanup and repair before being ready to host golfers once again.

Being right on the barrier island provides the course with spectacular vistas of the bay, the ocean and the Miami skyline. It also put the course right in the cross hairs for Hurricane Irma. The course lost power, had lots of flooding and saw many trees downed or damaged. Since a golf course is rightfully down the list on priority for responders, Crandon Golf Club had to wait its turn for help to arrive.

Thankfully the cleanup went well and the course reopened its fairways to golfers on Saturday, Sept. 23. Golfers will notice that Irma cleared a lot of the trees of their leaves. Some areas where it was becoming difficult to see the bay and downtown Miami, thanks to vegetation, are now much more open. Some of the vistas are much more beautiful now.

Crandon has quite a unique history, having played host to the Champions Tour for nearly two decades. The course has been rated in the top-10 by Golfweek and Golf Digest rates the course in its "America's Top-75 Courses".

The course sits just 10 minutes from the hustle and bustle of downtown Miami. Crandon is pure golf, enveloped by the tropics. The holes run through forests of mangroves and lush tropical foliage. There is an abundance of water everywhere.



The first thing one notices on the course is how secluded you feel. After driving over the Rickenbacker Bridge and past dozens of joggers, cyclists, and people just relaxing by the bay, you arrive at the course. Right next door is the Tennis center at Crandon Park, home to the Miami Open, the second largest professional tennis tournament in the United States and home court for some of the sport's top players.

At the golf course, it's easy to forget how close you are to downtown Miami until you spend a moment waiting on your playing partner and decide to glance across the bay and see the magnificent Miami skyline. If you happen to play late in the afternoon, be sure to bring your camera as the sunset can be quite spectacular.

Crandon Park offers a unique playing experience with seven saltwater lakes, mangrove thickets, daunting bunkers and dramatic views of Biscayne Bay. It's also the only course on the continent to boast a subtropical lagoon.

Four sets of tees allow you to mix and match to find a good blend for your game. If you feel like testing your game against what the touring seniors faced, try the Championship tees, measuring just a tad over 7,300 yards.

One of the best par-4s I have ever played is the seventh at Crandon. This slight, dogleg right, plays to over 400 yards from all but the front set of tees. Golf Digest named the holes as one of its "Greatest Holes in Golf."

Throughout your round it's easy to get lost in the tranquil atmosphere surrounding the course. That is until you hit a few loose shots and find yourself looking in the mangroves for that new

golf ball. The course is also home to a plethora of wildlife. Beautiful herons and cranes fill the waterways along with a couple of crocodiles. Yes, crocodiles, not alligators.

Each hole at Crandon is unique and the layout will have you using every club in your bag. Water comes into play on all but five holes. The par 3s play from as short as 130 yards to well over 200. The fourth is a true three-shot par-5 that plays to over 600 yards from all but the forward set of tees.

The final hole is a wonderful, short par-5 that features a beautiful view of downtown Miami. Just don't get too distracted as this is a great hole to make up ground on your opponents or bury them with an eagle or birdie.

Carts come equipped with GPS to aid in your club selection. Every sprinkler head is also marked to assist those who prefer to walk. There is a lighted range for those



wanting to work on their game at dusk or into the evening.

The clubhouse includes a nicely stocked pro shop, restaurant with patio seating as well as men's and women's locker rooms with showers. Towels are available for a small fee, or you can bring your own.

Crandon Park Golf Course is well worth the drive from our area. With a beach across the street and plenty of hotels and restaurants nearby, one could turn the day into a relaxing weekend away.

For additional information and current rates, visit the website at www.crandongolf-club.com or call (305) 361-9129.

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

Crime

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Fort Pierce, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for a violation of probation for providing false information to a pawnbroker, dealing in stolen property and uttering a forged instrument.

Lyndsey Kennedy, 39, 901 N.E. 17th St., Fort Lauderdale, arrested on an outstanding St. Lucie County felony warrant for grand theft and resisting a merchant.

Ricky Hight, 37, 2946 N.E. 103rd Ave., Okeechobee, arrested on an outstanding St. Lucie County felony warrant for driving with a suspended license.

German Morales, 19, 182 N.E. Estia lane, Port St. Lucie, possession of marijuana of more than 20 grams.

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• 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.

ONGOING EVENTS

• Babies 2 Teens Kids Club: 9:30-10:30

a.m., every Saturday, at 4830 U.S. 1, Fort Pierce. All age groups for children. Free sign up, free snacks, free books to check out. *Call* (772) 242-1909 for more information.

- Free Meditation Classes: Non duality and self inquiry: Who am I? How to chatter mind to stillness, free from stress & illness. Presented by Ted Leitho who has been teaching ancient techniques for enlightenment for over 20 years. All donations go to help the church- Free. Saturdays at 10 a.m. at Port St. Lucie Community Center, 2195 S.E. Airoso Blvd., Port St. Lucie, and Sundays at 8:30 a.m. at Unity Church in Jensen Beach. Please call (772) 777-3250 in the mornings to reserve your seat.
- 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 rovitoa@stlucieco.org.

