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Ahoy, me Hearties!



Staff photos by Sevin Bullwinkle Ruby Haze, back, shames eight-year-old Charlie Fischer, in the stocks, with the help of Emma Gorski, 11.

Valentine's Day nuptials take stress out of wedding

By Gaylon Parker

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ST LUCIE COUNTY - Each year, the St. Lucie County Clerk's office helps ease some of the burden for people who want to get married on Valentine's Day. The event involves 10 couples, who can sign up as long as they have a marriage license, and that results in an alleviation of costs and fees.

The couples get married on that most-romantic of days, Valentine's Day, and this year marks the ninth time St. Lucie County has extended the service to couples.

The couples are so appreciative, and they love it because it allows people to start their lives together without the extra burden of debt," said St. Lucie Clerk Communications Manager Joseph Abreu. "There are so many couples who put thousands of dollars into their wedding and that's not the best way to kick off a marriage.

"We want to be able to get people started with a clean slate."

This year, the event will be hosted at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, and last year was at Tradition Square. It also has been hosted at Heathcote Botanical Gardens in Fort Pierce, and switches locations all the time. All the sites the clerk's office chooses are designed to be decorative and beautiful.

"I think a lot of the brides and grooms really enjoy the outdoor setting, and they get to be in beautiful scenery," Mr. Abreu said. "It makes for great pictures and makes for a beautiful ceremony, and we're going to be positioning all the brides and grooms down toward a special area at the back of the Botanical Gardens?

The annual group wedding ceremony will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, and there is still time to sign up through Friday, Feb. 9. Many local businesses offered an abundance of services to make the event special and it will include hors d'oeuvres, music and professional photography for the respective couples.

Among the businesses volunteering their services for the event are: Above and Beyond, which is providing DJ services at the event; EvaC. Photography; The Cake Lady Custom Cakes, which offered a separate wedding cake for each couple; See NUPTIALS, page 2



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The ninth annual

Treasure Coast

Pirate Fest was held

at Veteran's Memo-

rial Park/Riverwalk

Center in Fort Pierce from Friday,

February 2, through

Sunday, February 4.

The festival fea-

tures pirate themed

attractions such as

the Living History

Pirate Encamp-

ment, Blackbeard's

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Expert advises **Board on** vacation rentals

Outside counsel warns board members not to circumvent state regulations on short-term rentals

By Donald Rodrigue For Hometown News

FORT PIERCE -- The city's outside counsel for advice on short-term vacation rental applications, Fort Lauderdale-based attorney James White, warned the Fort Pierce Planning Board Jan. 23 about the legal pitfalls surrounding such businesses and detailed ongoing legislation that could further limit any local control over their zoning restrictions.

I've been working with various municipalities serving as outside legal counsel in dealing with vacation rentals since before 2011," he said. "As you all know, the debate right now in Tallahassee on vacation rentals is really hot. This is a very controversial issue, and it's been a controversial issue. There are proponents and opponents to this, and everyone probably has a different opinion. My goals is simply to set out the legal framework and sort of tell you the parameters in which we can operate."

Mr. White reminded Planning Board members that the state short-circuited most local control over short-term vacation rentals in 2011, after successful lobbying efforts by the vacation rental industry whose members sought preemption of local government regulatory power over such rentals. Prior to that time, local governments exercised home-rule authority over the industry and had carte blanche to regulate short-term vacation rentals any way

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Community calendar

FRIDAY, FEB. 9

• Lunch & Learn: "Leave No Trace" in the Indian River Lagoon. 12-1 p.m., Manatee Observation and Education Center, 480 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce. Bring your lunch for a presentation by Stephanie Whatton and Andy Mossey, Subaru/Leave No Trace Traveling Trainers for the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics. Stephanie and Andy are dedicated environmental stewards and conservationists who travel the country educating others on how to protect the natural lands we all love. They will be presenting on how Leave No Trace has been and can be applied to efforts to conserve and protect the Indian River Lagoon. Free. Call (772) 429-6266 for more information.

• Technology workshop — Logo Design: 2 p.m., Morningside Branch Library's Creation Station, 2410 Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Learn how to create eye-catching logos using Photoshop. These workshops are designed to help adults hone their advanced computer skills. The Creation Station provides all the software and computer equipment participants need. Guests are encouraged to bring a USB drive, if they want digital copies of their work. Space is limited for these free classes, so make reservations by calling (772) 337-5634 or email wilsonj@stlucieco.org.

• 'Leave No Trace' Cleanup: 2-4:30 p.m., Smithsonian Marine Ecosystems Exhibit, 420 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce. Help preserve and protect the Indian River Lagoon from trash, damage to vegetation and trees, and trail erosion. For more information, contact Emily Dark at (772) 429-2995, email Emily.Dark@dep.state. fl.us, or visit https://floridadep.gov/FCO/ Aquatic-Preserve.

• Junior Oxbow Explorers (J.O.E.) hits the Trails at Twilight: Many wildlife species are most active during dusk, that magical time when day transitions to night. Take an evening walkabout on one of St. Lucie County's many nature preserves and explore the sights and sounds of nature after-dark, beginning at 6 p.m. Note this program will take place at one of the

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The Fort Pierce Communitywide Council (CWC) will hold its meeting Wednesday, January 10, 2018, beginning at 6:00 pm in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at Fort Pierce City Hall, 100 North U.S. Hwy 1. This meeting will be open to the public.

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Ten couples tied the knot at the eight annual 'Sweet Deal Valentine's Day Wedding Ceremony', officiated by Clerk of the Circuit Court Joseph E. Smith at Tradition Town Hall Gazebo on Tuesday, February 14 of 2017.

Nuptials

Culinary Village's Silver Platter, which is providing hors d'oeuvres and champagne toast; and South Forty Ltd., which is providing flowers and boutonnieres for couples.

"People get to have a beautiful ceremony, and they can have everything they dreamed of – like a beautiful place like the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens," Mr. Abreu said. "They just need to take care of their marriage license; that's all they need to pay for and it's a perfect opportunity.

"I think it's really nice that these vendors

donate their services for this and that's something we would never be able to do without them."

All couples taking part in the Valentine's Day wedding must present a valid marriage license at the ceremony. More information about license requirements and fees is available on the Marriage Licenses page of the Clerk's website, <u>www.stlucieclerk.com/marriage</u>. Meanwhile, any business that would like to donate their services or products to the couples for raffle items or gift bags may contact news@stlucieclerk.com or 772-462-6979. For more information about the clerk's office, please visit stlucieclerk.com.



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Kaufman Hearing Care provides sound services

By Gaylon Parker

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ST LUCIE COUNTY – My, how the world of hearing care has changed.

Bruce Kaufman graduated from New Hampshire College with a BA in Business Administration in 1969 and is a trained, certified and Licensed Hearing Aid Specialist. Mr. Kaufman opened Kaufman Hearing Care in Port St. Lucie three years ago, but started working in the industry 24 years ago in West Palm Beach.

Mr. Kaufman wanted to be closer to his family and he said it was "one of the best decisions ever," because he felt it was time to give back to the community. He does so by offering the best-possible equipment – typically, Siemens Hearing Care products – to his customers and the best prices he can with top-shelf customer service.