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 Restless Leg Syndrome support
 group: There is new updated information to
 share regarding this debilitating disease, as
 well as free brochures. For more
 information, call Mary at (423) 390-1187.
- The Treasure Coast Woodcarvers meet on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon at the Walton Community Center, 11090 Ridge Ave., Fort Pierce, (near the Walton Road and Lake Shore Drive intersection.) All persons age 16 and above are welcome. No experience necessary. For more information, visit www. tcwoodcarvers.com.
- New group for tech savvy seniors:
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Sabal Chase residents see success after storm

By Gaylon Parker

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FORT PIERCE – What started off as a potential tragedy for residents at Sabal Chase Apartments has turned into a success for the Fort Pierce community. Residents there, who were displaced by Hurricane Irma and suffered flooding of their homes, have seen an overwhelming response from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and local officials and charities are making sure they are well on the way to recovering from the storm in a variety of ways.

Residents in the 144 first-floor apartments and about 90 families in the complex were forced to evacuate on Sept. 14 after floodwaters from Hurricane Irma invaded their homes and they were deemed unsafe by city officials. While many of them took shelter at the Percy Peak Gymnasium, some others were housed by the city in area hotels – such as Fairfield Inn and Motel 6 – while they waited for work to begin.

"Sabal Chase is under renovation right now and is expected to be completely renovated and back up and running within the next 30 to 45 days," said Fort Pierce Grants Administrator Libby Woodruff. "They're giving the tenants right of first refusal to come back if they would like to and all of the residents are registered with FEMA and they will receive benefits to help refurbish their homes."

City Manager Nick Mimms said people who were living temporarily with family and friends received hot meals three times a day at the gym and that it could be more than a month until all repairs are completed at the apartment complex.

"Our community organizations have stepped up to assist our citizens, and so have the churches, and it's been pretty phenomenal and their needs have been met," Ms. Woodruff said.

Among the organizations that have contributed to relief efforts have been the Red Cross, local churches and the Treasure Coast Food Bank who have offered everything from basic needs to food, and the city is helping residents get transportation to the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office for all the needed background checks to apply for federal aid.

"We're getting toward the end of it all, and it's going to have a positive ending," Ms. Woodruff said. "We've great strides with it, actually. This isn't like a shelter situation for the Red Cross, where there is no electricity or water, the shelter has hot showers and everything and we're partnering with different restaurants in town to provide the hot meals and there are things for the kids to do."



Sabal Chase Apartments were flooded after Hurricane Irma.

Also, last week the Percy Peak Gymnasium was visited by Florida Sen. Bill Nelson. The gymnasium had housed about 100 evacuees and less than 20 were still staying at the shelter as of the end of last week.

For more information on the city of Fort Pierce, visit <u>www.cityoffortpierce.com/</u> or call 772-467-3000.

Officials offer guidance on mosquito control

For Hometown News

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TREASURE COAST – As cleanup efforts continue following Hurricane Irma, the Florida Department of Health and Martin County Mosquito Control – along with officials in St. Lucie County – are reminding residents to "drain and cover" to keep people safe from mosquitoes.

"We are seeing a rise in mosquitoes above the pre-hurricane levels." said Kylie Zirbel, Martin County Mosquito Control Manager. "Our crews are continuing inspections and ground spraying to control the populations, but we need the public's help in this effort and encourage everyone to empty any containers that collect water."

"Some mosquitoes carry harmful diseases and can breed in even small amounts of water," said Karlette Peck, Health Officer for the Florida Department of Health in Martin County. "Simple precautions such as 'Drain and Cover' can stop the breeding and the biting."

The public can request services from Martin County Mosquito Control by logging on to www.martin.fl.us/MosquitoControl or calling 772-419-6974.

To protect against mosquitoes, the Florida Department of Health in Martin and St. Lucie counties urges the public to "drain and cover," meaning to drain standing water from garbage cans, buckets, pool covers, coolers, toys, flower pots or any other containers where sprinkler or rainwater has collected and to discard old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances and other items that aren't being used. They also recommend that residents empty and clean birdbaths and pets' water bowls at least once or twice a week and protect boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water as well as maintain swim-

ming pools in good condition and keep them appropriately chlorinated. Also, to empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

People should cover their skin with clothing and repellant with 10 to 30 percent DEET, and picaridin, oil of lemon, eucalyptus and IR3535 also are effective. Also, it is recommended that citizens use mosquito netting to protect children younger than two months old and cover doors and windows with screens in good repair.

"In public health, we understand and know that one of the most potential post-hurricane problems, could come in the form of mosquitoes. Residents should vigilantly follow basic safety instructions listed below" said Clint Sperber County Health Officer for the Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County.

"We have our crews and fogging trucks out at 100 percent capacity as we are getting calls from all over the Mosquito District," said St. Lucie County Mosquito Control Director Glenn Henderson. "We appreciate everyone's patience as we work as fast as we can to combat this recent breeding boom brought to us by Hurricane Irma."

For more information on current Mosquito Control efforts please contact the St. Lucie County Mosquito Control Hotline at 772-462-1692. Residents can also download the My St. Lucie app for free from the Apple and Google stores to submit requests for services through their smart phones and tablets. For more helpful hints on how to "Beat the Bite" visit St. Lucie County's Mosquito Control page at www.stlucieco.gov/mosquito.

People can follow the department on Twitter at @HealthyFla and on Facebook. For more information about the Florida Department of Health please visit www. FloridaHealth.gov.

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Meets from 10-11:30 a.m., first and third Thursday each month, starting May 1, at the Zora Neale Hurston Branch Library, 3008 Avenue D, Fort Pierce. Free program is designed to provide hands-on computer instruction, including the basics of computing, keeping in touch with family and friends, and saving money on grocery bills with couponing websites. For more information, call (772) 462-2154 or visit http://library.stlucieco.gov.

- Wednesday Green Market: Noon to 6 p.m., rain or shine, in Fort Pierce Marina Square, 101 Melody Lane, Fort Pierce.
- Tai Chi classes: Held at Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. Beginner and intermediate classes are held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.; Fridays at

9:15 a.m. and Saturdays at 3 p.m. Tai Chi Yang Form Classes are held on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi instructors Hilde and Hector Ruiz-Puyana will lead the classes, designed for everyone, including those who suffer from arthritis, diabetes, osteoporosis and balance issues. Appropriate for ages 16 and older, the cost is \$10 per class or \$32 for four classes. Reservations are required. For more information, call (772) 785-5833 or visit www.oxboweco.com.

- Gay men's book discussion group:
 Meets on the fourth Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. to discuss the chosen books, which are by or about gay authors or themes.
 Books are chosen by the participants, and the discussions of characters, plots and interpretations of the books are lively. For more information, visit http://gaymensbookdiscussiongroup.weebly.com/
- Free quit smoking now classes: The Quit Smoking Now Program is free of charge.

For more information or to register, call (877) 819-2357 or visit www.eahectobacco.com.

• St. Lucie Chapter of National Federation of the Blind: Meets monthly on the second Tuesday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at WQCS Radio station at Indian River State College, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. National Federation of the Blind, founded in 1940, is the oldest, largest and most influential organization to help blind and visually impaired people in the U.S. Open to all ages, including children and their parents. For more information, contact Doreen Franklin at (772) 284-4458.

• TC RC Scale Boats: 8-11 a.m. every Sunday, rain or shine, on the east side of Lake Tradition in Port St. Lucie. All ages. The Treasure Coast RC Scale Boaters is a radio controlled model boat club promoting electric scale model boating. Bring your boats, questions, ideas, or just come and watch. A club boat is available for anybody,

child or adult, who would like to try it. (Electric scale only; no fast electric or gas.) Free, parking is available next to launch area. For more information, visit www. TCRCBoaters.org.

• SCORE Regular Weekly Training: SCORE & Indian River State College Small Business Development Council provide free individual business counseling sessions for all small businesses at the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce, 2397 West Midway Road, Fort Pierce, every Thursday at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., by appointment only. Register for an appointment at www. treasurecoast.score.org.

• Tai Chi classes: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. at Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road, Fort Pierce. Join Tai Chi instructor Charlie Ottesen for an hour of relaxation and peace in the serene garden. The cost for the Tai Chi class is \$10 per person. For more information call (772) 464-4672.

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Area invited to 'Buddy Walk'

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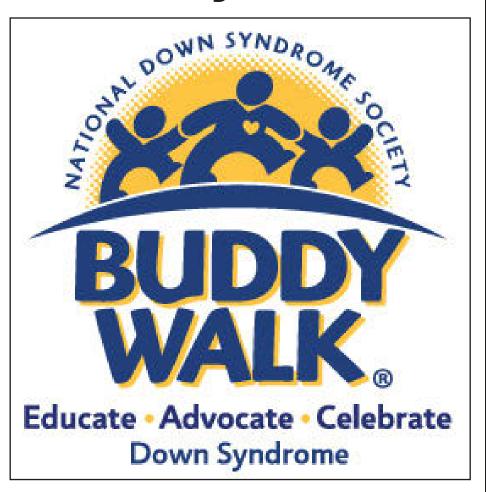
PORT ST LUCIE – One of the most important events along the Treasure Coast, focusing on Down syndrome awareness, will be at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center on Saturday, Oct. 7. The 10th annual Buddy Walk's registration will begin at 4 p.m. and the one-mile trek will start at approximately 7:30 p.m.

There will be performances, special guests, music and refreshments throughout the day and the event will be completed by about 9 p.m.