"I make sure that I do a thorough examination and that I get into the history of what their hearing loss has been, and by offering them the Siemens line of products that is the number-one company in the world," Mr. Kaufman said. "That will help them to hear in the different situations that they're going to be in – whether that would be a restaurant or they're going to Publix – and they want to be able to understand the first time and I work with them and I let them know exactly what's going on so they're aware of the whole process."

Mr. Kaufman got into the business because he had hearing difficulties years ago and saw just how much it can mean to a person – to be able to hear – first-hand. "I had a hearing loss, myself, years ago and I learned at that time I had a friend who was in the hearing aid business, and he helped me an awful lot and I got more and more interested in it," Mr. Kaufman said. "At that time, he said that if I was interested he could help me and sponsor me. He did that, and here I am 27 years later."

Many customers rave about the improvement in their hearing, and Mr. Kaufman – who is a long-standing member of the Florida Hearing Aid Society for more than 20 years – said he has been able to change many lives through his work, which is very enriching. People have seen an improved quality of life, whether it's because they can hear their televisions better or conversations with their spouses, and people have been able to enjoy everything from musical entertainment to a conversation with close friends.

"The way I like to think of it is that I am there for them in every which way," Mr. Kaufman said. "I get so much satisfaction from my work, and it means so much to me to be able to improve people's lives."

The dramatic improvement in technology-levels have made the most difference, Mr. Kaufman said, and he tries to stay ahead of all the latest trends and developments in the industry. He also is the proud recipient for "Outstanding Customer Service Award" for service excellence. He does his best to evaluate customers and tries to offer the best fit – for the comfort and strength of the units – and offer follow-up visits to ensure that their comfort continues.

"Now, the equipment is at such wonderful

levels – and it not only helps well over 90 percent of the people – but it also has made it so that it's affordable," Mr. Kaufman said. "That is because technology has changed that way, and it was always a big concern to people.

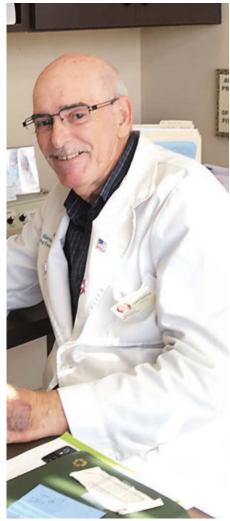
"I also like to think that because I am an independent businessman I can trim my prices to make it so coming to Kaufman Hearing Care usually proves to be an exceptional experience."

He also offers a hearing aid cleaning every six months at no charge, and Mr. Kaufman goes the extra mile to stay in touch with customers long after their equipment has been purchased.

"I always want them to feel comfortable, and I just like the one-on-one interaction, or what I call 'professional service in a personal way," Mr. Kaufman added. "The truth is that with Siemens we have a well-over 92 percent satisfaction rate, and in my case it's even higher because I take the time to work with people to make it so that they can understand how hearing works and they can enjoy talking to their spouse and don't have to say 'excuse me' or 'pardon me' or 'can you repeat that?'

"They can be very much a part of what's going on around them, and when you haven't had something for many years – then you're able to hear again – it's a life-altering experience."

For more information about Kaufman Hearing Care – located at 8972 S. US 1 in Port St. Lucie – please visit the website at <u>http://www.kaufmanhearingcare.com/</u> or call 772-882-1940.



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• Full Moon Night Hike: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Steven J. Fousek (Paleo Hammock) Preserve, 8551 Carlton Road, Port St. Lucie. Go looking for and listening to wildlife at dusk as the daylight transitions to the night. The "changing of the guard" from daytime to nighttime brings a host of changes to the preserves in terms of which creatures are active and gives us extraordinary moonlit viewing opportunities. Free, reservations are required, space is limited. Ages 12+; minors must be accompanied by an adult. Proper footwear and water are required; please, no pets. For more information or to register, call (772) 462-2526, email slchikes@stlucieco. org, or visit www.slchikes.org.

SATURDAY, FEB. 10 - SUNDAY, FEB. 11

• Botanica Garden Festival & Plant Sale: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie. More than 50 vendors offering all things related to gardens, from nurseries offering local, exotic and tropical plants, to plant related items and outdoor products. Music and food vendors are help make the day even more enjoyable. Free admission to the park and plant sale, and free parking; a donation to help the Gardens grow would be gratefully appreciated. *For more information, call (772) 337-1959 or visit* www.pslbotanicalgardens.org.

SUNDAY, FEB. 11

• 'What's a Hammock?' Hike: 9-11 a.m., Sweetwater Hammock Preserve, 4100 S. 25th Street, Fort Pierce. Here's a hint, it's

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county's preserves other than the Oxbow, still to be announced. This program is designed for children ages 8-12. The cost is \$5 per participant. *Reservations are required; call (772) 785-5833 or email* oxbow@stlucieco.org.

SATURDAY, FEB. 10

• Tours of the Oxbow: 11 a.m., every Saturday through April 14, Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. Thirty minute tours are meant for people of all ages and abilities, and include a brief history of the 225-acre property, an introduction to the exhibit hall, a walk through the gardens and a short stroll through the beautiful preserve. Free. Dropins are encouraged; no reservations required. For more information, call (772) 785-5833 or visit www.oxboweco.com.

• Kid Space: Sky Show for Young Astronomers: 11 a.m., Hallstrom Planetarium, IRSC main campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Children ages 4-12 can take a scientific voyage of discovery to learn about the stars, constellations, moon, planets and exploration of outer space. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact the IRSC box office at (772) 462-4750 or email boxoffice@irsc.edu.

• S.T.E.A.M. Power: 2 p.m., Zora Neale Hurston Branch Library, 3008 Avenue D, Fort Pierce. Ages 8 to 18 can participate in hands-on activities that focus on science, technology, engineering art and math. Free. For more information about library programs, call (772) 462-2154, email *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.

Port St. Lucie Police Department

Kyle Romstadt, 24, 2498 S.E. Dogwood Ave., Port St. Lucie, possession of marijuana of more than 20 grams.

Daniel Heinz, 34, address withheld, Port St. Lucie, sexual assault by a custodian or sexual battery of a victim 12 years of age to 18 years of age and lewd or lascivious behavior against a victim between 12 and 16 years of age by an offender 18 years of age or older.

Anthony Musto, 19, 997 Carnation Drive, Sebastian, arrested on an out-of-county (Indian River) felony warrant.

Mychal James, 27, 482 Namoit Place, Port St. Lucie, weapon offense – use or display of a firearm during a felony and possession of marijuana with the intent to sell, manufacturer or deliver.

Charles Allen, 18, 2211 S.W. Almansa Ave., Port St. Lucie, fraud – issuing a false statement of verification to a secondhand dealer for less than \$300, burglary of a conveyance and dealing in stolen property.

St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office

Markell Tillman, 25, 1301 N. 21st St., Fort Pierce, arrested on an open St. Lucie County felony warrant for high speed or wanton fleeing.

Todd Sharrett, 26, 311 Happfield Drive, Arlington, III., arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony capias warrant for disorderly Police report conduct – resisting a law enforcement officer with violence.