"We wanted to shake it up a bit and we changed it to a ballroom with a dinner and luminary walk," said organizer and founding president of the Treasure Coast Down Syndrome Awareness Group Sandy Coleman, "so it's going to be really special this year. We are having a big pasta dinner and we're going to have a lot of entertainment with a DJ and self-advocates speaking and a vendor area and the Friends Chorus will be singing again this year."

People can register online and the fees are lower for teams than registering on the day of the Buddy Walk and ensures that participants get a T-shirt. The feature also allows teams to create their own page to

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

• World Suicide Prevention Day community symposium: Third annual free symposium will be held from 7:45-11 a.m., Port St. Lucie Community Center, 2195 S.E. Airoso Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Free community-wide event from Suncoast Mental Health and Martin Health Systems, featuring expert speakers in the area of suicide prevention and awareness. This event is meant for first responders, community leaders, neighbors, families, service providers, educators and interested community members. This year's theme is "Take a minute, save a life." For

reservations, contact Janiece George at (772) 489-4726, ext. 2008, or email igeorge@smhcinc.org

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• Private exhibit and sale: See and consider work by Florida Cowboy artist Brad Phares, an eighth generation Florida rancher, artist, and writer. He uses his art to highlight the importance of Florida's ranches to our state's economy, environment, and future. Also featuring custom leathercrafting by traditional cowboy artist, Jared Phares. Hosted by Gabby Rothman and Nyla Pipes, the reception will be held at a private home in Fort Pierce. Authentic Florida refreshments will be served between 5 and 8 p.m.,

with two complimentary cocktails provided by Bonner mobile bar. Cowboy Casual Attire Requested. A portion of art sales and proceeds from live and silent auctions will benefit Pace Center for Girls Treasure Coast. Limited space available. *Please RSVP by text or call to (772) 233-6182, or email* nylapipes@vahoo.com

• Port St. Lucie High School Jaguars football: The football team will host Suncoast High School at 7 p.m. The address for the high school is 1201 SE Jaguar Lane, Port St. Lucie.

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Horoscopes



ARIES - March 21/April 20 Aries, if you have a gut feeling about something but not much tangible proof to back up your suspicions, use your intuition as a guide. It seldom leads you astray.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21
Taurus, racing through all of your activities will get you somewhere fast, but the results may be sloppy. Slow down and see the bigger picture

GEMINI - May 22/June 21 Gemini, if you continue to vacillate on a decision, pretty soon you will begin to doubt your decision-making abilities. Trust your intuition.

CANCER - June 22/July 22
Taking everything onto your shoulders is one way to get noticed, Cancer. But it's also a way to burn out. When others offer to lighten your load, take them up on it.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23 Leo, a newfound commitment to living healthy will benefit you in the short- and long-terms. Keep up the good work and enlist others to help you stay motivated.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22
Virgo, others trust your instincts when it comes to making big decisions. Follow your heart and explain your thought process along the way so loved ones feel in the loop.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23 Libra, allow others to explain their position before you make an important decision. Outside input can give you a more well-rounded perspective.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22 Scorpio, accept others' offers to help when

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San Juan Festival brings a little salsa to city

By Gaylon Parker

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PORT ST LUCIE – For nearly a decade and a half, the San Juan Festival has been bringing area residents to the biggest Hispanic Heritage Month event on the Treasure Coast. Now in its 14th year, the festival has moved back to the Port St. Lucie Civic Center after a brief sojourn in Tradition and will be on-site Saturday, Sept. 30 from noon to 10 p.m.

Organizers say this year's installment will be even more exciting, with three nationally-known recording artists joining local acts on the stage throughout the day. The entertainment gets started early and there are more than 50 vendors who will be on hand for all the food, arts and crafts and drinks anybody could need. But starting at about 4 p.m., Angel Lopez – who was formerly in the band Son by Four – Ray Acevedo – who was in the band Menudo in his youth – and headliner Michael Stuart will each take their turns showcasing their signature tunes.

"It's an amazing day, where people just get to go out and have a good time and be outdoors and enjoy live music and food," said lead organizer and Vice President of the Puerto Rican Association for Hispanic Affairs, Jacquelene Burke. "People can enjoy some rice and beans and dance a little."

Part of the proceeds for the festival go toward setting up scholarships for Hispanic students at Indian River State College, and over the years there have been more than 20 students who have benefited from them. Ms. Burke said it is the Puerto Rican Association for Hispanic Affairs' way of helping students attain a better education.

"It's fulfilling our goal, which is educational and cultural," Ms. Burke said. "Depending on the size of the event and the turnout, we can do three or four scholarships a year."

Also appearing will be local artist Veteran of Salsa Willie Hernandez and David Lucca y los Clasicos. The emcees for the festival will be Ivan Melendez, Vivian from La Gigante/WPSL and DJ Lenny. Very often,

the festival draws between 2,000 and 3,000 people and as many as 4,000 show up.