Arthur Thompson, 54, 1308 N. 15th St., Fort Pierce, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for providing a false name while arrested or detained.

Nelson Floyd, 51, 5226 N.W. North Lovoy Cir., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for failure to report a name or residence change.

Vanessa Lay, 19, 5318 Hayes St., Hollywood, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for a violation of probation for criminal use of personal identification.

Larry Robinson, 57, 431 N. 20th St., Fort Pierce, possession of cocaine and driving with a suspended license as a habitual offender. Tiffany Rogers, 31, 2403-10A S. 25th St.,

Fort Pierce, arrested on a St. Lucie County felony warrant for possession of cocaine.

Stacey Turner, 26, 713 Cedar Place, Fort Pierce, arrested on an outstanding St. Lucie County felony warrant for driving with a suspended license.

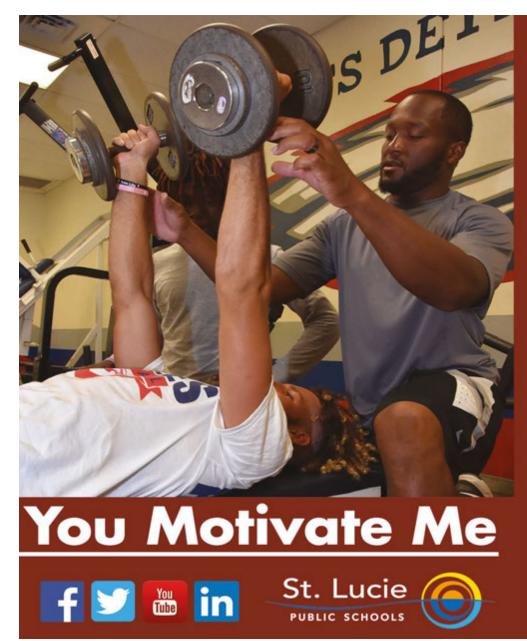
Matthew Bridges, 32, 7706 Sebastian Road, Fort Pierce, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without the intent to kill and possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted Florida felon.

Brandon Carter, 21, 1112 Avenue E, Fort Pierce, carrying a concealed weapon or firearm.

Michael Love, 27, 603-B N. 32nd St., Fort Pierce, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

Vontavious Daughtry, 21, 1655 N. 29th St., Fort Pierce, larceny – grand theft of a firearm and carrying a concealed weapon or firearm.

Blake Paradise, 26, 217 S.W. Degouvea Terr., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an outstanding St. Lucie County warrant for felony petit theft. Morine Daniels, 35, 212 N. 39th St., Fort



Pierce, arrested on an outstanding St. Lucie County felony warrant for a violation of probation for second-degree grand theft.

Alana McCune, 31, 685 N.W. Treemont Ave., Port St. Lucie, arrested on a St. Lucie County felony warrant.

Gavin Russell, 19, 3841 S.W. Ridley St., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for a violation of probation.

Jesus Rivera, 55, 2535 N. Military Road, Port St. Lucie, arrested on an out-of-county (Okeechobee) felony warrant for a violation of a court order revoking pretrial release for a new arrest.

Courtney Miller, 27, 357 Hiatt Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, arrested on an outstanding felony warrant for dealing in stolen property and providing false ownership information to a pawnbroker for less than \$300.

Paretiveraj Ramdass, 43, 1100 N.W. 95th, Miami, arrested on an active St. Lucie County felony warrant for a written threat to kill or do bodily injury.

Amy Bontell, 34, 5753 N.W. Belwood Cir., Port St. Lucie, possession of marijuana of more than 20 grams and possession of marijuana with the intent to sell, manufacture or deliver.

Shannon Stallone, 25, 331 S.W. Homeland Ave., Port St. Lucie, possession of marijuana of more than 20 grams and possession of marijuana with the intent to sell, manufacture or deliver.

Anthony Eulo, 24, 212 S.E. Sims Cir., Port St. Lucie, possession of cocaine.

Edward Clark, 23, 1116 Avenue E, Fort Pierce, arrested on an outstanding St. Lucie County felony capias warrant for dealing in stolen property.

Charlie Green, 22, 1103-A N. 13th St., Fort Pierce, arrested on an outstanding out-of-county (Indian River) felony warrant for possession of cocaine and possession of cocaine with the



intent to sell, manufacture or deliver.

Vandrell Jacobs, 43, 1922 N. 48th St., Fort Pierce, arrested on an outstanding St. Lucie County felony capias felony for failure to appear.

Seth Esselstrom, 46, 1778 S.W. Millikin Ave., Port St. Lucie, arrested on an outstanding St. Lucie County felony warrant for dealing methamphetamine.

Daniel Wiley, 30, 2097 S.W. Savage Blvd., Port St. Lucie, arrested on a felony warrant for third-degree grand theft.

Daelynn Hicks, 39, 2403-11A S. 25th St., Fort Pierce, arrested on an outstanding felony warrant for driving under the influence with damage to property or another person.

Willie Brinson, 26, 3505 Island Drive, Miramar, arrested on an outstanding felony capias warrant for failure to appear.

Ronald Habora, 56, 5952 S.E. Collen Ave., Stuart, arrested on an outstanding St. Lucie County felony warrant for dealing in stolen property.

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Rants & Raves

Got something to say? Email the Hometown Rants & Raves at

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Please limit your submissions to 250 words, so that we can include more entries. Readers are asked to refrain from making slanderous or libelous statements.

Mentally challenged or

inconsiderate check writers

What's wrong with you? Before you start shopping, fill out your dinosaur check, except for the amount. Take it to customer service and get the silly thing approved. Then, do your shopping. When you are done shopping, and the

clerk gives you the total, fill in the amount on your check and leave.

Balance your checkbook away from the checkout. Think about others, instead of yourself. Thanks ever so much.

Bicycle riders sailing through

OK, I respect bicycle riders and always have.

However, when they just sail through stop signs without even attempting to step and look, it really aggravates me. Especially because if a driver hit one, God forbid, it would be the driver's fault.

Ever since so much attention has been given to bicycle riders, they seem to ride down the center of the road, with no regard for someone in a car trying to get down the street.

If you blow the horn, they give you obnoxious hand motions, as if we're wrong.

Bicycle riders: Stay on your side of the street, and please, please, please stop, or at least slow down, for stop signs.

Can we keep the streets clean?

I am seeing how clean the streets and sidewalks are in Sweden.

They even teach their kids not to litter. If any of these people do litter, they get a big fine and, yes, even go to jail.

This country: America: Well, the people here have no care about that.

They just love to litter. No respect for

We are one race, the human race Why people have this hatred in their

themselves or for the country.

hearts and lives for others does not make any sense at all. It causes more problems than solves them.

Don't we have enough problems in this world? Then, why hate?

Why racism? A writer once wrote, "If you tickle me, I laugh; if you cut me, I bleed. This blood is the same color as everyone else, so why hate, why kill?"

We all should learn to live in peace and harmony with one another, and that would stop a lot of what we all deal with. Don't you think so? I really would like to know.

Thank you for your attention and I do pray that this New Year can be that better year of that peace and harmony among all mankind. Let's love and not hate!

Confused? I am

I go to the library to read and learn, not to get sick.

These irresponsible, inconsiderate life forms, who are sneezing and coughing, should stay home. Don't come here to spread your germs.

I'd appeal to your common sense, but you clearly don't have any.

Litter and disrespect

I've been to many events that have been at the different parks, like Central Park in New York City, and even here in Florida. It isn't the event that is so bad, it's the people who feel they have to littler and treat the parks with disrespect.

Whenever I do see littler, no matter where, I pick it up and put it where it belongs in the trash pails or bins at the dif-

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Cobras battle Tigers



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

Martin County High School won their home conference game against Fort Pierce Central High School on Thursday, February 1 with a final score of 80-77. Here, The Cobra's Dylan Torello, No. 15, heads up the court as the Tiger's No. 30 August Lovelace chasing after.

ferent places I go to.

Why do people even feel they have to litter? I would think that they would not like it if people were to litter where they live.

So, for the person who wrote against these events; well, these events are always going to happen, and if you do go, just enjoy and try to have the respect of helping to pick up the littler.

I'm disabled, so if I can do it, why can't those who are healthy and young and have no disabilities?

A living hell for animals

Today's large-scale, industrialized factory farms are a living hell for animals. One only has to search the Internet for factory farm cruelty to see the conditions and abuses that go on every day.

After their beaks are cut off without anesthesia, egg-laying hens are crammed so tightly into cages with other hens that they can barely move. Pigs, whose intelligence

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level exceeds that of a dog, spend their entire lives in gestation crates, so small, that they cannot turn around. Newborn calves are separated from their mothers a few hours after birth so that we can have milk and cheese. The bond between mother and child is no less in the animal kingdom; mom and calves cry for days afterward, calling for each other. And this does not even begin to address the environmental damage, wildlife annihilation, health issues and the impact on world hunger that animal agriculture has upon the planet. It is an antiquated, despicable practice that's days are numbered.

There are enough shelters around the country that focus on dog and cat adoption and overpopulation. In the past 10 years, the Humane Society of The United States has changed for the better.

Their mission to end animal abuse now encompasses all the animals we share the planet with, whether it is animal fighting rings or animals exploited in the entertainment industry. I gladly support all of their efforts to end these abuses.

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Community notes

Stan Blum Boat Ramp undergoes renovations

Sections of the Stan Blum Boat Ramp will be closed for renovations through Feb. 26.

Crews will be closing half of the four-lane boat ramp, while they redo the asphalt around the boat ramp. Once the work is completed and reopened, the other two lanes will be closed and resurfaced.

Managed by St. Lucie County's Parks & Recreation Department, the Stan Blum Boat Ramp is located 613 North Causeway Drive on North Hutchinson Island and features restrooms, a fish cleaning stations and ample parking.

For a list of St. Lucie County boat ramps, fishing piers and amenities visit http://gis.stlucieco.gov/parkspreserves.

Keep vaccine between you and flu this season

With the 2017-18 flu season in full swing and influenza activity increasing across the state and the nation it is critical that all Floridians get the flu vaccine to protect against infection and help prevent the spread of seasonal flu to others. It is never too late to get your flu shot. While most cases of flu are mild, there are exceptions.

Flu activity is on the rise in Florida, particularly in groups at high risk for severe illness such as children, pregnant women, people with underlying chronic conditions and people over the age of 65. Visits to emergency departments for influenza are also increasing in these highrisk groups. The department continues to urge residents to reduce their risk of severe illness from infection by getting vaccinated against influenza. This is especially important for individuals at high-risk for severe illness.

It is also essential to practice good hygiene by properly and frequently washing your hands to help prevent the spread of seasonal flu. Make it a habit to clean and disinfect commonly used surfaces in your home, school or office. You can take additional steps to ward off the flu by coughing or sneezing into a tissue or your elbow and avoiding touching your face.

Receiving your flu vaccination if you are healthy helps to prevent illness in our most vulnerable populations. People at higher risk for flu-related complications include children ages newborn to five, adults over the age of 65, pregnant women and people who have existing medical conditions such as asthma.

Check with your physician or use the flu shot locator to schedule your flu vaccine. Visit Flu-FreeFlorida.com for more information on how you can be a part of #FluFreeFL.

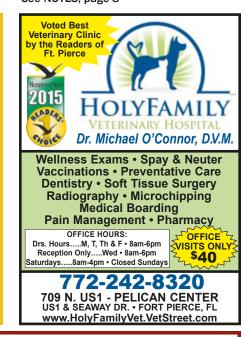
For more information, visit the influenza homepage at http://www.floridahealth.gov/floridaflu.

Morningside Library rocks a ukulele jam starting Feb. 15

The Treasure Coat Ukulele Club will be hosting a free Ukulele Jam at the Morningside Branch Library on the third Thursday of the month from 5:30-7:30 p.m., starting Feb. 15.

Join an informal group of ukulele enthusiasts of all skill levels who play, or want to learn to play, the ukulele. Learn from more experienced players, while helping those with less experience. Share songs and playing tips while meeting other ukulele lovers. If you don't have a uke, come anyway and borrow one from the Treasure Coast Ukulele Club or just sing along!

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The art of sending attachments

Sending file types other than pictures through email can be one of the most useful abilities that the Internet offers. Picture this: You're working on a file at the office, and it's a Word or Excel document. A colleague in another part of town or another office needs to see the file. Some people still take the time to print out and physically deliver or fax the document to their colleague, not realizing that the email system can be used to deliver any kind of file right to another computer.

Attach the file in an email message to your colleague just as you would if you were sending a picture. As long as your colleague has the same software that you used to create it, he or she should be able to save it to his or her hard drive or open it just like any other file. Then your colleague can print the document if he or she wants or handle it as needed.

It is however, the sender's responsibility to make sure that the recipients will likely be able to open the file before it is sent. Nothing is more frustrating than getting an email message marked "Here's the file you wanted" only to find that the file is in some obscure format that you've never heard of



and your computer can't open it.

For instance, if you're planning to send a Word document, find out what word processor the recipient uses. Even if he is also using Word, he may be using an older version of Word than you are, which could cause a problem if he tries to open a file that was created in a newer version.

A quick peek in the "Help" menu and clicking the "about" option will tell you what version your word processor is. Have your friend or coworker check his version also, and then try to save your document in whatever version he is using. If you click 'Save As' and look at the 'File Type' or 'Format' pull-down menu on the 'Save As' box that pops up, you'll see you have the ability to save your document in many different formats. This puts the control of the file type in your hands. The same thing applies when you are trying to send a picture. Make sure that it's a file that is saved in a format that your intended recipient can open. Usually a .jpg (jpeg) is a safe bet.

Some people's familiarity with email attachments ends with the occasional picture, but once the idea of transferring files that way becomes clear, a lot of possibilities present themselves. Here are the steps for sending a file.

First, you need to know where the file you want to send is located on your computer, and exactly what it's called. So, if you have a document you want to send, pay attention to the file name and the name of the folder that it's saved in.