"This year, we're expecting a good turnout because we have three excellent performers," Ms. Burke said. "There are people who come her from other areas just for this event and we even have people who come down here from New York and it's just a great day.

"One thing I particularly love is on that day I see the young people being proud of their culture and they dress up with their flags and it's not only for the Hispanic community, it's for anybody who wants to

expand their horizons and enjoy other cultures."

Tickets for the event will be \$10 for adults,

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children less than 12 years of age get for \$5 and those under 5 get in free. For more information about the San Juan Festival, please visit www.prafha.org.

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- Treasure Coast High School Titans football: The football team will host Fort Pierce Central High School at 7 p.m. The address for the high school is 1000 SW Darwin Blvd. in Port St. Lucie.
- John Carroll Catholic High School Rams football: The football team will host

Fort Pierce Westwood High School at 7 p.m. The address for the high school is 3402 Delaware Ave. in Fort Pierce.

THROUGH SEPT. 30

• Kilmer Library's ArtSpace features
Martha Purdy for September: The Susan
Broom Kilmer Branch Library's ArtSpace will
feature works by artist Martha Purdy on
display now through Sept. 30. Purdy came to
Florida from Mexico 18 years ago. She

currently lives in Fort Pierce, cleaning houses for a living, and studying for her U.S.
Citizenship exam. Purdy has always liked to draw, and in thinking about a new art project realized that many people who come to the United States don't know much about its history. She decided to draw individual portraits of each of the 45 presidents so everyone can see what they looked like. The Susan Broom Kilmer (formerly Fort Pierce) Branch Library is located at 101 Melody Lane, Fort Pierce. It 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 library's noncommercial ArtSpace area should contact Librarian Shelia Small at (772) 462-2199 or smalls@stlucieco.org.

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Celebrate science, Indian River Lagoon Oct. 14

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FORT PIERCE - Each year since 2014, the Indian River Lagoon Science Festival has given festival-goers the opportunity to explore the wonders of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) through hands-on, minds-on activities. The Festival will return to the Treasure Coast on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This free, family-friendly community celebration will take place at Veteran's Memorial Park, 600 N. Indian River Drive in downtown Fort

The Indian River Lagoon Science Festival aims to show not only the importance of science, but also how fun and exciting it can be. Dozens of exhibitors from throughout the state of Florida will have learning activities and demonstrations exploring different areas of science, including agriculture, chemistry, engineering, computer science, ecology, marine science and more.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- · Identify marine plants and animals in a portable touch tank with FAU Harbor Branch
- · Explore the solar system with National Geographic
- · Race cockroaches with the U.S. Horticultural Research Laboratory
- · Construct coral colonies with the Smithsonian Marine Station
- · Experience St. Lucie's Procession of the Species, a musical and colorful public expression of art and celebration of nature. Every Saturday prior to the Indian River Lagoon Science Festival guests can visit the Oxbow Eco-Center's Advice from an Artist from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for tips on using recy-

cled materials for their costume. For details ${\it visit}\ www.stlucie procession.com.$

· View exciting stage shows including the explosive chemistry of Miracle of Science and Treasure Coast Wildlife Center's live animal show

In addition to the stage shows and exhibits, local area food trucks will be in attendance and there will be free admission at the St. Lucie County Aquarium. Free parking will be available in the Downtown Fort Pierce Parking Garage with free trolley transport to the Festival site.

There are also ten STEM-focused satellite events taking place across Indian River, St. Lucie, and Martin counties in the two weeks leading up to Festival day. The satellite events begin on Sept. 27 and go through Oct. 12. For more information on these events, visit the IRL Science Festival website at www.irlsciencefest.org/satellite.

The IRL Science Festival has been made possible through funding from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Smithsonian Marine Station, Friends of the Smithsonian Marine Station, FAU Harbor Branch, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute Foundation's Specialty License Plate Program, the Florida Center for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence, Waste Pro, Sunrise Ford, St. Lucie County, the City of Fort Pierce, and the generous support of WGYL 93.7, WJKD 99.7, WPHR 94.7, WOSN 97.1, and WTTB

The Festival is in need of volunteers ages 16 and older in many different areas. For available opportunities and to apply, visit www.irlsciencefest.org/volunteer.

For information on how individuals, groups and businesses can support this event, contact Festival Co-Chair Jasmine Fox at (772) 465-3271 or irlsciencefest@si.edu.