Then, when you have your e-mail program open, click "New Message" and begin to compose your message. Enter the recipient's email address, a comment in the subject field and then click the "Attach"

button (which is usually represented by a paperclip icon). Next, your computer will give you some options. Click the appropriate button and then navigate to the location on your hard

drive where the file that you want to send

Ferrarezi said he would like to promote the citrus industry's prominence in the region and restore its promise as he and his peers work hard to develop an effective management plan that will bring back the crop's superior economic viability. In recent years, citrus production has fallen to 10 percent of what it once was because a disease called citrus greening that kills trees is unresolved.

"The Indian River District is recognized worldwide as the premier grapefruit production

resides. (Look in the same folder where you saved it in, and then click on the name of the file to select it.) Click "OK," and the file name will be listed as an attachment.

You can even send multiple files by repeating the procedure. But remember that large files do not always do well so you want to keep the attachments small in size. Although it is possible to send files that are several megabytes in size, a good rule of thumb is 100 kilobytes and smaller for most e-mail – remember, there are some people out there that are still at dialup speeds, downloading a large, several megabyte file can tie up the recipients email for a long time if they're still on a slow connection.

This should cover most office documents such as Word files, but size can be a problem with a file that is rich with graphics. To check a file's size when you go to attach it, right-click it and then click "Properties." The next window that opens should tell you how large the file is.

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

region, and we want to remember this and celebrate the fruit's high quality as we work to resolve a devastating disease," said Ferrarezi. Entering a digital image for consideration is free; the deadline for entry is Wednesday, Feb. 28.

For a complete set of contest rules, vistihttp:// blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/irrec/2018/01/25/2018-uf-ifas-irrec-citrus-horticulture-lab-digital-photography-contest/

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Citrus horticulture digital photography contest seeks entries

In an effort to showcase the region's citrus

industry heritage, a local University of Florida research professor is hosting a digital photography contest.

Rhuanito "Johnny" Ferrarezi is an assistant professor at UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Indian River Research and Education Center near Fort Pierce. Ferrarezi leads the center's citrus horticulture research program, including the innovative Citrus Under Protective Screens experiments, which take place in 14-foot-high screen houses.



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not what sailors sleep in. Experience a hammock residing on the banks of the North Fork of the Saint Lucie River as the early Spanish explorers might have seen them. Along the way we'll see Florida's state tree, the Sabal palm, as well as other hammock plant life. Free, reservations are required, space is limited. Ages 12+; minors must be accompanied by an adult. Proper footwear and water are required; please, no pets. For more information or to register, call (772) 462-2526, email slchikes@stlucieco.org, or visit www.slchikes.org.

• 'Leave No Trace' workshop: 1-3 p.m., Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. Learn strategies to reduce the impact of outdoor activities while

still enjoying and receiving the health benefits that nature provides. Join the Oxbow Eco-Center, Indian River Lagoon Aquatics Preserves, and the Subaru team for a fun and informative Leave No Trace training session and excursion into the forest at the Oxbow. Appropriate for adults, families and children ages 7 and older. Free. Registration is required. *Call* (772) 785-5833 or e-mail cartmille@stlucieco.org to register.

MONDAY, FEB. 12

• Changing Beaches Family Hike & Beach Clean-up: 9-11 a.m., Ocean Bay Beachside Preserve, 6851 South Ocean Drive, Jensen Beach. Join us to see how the beach and life around it has changed month to month. As we walk the sandy shore we'll explore the exciting wrack line and find the treasures offered up by the sea. At the end of this monthly adventure, you'll get a chance to become an environmental steward by removing the man-made trash and restoring the beach's pristine beauty. All are welcome but this hike is most appropriate for families with children ages 5 & up. All minors must be accompanied by an adult. Free, reservations are required, space is limited. Proper footwear and water are required; please, no pets. For more information or to register, call (772) 462-2526, email slchikes@stlucieco. org, or visit www.slchikes.org.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13

• 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. • Celebrate Recovery: 7-9:30 p.m.,

• **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, FEB. 14

• Ocean Science Lecture Series: Greg O'Corry-Crowe of FAU Harbor Branch will present "The Saga of the Steller Sea Lion in the Aleutian Islands" at 4 p.m., Johnson Education Center, Harbor Branch campus, 5600 U.S. 1 North, Fort Pierce. Free. For more information, call (772) 242-2506 or email education@fau.edu.





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they saw fit. As a result, every community had its own distinct regulations, with minimum stays ranging from as little as seven days to several months. Other municipalities severely limited them or prohibited them outright. New legislation resulting from the 2011 lobbying campaign changed all of that.

"So the premise of this legislation was to allow homeowners to rent on a short-term basis and to mitigate the effects of the economic crisis," Mr. White explained. "The lobbying was also premised on that governmental abuse of vacation rentals and [the fact] that local governments were basically taking away property rights from owners by not allowing vacation rentals. The solution advocated was to prevent local governments' regulatory control in favor of a uniform treatment statewide."

What little control Fort Pierce and select communities across the state have today is the result of a grandfather clause.

"Many local governments at the time who had vacation rentals on the books were very concerned, and they were able to have a grandfathered exception carved into the legislation," Mr. White added. "So the legislation in 2011 provided an exemption that grandfathered any local law, ordinance or regulation that was enacted prior to June 1, 2011, so that's the case for you all. The city here had regulations that allowed vacation rentals pursuant to conditional uses in all of your residential districts. So, in essence, you all were in a really good position because you could somewhat regulate vacation rentals and have conditions associated with vacation rentals to mitigate those impacts. Many local governments were not that lucky."

The city's outside counsel believes both the Planning Board and the City Commission need to exercise caution with the city's ability to restrict short-term vacation rentals through the issuance of conditional-use permits in order to avoid the high-stakes lawsuits faced by other Florida communities sued for violations of the Bert J. Harris Jr. Private Property Rights Protection Act.

"I advise all my clients that the conditions imposed upon the conditional use permits are limited in scope, so they can be reasonable, and they can be rationally related to the impacts of public health, safety and welfare and the secondary effects that impact neighborhoods," he explained. "But if you start imposing unreasonable conditions or drafting regulations that could have the effect of prohibiting or regulating what would otherwise be a statutorily eligible housing unit from being used as a vacation rental, that would likely exceed the regulatory authority granted under the statute to the local government and really puts the city in a liability position."

Board member Michael Broderick peppered Mr. White with questions about the legality of forcing the commercial business of a short-term vacation rental into residential areas whose zoning precludes such businesses from locating within their borders.

"When reviewing the R1 and R2 classification language, I find nothing that even lends itself to any type of discussion pertaining to any type of commercial use, transient housing and short-term rentals, etc.," he said. "So I believe that there's a conflict between what the R1 and R2 call for and what the conditional use language states, "Is that something we could recommend to the applicant, that in their application they have to designate whether or not the people who want to rent it are registered sexual predators?"

Bob Burdge Board member

simply from the safety, comfort, good order and the general welfare of the neighborhood. And is the state saying our zoning ordinance is simply not applicable? I'd be very hard pressed to be convinced that an R1 neighborhood that was converted completely to rental services is not adversely affected."

Mr. White insisted state regulations over vacation rentals would trump local zoning laws, so local officials needed to err on the side of caution and not just reject them in order to preserve the residential character of a neighborhood.

"You're now preempted by the state with respect to saying no; the state doesn't make a distinction between a commercial and a residential [use]," he said. "For the state, a single-family home can be a transient vacation rental. I understand your concern and you make a valid point, but I think each one of these has to be looked on an individual basis. I think as these applications come forward, you're going to have to just look at the facts and the evidence that's presented before you and make a determination on those applications as they come forward."

For his part, board member Bob Burdge wanted to ensure that landlords renting their properties out as short-term vacation rentals screened their prospective customers to keep any potential sexual offenders away from nearby schools and parks.

"Is that something we could recommend to the applicant, that in their application they have to designate whether or not the people who want to rent it are registered sexual predators?" he asked.

Mr. White assured him of the legality of his proposal.

"There are separate statutory provisions that deal with sexual predators and spatial requirements for sexual predators from elementary schools and schools," he said. "I think you could piggyback to make sure they have an affidavit of some sort that addresses that specific statutory provision and they're in compliance with that statutory provision."

Even with the loss of most local control over short-term vacation rentals, Mr. White insisted Fort Pierce lucked out with its grandfathered ability to force them to comply to conditional use restrictions.

"You do have the ability under the conditional use permit to place conditions," he said. "A lot of local governments don't even have that: They'd be so happy to have what you all have on the books. In that respect, you're in a good place."



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Brian Regan: funniest man alive?

By Mike Winikoff

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FORT PIERCE – Comedian Brian Regan, who visits the Sunrise Theatre in Fort Pierce Sunday, Feb. 11, has a lot to live up to. Vanity Fair magazine and others have called him the "funniest stand-up alive."

"I think they left out the word 'not," Mr. Regan told Hometown News. "It was supposed to say "not the funniest man alive."

"But seriously, they did say that, and it was very flattering, but those are awkward compliments. I had a similar situation years ago when I was nominated for Comedian of the Year at the American Comedy Awards. I did not win. That was great because I could be introduced as having been nominated. The following year I won and the credit was no longer as good, because once you say he is the funniest comedian, the audience immediately folds their arms and says 'prove it!' So you don't want to be the best, you want to be among the best. It's too much pressure to be called the best."

Brian Regan holds the record for 28 stand-up performances on David Letterman's CBS show. He is also a regular on The Tonight Show.

The Florida native who grew up in Miami and got his stand-up start in Fort Lauderdale still has family throughout the state, and he performs here often. He also finds Florida an endless source of material.



Photo courtesy of Friedman Bergman Brian Regan

"Some people say Florida is the funniest state, some people use the word 'strange'. We certainly have a weird reputation. And I think a lot of that was underscored when we had the election debacle with the hanging chads."

The comic lives in Las Vegas now, but still considers Florida his home.

Indian River Lagoon. 12-1 p.m., Manatee

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country educating others on how to protect

presenting on how Leave No Trace has been

the natural lands we all love. They will be

and can be applied to efforts to conserve

and protect the Indian River Lagoon. Free.

"Anytime anything weird happens in the

news, when I'm out on the road, people who are with me who don't know I'm from Florida say "I bet that happened in Florida."

"It's an interesting state. I've always been intrigued by the fact that the state is sort of upside down. If you drew a line across the state, just above Orlando, everybody above that has a southern mentality. Everybody below that is transplanted New Yorkers, with a northern mentality. So the state is upside down."

Many of the world's most famous comedians including Jerry Seinfeld, Patton Oswalt, Chris Rock, and Jimmy Fallon cite Brian Regan as one of their favorite comics. When asked which other comedians he likes, Mr. Regan gave a diverse list.

'I've always been a big Steve Martin fan. I love how he mixes smart and silly. His character was silly but the comedian creating it was very smart. That was a double-barrel approach. George Carlin I've always loved for his targeting of words and concepts. I like the way he evolved throughout his career and changed as a comedian. And I like Jerry Seinfeld, who can get ten minutes of comedy out of a bag of cotton balls. It is beautifully simplistic.

Knowing that many fans of live comedy have seen him before, Brian Regan offers incentive to return.

"I stand by the door as people are leaving

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Horoscopes



ARIES - March 21/April 20 Aries, you may need to muscle your way through some projects, especially if your energy levels wane. Put your nose to the grindstone and work your way through things. TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Taurus, you are not one for letting obstacles get in your way. In fact, you find a way to go over or under any roadblocks. This makes you an asset to any team.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21 Gemini, if you have been forgetful about keeping tabs on your finances, you may be in for a surprise. Make an effort to more closely monitor your financial situation.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Don't be so quick to write off someone you thought was out of your life, Cancer. This person may play an integral role in your life this week.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23 You might need to channel some newfound excitement, Leo. Perhaps there is a special project brewing or a party on the horizon. Keep up the good cheer.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

Virgo, everyone makes mistakes, and those who move forward learn from their past errors. If you stumble, dust yourself off and get back into the game this week.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23 Don't consistently doubt yourself, Libra. Be confident that you can make decisions that will ensure your family's success and happiness for years to come.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22 Juggling too many items at once often ends with one of the balls dropping, Scorpio. Call on your support network to lend a helping hand when the juggling act gets too difficult.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21 Friends may flock to you and your jovial atti-See SCOPES, page 18

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• Alternatives to Turf: 12-1 p.m., Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road, Fort Pierce. Learn how to replace your high maintenance lawn with plants and ground covers that are appealing to the eyes and take very little effort. Presented by Kate Rotindo, Urban Horticulture Agent for St. Lucie County UF-IFAS. Free for HBG members, regular admission applies for nonmembers. Bring a brown bag lunch if you wish. Registration is required. To register, call (772) 464-4672.

• Lunch & Learn: "Leave No Trace" in the



FRIDAY, FEB. 9 - SUNDAY, FEB. 11

• 2018 Fort Pierce Greek Festival: The 39th annual Greek Festival will be held Feb. 9-11 at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 2525 S. 25th Street, Fort Pierce. The three day festival was created to raise awareness and as a fundraiser for the church. For 39 years, members of the church have volunteered their time, energy and talents to showcase their Greek heritage. Visitors will be treated to live Greek music and dancing, See OUT, page 14



Nice Catch!



Catch of the week!

Silas Merchant, 8, of Jensen Beach, caught this 12-inch tilapia in a lake at Portofino in Jensen Beach.

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- Age (if 18 or younger)
- Type of fish
- Approximate size of fish
- Area you caught the fish
- Phone number in case we have questions (will not be printed)

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authentic Greek foods, imported Greek wines, beers and other beverages. The Festival opens daily at 11 a.m. There's free parking. For more information, call (772) 464-7194.

FRIDAY, FEB. 9 - SATURDAY, FEB. 10

• 'Space Songs:' Hallstrom

Planetarium, IRSC main campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Discover the wonders of the universe and the beauty of the earth and outer space. Sing along with the 'Singing Astronomer,' Planetarium Director Jon U. Bell. Show times are Friday at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Saturday at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5. For more information, contact the IRSC box office at (772) 462-4750 or email boxoffice@irsc.edu.

people say 'the stuff you did tonight I've never heard before.' Not only do I want the comedy to be funny, I like to provide virgin snow, snow with no footprints on it. New to me is just as important as funny."