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• Ride to Fight Suicide: Second annual event from Treasure Coast Harley Davidson and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Registration is 9:30-10:30 a.m., kickstands up at 11 a.m. Ride starts at Suncoast Mental Health Center, 1456 Old Dixie Hwy, Vero Beach. Ride ends at Treasure Coast Harley Davidson, 4967 S.E. Federal Hwy, Stuart. \$20 per rider and \$10 per passenger includes a patch (until supplies last) and ticket for the raffle. A police

escorted ride from Indian River to Martin County. Party at TCHD from 12-5 p.m. with live music, games, raffles, food, bikini bike wash, prizes, more; \$5 per person for nonriders, and free for riders. For more information, visit www.afsp.org/

TreasureCoastRide or treasurecoastHD.com

· Advice From an Artist (Procession of the Species): 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. Visit the Oxbow to meet with staff and volunteer artists for assistance in creating your spirit animal for the 'Procession of the Species' event on Oct. 14. Free session — get tips on using recycled materials to complete your masterpiece. For more information, call (772) 785-5833 or email oxbow@stlucieco.

org.
• Hallstrom Planetarium Open House: 6 p.m., IRSC main campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Join IRSC, the Hallstrom Astronomical Society, and the Treasure Coast Astronomical Society for a free Planetarium open house. Telescopic views of the sky will be available, weather permitting. For more information, call the IRSC box office at (772) 462-4750 or visit www.irsc.

• 'A Night at Club Pineapple:' 8 p.m., Pineapple Playhouse, 700 W. Weatherbee Road, Fort Pierce. Featuring Joyce Milligan. Wine and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$15. Call (772) 465-0366 for tickets or more

SUNDAY, OCT. 1

- Jazz at the Gazebo: Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society presents live music from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society craft market off Indian River Drive and Orange Avenue. For more information, call (772) 460-5299 or visit www.jazzsociety.
- 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

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Cole Foundation to unveil location for memorial pier

By Mike Winikoff

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VERO BEACH — The Live Like Cole Foundation will unveil the location for the Cole Coppola Memorial Fishing Pier on Saturday, September 30 at the Grand Pavilion in Riverside Park.

The T-shaped pier will consist of a 100 foot long by 8 foot wide access which will intersect with a 50 foot long by 8 foot wide terminal pier.

Ground breaking is scheduled for October, with the pier to be completed in Janu-

In addition to the unveiling of the pier location, the celebration will include a food truck, awards ceremony, and live music from the Tom Jackson Band. The public is invited to bring lawn chairs and umbrellas.

The unveiling of the location, as well as the upcoming ground breaking of the fishing pier, is a culmination of the efforts and generosity of many people, both in the private and public sector, and is a testament of how a community can work together to achieve great success," said Cole's sister Melanie Coppola, co-founder and CEO of the foundation. "While bittersweet, this project, as well as the many other initiatives the foundation has supported, has been incredi-

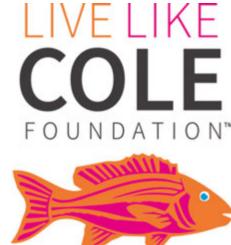


Cole Coppola

bly rewarding and is a wonderful way to carry my brother's legacy forward. We are looking forward to the completion of the pier as well as our next big community project as we continue to take action and spread kindness."

The mission of the Live Like Cole Foundation is to encourage children and adults to support and help others, and to foster selfworth. The foundation's main project so far has been to raise the money to build the

On Sept. 27, 2014 Nicholas "Cole" Cop-



pola, a student at John Carroll High School in Fort Pierce, was riding his bicycle on the Alma Lee Loy Bridge over the Indian River Lagoon in Vero Beach when he was struck, just days after his 16th birthday, by a car driven by a waitress on the way home from her job at the Citrus Grillhouse. The early morning collision knocked him off the bridge, and he died from brain trauma. According to information in court records, the driver was allegedly over the blood-alcohol level of 0.08 that under Florida law

denotes impairment.

According to the foundation's website, its goal is to honor and memorialize the life of Cole Coppola by supporting individuals and organizations that adopt Cole's philosophy of always helping those around him. "Cole never missed the opportunity to lend a helping hand, and he took extraordinary efforts to ensure each person he encountered felt like the most important person to him. He was loving, generous, humble and kind to the very core."

Supporters and friends use the social media hashtag #LIVELIKECOLE.

The construction of the pier is the result of a private-public partnership with the city of Vero Beach and the Florida Inland Navigational District. The City of Vero Beach received a grant from the Florida Inland Navigational District for the permitting and engineering costs. That grant was matched by the foundation.

After the pier is complete, additional proceeds raised will be used for scholarships and endowments.

The family-friendly, celebratory location unveiling event will be held Saturday, Sept. 30, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Riverside Park is located at 3001 Riverside Park Dr., Vero Beach.

For more information, visit www.livelike-

Where does a chef take his wife to eat out?

owhere, that's where! Come now, there are times when I don't want to cook. I'll admit, not very often, but I do appreciate someone cooking for me. Let me clarify that, I appreciate someone I know cooking for me.

The evening will start off innocently enough with my wife and I trying to decide where to eat, what food we want. The problem of dining with my wife is we may never get to a table. When we enter a restaurant someone needs to acknowledge us right away or at least say, "Hi, I will be with you in a moment." If that doesn't happen, she is out the door heading for the car. I have to admit I feel the same way, maybe not as bad ... I will give them a minute or two, but my wife has zero tolerance. She is gone.