Brian Regan performs at The Sunrise Theatre Sunday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$49/\$45 and available at www.sunrisetheatre.com. For more information, call the box office at (772) 461-4775.

The Sunrise Theatre is located at 117 South Second St., Fort Pierce.

For more information, visit www.Brian-Regan.com *or find him on Facebook.*



FRIDAY, FEB. 9 - SATURDAY, FEB. 17

• Martin County Fair: Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 S.E. Dixie Highway, Stuart. For full activities, performers and more information as it becomes available, visit www.martincountyfair.com.

SATURDAY, FEB. 10

• Paws in the Park: Annual Humane Society of St. Lucie Dog Walk to be held at 8 a.m. in Tradition Square, Port St. Lucie. \$25 donation to participate in the Walk for the Animals. *For more information, call* (772) 801-8564, *or visit* www.hsslc.org.

• Party in the Park: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fort Pierce Inlet State Park, 905 Shorewinds Drive, Fort Pierce. Eco-festival and nature-themed art show, along with fun, food, music, face painting, a nature scavenger hunt, paddleboard and kayak demonstrations, an ocean touch tank,

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Regan

and I give everyone a \$100 bill. If that doesn't bring people out, I don't know what will." He quickly added "I presume people will know that's a joke, and if they don't, tough on them!"

Brian Regan says he constantly changes his material, so that people who have seen him before will see a mostly new show.

"As much as I like when people say they think I was funny, I like even more when



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Let's see how many places we can go!

Indoor gardening tips

Gardening outdoors where we can receive lots of fresh air and sunshine. Why not bring some of that same fresh air and sunshine inside? You can if you use live houseplants as decorative accents throughout your home. Using houseplants to decorate your home can liven up your living space dramatically and also as an added bonus, they can make your living space healthier!

Houseplants can have many uses in your home. Plants can add both color and diversity to your decor as well as adding the healthy benefit of being a live air filter. There are many plants to choose from, including herbs. You can grow herbs right on your kitchen windowsill and enjoy fresh flavor anytime just by pinching off a few leaves.

Another great category of indoor plants includes ivy and philodendrons. These lovely plants can be grown as is and kept trimmed or they can be trained to grow on almost any trellis or other structure for a remarkably relaxing effect. These plants are easy to care for and do not have many insect enemies. Mainly they require water, occasional fertilizer and lots of love.

If you prefer a more exotic look, indoor tropicals would probably be the key for you. Indoor tropicals can give your home the Florida cottage look that many of us try to re-create. There are many choices to be had including ficus, areca palms, rubber trees, marginatas and more. Most of these plants are easy to care for but will require a well-lit part of the house. Putting your house plants in a dark corner can often lead to leaf drop over an extended period of time.



GARDEN NOOK JOE ZELENAK

There is a solution for this, however. If you want to place plants in an area that is not well lit, buy two of the same plant you are going to use to decorate with. Put the second plant in a well-lit area such as your porch and swap the plants out about once a week or so. The rotation will help keep both plants looking fresh and vibrant.

Once you start your new indoor garden project, you will want to have all the tools necessary to maintain your plants. You will want to purchase a small watering can and many of these choices are decorative as well. They can add beauty as well as being functional. You will also want to purchase some water-soluble fertilizer and indoor plant insect spray for those occasional pest infestations.

Indoor gardening can truly be a rewarding experience and it is a great way to relax even if the weather outside does not want to cooperate. There are many other options over and beyond what we talked about here such as Lucky Bamboo, Bromeliads, Bonsai Plants and much more! All these options can add ambiance and character to any room.

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



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Marathon of the Treasure Coast right around corner

By Gaylon Parker

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MARTIN COUNTY - Not every community has a Boston-Marathon-qualifying race right around the corner, but the Treasure Coast does.

Now in its fifth year, the Marathon of the Treasure Coast is continuing to grow, and organizers say this year could be the biggest yet. The event will be hosted on Saturday, March 3 and Sunday, March 4, and features more than one event on the agenda. There are options for 5K, 10K, 13.1-miles and the full 26.2 marathon, and it's one of only two regional races - West Palm Beach being the other - where running enthusiasts can post qualifying times for the Boston Marathon in April.

This is the largest endurance race in our area, and last year we had participants from 40 states and nine countries," said MTC organizer Frank Fender. "It's going to be a bigger event than last year, and we do a specific demographic spreadsheet to track the overview of last year's race - which has the statistics on the 25 or 26 different cities people come from to participate in the event."

Over the last four years, the MTC has raised more than \$85,000 for local charities, and eight different ones will benefit from this year's race, including the Florida Oceanographic Institute and the Diabetes Research Institute.

Attached to the race is the "TC Challenge," where runners can participate in a series event - which includes a 5K, 10K and half-marathon - or a weekend event featuring a 5K run and a half-marathon. In both

challenges, people earn pins for competing. Participants also can earn the full marathon pin through an upgrade option. The Weekend Challenge allows people to run a 5K or 10K in the City of Stuart-sponsored Sailfish Sprint on Saturday, March 3 and either a half- or full-marathon on Sunday, March 4 at the MTC.

Last year's top Treasure Coast male competitor was Emmanuel Camarillo Galeote of Hobe Sound, who placed first in the men's masters category, while the top female Treasure-Coaster was Jensen Beach's Monica Wilson, who was first in the female masters' race.

In preparation for the Marathon of the Treasure Coast, there also is the 5K and 10K Home Run race at Jensen Beach High School on Saturday, Feb. 17. Registration for all these races can be found on the website.

Early registration for the Marathon of the Treasure Coast's full-marathon is \$119, with the half-marathon costing \$84. There also is an option for teams to participate in a relay of four people, with the cost set at \$74, while the Challenge Series is \$189 and the Weekend Series costs \$140. The 5K race is \$35 for registration and the 10K registration fee is \$45. As an added bonus, there is a "Kids Race" on Saturday, March 3 for \$5.

"It's also walker-friendly, and if you can't actually run a Boston-Marathon-qualifying, full-distance race of 26.2 miles, you can get four friends together and each run about a 10K and hand off a little slap bracelet between each teammate and all four get the medal," Mr. Fender said.

Also attached to the weekend is the Rock & Run Music Festival weekend family pass



Marathon of the Treasure Coast runners at the starting line. for \$45, with a one-day pass costing \$15. That weekend, the Treasure Coast Fitness

Expo is set for Saturday, March 3 at the Marriott Resort at Indian River Plantation on Hutchinson Island, to round out the list of weekend events.

The race also is an important draw for the business community, Mr. Fender added, because it brings people in from around the world to visit the area and see what it has to offer. Also, it serves as an economic booster, affecting everything from hoteliers to restaurateurs with the influx of tourist dol-

lars. "The vision for this event has always been a three-legged stool: It's a highly competitive athletic event for athletes who are focused on competition, but it's also an outreach for philanthropy and the third leg is communi-ty outreach," Mr. Fender said. "We try to find a way to get as much reach into the business community."