Now, if we make it to the table, someone better greet us and offer a beverage and say something or she will be on the move again. I remember one time the server came up and said, "hey guys, what would you like?" She was gone again ... she is not a "guy." My wife really isn't spoiled or rude, she just knows how the front of the house should operate and has little patience when restaurants don't take the time to train their personnel to create a great dining experience.



CHEF COSTA'S **COOKING CORNER COSTA MAGOULAS**

But I am getting ahead of myself. Most of the time we never make it to the restaurant at all. It never fails. I can hear her now while we are discussing where to go, "you can make everything I like, why do we have to go out? Let's just stay home, open a bottle of wine and I will keep you company while you cook one of my favorite meals?" Yes I know that sounds terrible, but I actually

We'll head to the local market, pick up a couple of lobsters, a few shrimps and I always have some steaks in the freezer. Yes, surf and turf tonight and at a bargain price! It really is great to be a chef. I can cook anything I want, we can share and talk while I am cooking, making it a great

I wrapped some shrimp in prosciutto and sautéed them lightly in white wine and butter and served it with fresh toasted focaccia bread. We ate, sipped red wine and talked about our day. I had water on the

stove with old bay seasoning. I added a bottle of dark beer and, while that was getting hot, I turned the grill on high, then smeared regular table mustard, salt and pepper on the steaks. I know mustard? Just try it you'll love it.

I cut some red peppers, red onions and tomatoes and placed them on wooden skewers. The lobsters went into the boiling water and when they had cooked for about 10 minutes, I placed the steaks and vegetables on the grill, turning only once after 5 minutes. I pulled the lobster out of the pot and took the steaks and vegetables off the grill. Dinner was served with melted butter.

We continued to share and have a great meal, just the two of us. What a great date night it turned out to be. We really don't go out to eat often and, when we try, it usually ends up with me cooking at home. It turns out to be the best restaurant food and service in town with great atmosphere. Try it sometime.

Oh, almost forgot ... she insisted on dessert. Did I forget to mention I can also

MOLTEN LAVA CAKES

Servings: 6 cakes

Ingredients

6 chocolate kisses

2 (1-ounce) squares semisweet chocolate 10 tablespoons (1-1/4 stick) butter

1/2-cup all-purpose flour

1-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar

3 large eggs

3 egg yolks

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Grease six (6-ounce) custard cups with butter or spray.

Melt the 2-ounce square chocolates and butter in the microwave, or in a double boiler. Add the flour and sugar to chocolate mixture. Stir in the eggs and yolks until smooth. Stir in the vanilla. Divide the batter evenly among the custard cups. Insert a chocolate kiss inside the batter of each cake. Place in the oven and bake for 6-8 minutes. The edges should be firm but the center will be runny. Run a knife around the edges to loosen and invert onto dessert plates.

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.

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customize and use to get more team members and donations.

Local children and adults with Down syndrome walk with their family, friends, and other supporters to promote Down syndrome awareness and acceptance. The day also will feature fellowship, face painting, an interactive water fountain and lunch, and celebrates the Down syndrome community and to promote acceptance and inclusion.

"It's a way of raising awareness in the community of acceptance and inclusion of people with disabilities or Down syndrome," Ms. Coleman said. "We have three beautiful new families, and we have one new mom who we are taking a new parent packet to and welcoming her to our group."

"Down syndrome is a condition in which extra genetic material causes delays in the way a child develops, both mentally and

physically. It affects about 1 in every 700 babies born in the United States. The physical features and medical problems associated with Down syndrome can vary widely from child to child. While some kids with DS need a lot of medical attention, others lead healthy lives. The health problems that may go along with DS can be treated and many resources are available to help kids and their families who are living with the condition," according to the organization's website.

The byproduct of events like this, Ms. Coleman said, is an increase in confidence in the young adults who have Down syndrome, including participation in everything from gymnastics to dance and post-secondary education. "That, to me, is one of the most rewarding parts of this. And we love seeing the new babies come in and making sure they have opportunities and inclusion," she said.

For online registration and more information, visit www.tcdownsyndromeag.org.

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to the public.

TUESDAY, OCT. 3

· Tuesday Night Jazz Jam: Presented by the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society from 7-10 p.m. at the Black Box at Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. Second Street, Fort Pierce. Call (772) 460-5299 or visit www.jazzsociety. org.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4

• 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, OCT. 5 - SATURDAY, OCT. 7

• 'A Doll's House:' Wynne Black Box Theatre, IRSC main campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Drama. A young housewife arranges a loan without her husband's knowledge to save them from debt. Rather than being grateful, he accuses her of damaging his good name. She wakes to feelings of self-awareness for the first time and realizes he is not the man she thought she knew. Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with a 2 p.m. show on Saturday. General admission tickets are \$15. For more information, contact the IRSC box office at (772) 462-4750 or email boxoffice@irsc.edu.

FRIDAY, OCT. 6

- Movie Matinee: Showing 'Smurfs: The Lost Village' at 3:30 p.m., Lakewood Park Branch Library, 7605 Santa Barbara Drive, Fort Pierce. Animated film is PG, running time of 90 minutes. For more information about library programs, call (772) 462-6870, email pasizorp@stlucieco.org, or visit www. stlucieco.gov/library
- Friday Fest: 5:30-9 p.m., Fort Pierce's Marina Square, the first Friday of every month, weather permitting. (Held on the second Friday of the month if event is canceled due to bad weather.) Friday Fest is

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your schedule fills up. Simply return the favor when you get the chance, and that's all the thanks

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21

Sagittarius, a renewed passion for a hobby has motivated you to be more creative. Embrace this newfound vigor, even enlisting others if you so desire.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Capricorn, embrace a newly presented challenge as an opportunity to hone your skills and illustrate to others your abilitiy to adapt and thrive. Your efforts won't go unnoticed.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Aquarius, the prospects of a new relationship prove reinvigorating. Make the most of this opportunity and embrace the chance to experience new things.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

Take a few minutes for yourself this week, Pisces. It is important to have some alone time so you can gather your thoughts.

- 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.
- 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. Be sure to bring your folding chairs or blankets to picnic on the lawn at Tradition Town Hall.
- Port St. Lucie High School Jaguars **football:** The football team will host South Fork High School at 7 p.m. The address for the high school is 1201 SE Jaguar Lane, Port St. Lucie.

- Centennial High School Eagles football: The football team will host Oxbridge Academy at 7 p.m. The address for the high school is 1485 SW Cashmere Blvd. in Port
- Fort Pierce Central High School Cobras football: The football team will host Jensen Beach High School at 7 p.m. The address for the high school is 4101 S. 25th. St. in Fort Pierce.

FRIDAY, OCT. 6 - SUNDAY, OCT. 8

• Oktoberfest: 15th annual event will be held outdoors in the Promenade at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center on Walton Road and U.S. 1. Family-friendly event features lots of live entertainment and activities for children, along with food vendors. Expected hours are 5-10 p.m. Friday, 12-10 p.m. Saturday, and 12-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission and parking are free, tokens for food and beverages are purchased for \$1 each. For more information, visit http://psloktoberfest. blogspot.com

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

- · Advice From an Artist (Procession of the Species): 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. Visit the Oxbow to meet with staff and volunteer artists for assistance in creating your spirit animal for the 'Procession of the Species' event on Oct. 14. Free session - get tips on using recycled materials to complete your masterpiece. For information, call (772) 785-5833 or email oxbow@stlucieco.org.
- · Benefit: Rizzo's Cigar Bar and Sidedoor Lounge will host an event to benefit HANDS of St. Lucie with five bands, food and refreshments. Call (772) 461-0655 for more
- Wonderland Gala: Whimsical new charity benefit with appearances from Alice, the Mad Hatter, and the White Rabbit, to benefit Port St. Lucie based CareBag Inc. Held from 6-11 p.m. at the Regal Event Hall, 582 N.W. University Blvd., Suite 350, Port St.

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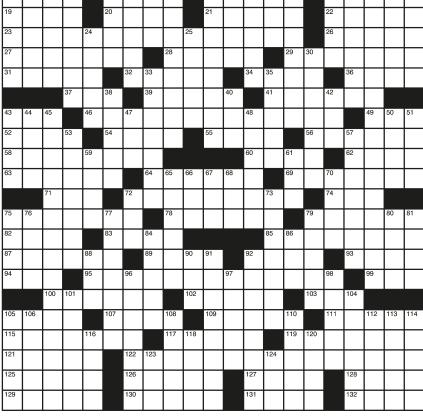
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Marcus Youngblood caught a baby Snook while fishing in brackish water in Fort Pierce. This little guv was released back into the water as soon as his picture was taken.

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Lucie. The group's goal is to purchase a bus or large truck and transform it into a mobile shower unit for the homeless as well as at-risk individuals and families. CareBag Inc. is a grassroots 501(c)(3) non-profit Treasure Coast organization whose mission is to devote the time and energy necessary to feed, assist and educate the homeless, as well as individuals and families at risk. Tickets are \$125 per person, or a table of 8 is \$1.200, which includes two bottles of champagne. To purchase tickets, please visit www.carebag.net/events. For more information, contact Patrina Coppin, Project Manager at (772) 222-7399 or carebag@ carebagfl.org.

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The summary administration of the estate of Charles V. Baji, deceased, whose date of death is December 21, 2016, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 218 S. 2nd Street, Florida. The value of the estate is "0". The names and addresses of the personal time and the representative and the state is "0". the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth

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