For more information about The Marathon of the Treasure Coast or to register for the race, please visit www.tresurecoastmarathon.com





Treasure Coast Pirate

Fest was held at Veteran's Memorial Park/Riverwalk Center in Fort Pierce from Friday, February 2, through Sunday, February 4. The festival features pirate themed attractions such as the Living History Pirate Encampment, Black-

beard's Pirate Ship, Little Buccaneer Kids Zone, costume

contests, treasure hunts, mermaids, pirate weapon demonstrations,

pirate crews, histori-

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Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer Here, Two-year-old Quenn Koch poses with Captain Dan Leeward.



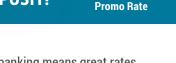
musical performances. Benoit. Emma 5, of Fort Pierce and Becca Grindler, 6, of Palm City learn how to make horn books with Robin Stern. Governess of the Pirates of the Treasure Coast.

> Below: Mike Manna holds the knife for David Ferman at the Juggling and Stunt Show



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Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Grease six

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boiler. Add the flour and sugar to chocolate

mixture. Stir in the eggs and yolks until

Divide the batter evenly among the

the batter of each cake and place in the

1 quart heavy or whipping cream 14 ounces bittersweet chocolate, melted

Whip the cream to soft peaks and add

cream. Mix only until combined, as you will

deflate the cream if you over mix. Place the

mousse into decorative serving cups. Top

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tude this week, Sagittarius. Beat the winter blues

by hosting a party, and it can be a win for all

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Loosen up the reins on something you have been

holding onto tightly. This may mean giving a child

a little more freedom to explore or involving oth-

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Aquarius, it's time to put some new ideas in

motion. Channel your energy into projects that

will showcase your talents and vision for the

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

Pisces, creative endeavors may need to be

shelved for a little while as you focus on practical

tasks. It won't be long before you can return to

about 1/3 of the melted chocolate. Fold

gently with a rubber spatula. Mix the

remaining chocolate into the whipped

in the microwave (20 -30 seconds)

custard cups. Insert a chocolate kiss inside

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

10 tablespoons (1-1/4 stick) butter

1-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar

1/2-cup all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

smooth. Stir in the vanilla.

onto dessert plates.

Ingredients

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Why do we celebrate Valentine's Day

xpect to join more than 80 million people that go out to eat on Valentine's Day. It is the second largest holiday for eating out behind Mother's Day.

But why? We need to go back in time and study the history of Valentine's Day. There are several legends on the subject, but I believe we owe it all to Saint Valentine, a Christian priest that was imprisoned in 269 A.D. and sentenced to death because he violated Emperor Claudius II's edict on prohibiting the marriage of young people.

The Emperor believed unmarried men made better soldiers, but Father Valentine continued to marry young couples in secret. He had Father Valentine arrested and put to death. The church later sainted Father Valentine for his strong belief and giving his life for the church and young



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couples.

Human Menagerie?

Over the years Valentine's Day started to evolve into the day of romance we know today. In the 1600s, William Shakespeare's famous play Hamlet had Ophelia referring to Valentine's Day and tells her husband,

Hamlet, she wishes to be his Valentine. By the 1700s, Americans begin to exchange handwritten Valentines between lovers and friends. In 1847 the first commercial Valentine was created for sale by Esther Howland. The idea was so popular, she went into business creating the New England Valentine Co.

Jewelry companies in the 1880s started marketing diamond sales for men as gifts to their lady on Valentine's Day.

On this special day we should always remember and thank Saint Valentine for what he did, creating the most romantic day of the year.

We really need to also thank the British chocolate manufacturer, John Cadbury, who made the first heart shaped box of chocolates in 1861. Thank you, John! You probably saved a lot of relationships and marriages.

Now, what about a romantic meal on this special day? In this changing world, things have gotten a little more confusing. Is your Valentine a vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, allergic to nuts or seafood? Guess what? Maybe that's why so many people go out to eat!

Here is an idea ... take your Valentine

Edited by Linda and Charles Preston

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• Treasure Coast History Lecture Series: 10:30-11:30 a.m., Lewis Branch Library, 2950 S.W. Rosser Blvd., Port St. Lucie. For more information, contact Maureen Gallagher at (772) 871-5470 or email gallagherm@stlucieco.org

• Fashion show: The Pilot Club of Fort Pierce will host a fashion show to help raise

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money for our scholarships program for two high school students and one continuing education student, at Meadowood Golf and Country Club, 9425 Meadowood Drive, Fort Pierce. The cost of tickets is \$35 per person and the event will be from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The theme this year is "Sports," and there will be raffles, door prizes, 50/50 raffles; tickets include lunch. For more information, call Tena Sigmon at (772) 828-1716 or email pilotftpierce@gmail.com

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562015DF000044B IN THE INTEREST OF: J.C. DOB: 12/06/2002 Minor Child To: Charmayne Chisem, Mother, address unknown YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A PETITION UNDER OATH HAS BEEN FILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD REN AND FAMILIES IN THE ABOVE STYLED COURT FOR THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS RELATIVE TO THE ABOVE NAMED CHILD, J.C. WHO WAS BORN IN ST. LUCIE COUNTY, ABOVE NAMED CHILD, J.C. WHO WAS BORN IN ST. LUCIE COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, ON THE 12THDAY OF DECEMBER, 2002. YOU ARE COMMANDED TO BE AND APPEAR BEFORE THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE A BOVE - STYLED COURT LOCATED AT 218 SOUTH SECOND STREET, FORT PIERCE, FL 34950 ON APRIL 12, 2018 AT 9:30 A.M. FOR A HEARING AND TO SHOW CAUSE WHY S AID PETITION SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED. FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THE ADVISORY H E A R I N G C ON S TITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THE CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED, YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE. BE ADVISED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE. BE ADVISED ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE. BE ADVISED THAT YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE AN A T T O R N E Y REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD AN ATTORNEY, ONE MAY BE APPOINTED FOR YOU. WITNESS MY HAND AS THE CLERK OF SAID COURT AND THE SEAL THEREOF, THIS 26TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2018. SHERRY MEEHAN, DEPUTY CLERK PUBS: 2/218, 2/9/18, 2/16/18 & 2/23/18

2/2/18, 2/23/18

5020 Notice to Creditors

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF PHYLLIS J. SPARKS, Deceased. File No.: 562018CP000005FM NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the FOR

TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Phyllis J. Sparks, deceased, whose date of death was November 21, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, File No. 562018CP000005FM the address of which is

birision, File No. 562018CP000005FM the address of which is P.O. Box 700, Ft. Pierce, FL 34954. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF

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estate of Louise Shedaker, deceas

DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is February 2, 2018. Personal Representative: Lou Ann Foltyn c/o The Estate Trust & Elder Law Firm, P.L. Attorney for Personal Representative: Heather L. Smith, Esquire, of Counsel The Estate, Trust & Elder Law Firm, P.L. Florida Bar No. 610593 2940 S. 25th Street Fort Pierce, FL 34981 Telephone: 772-878-7271 Fax: 772-878-72981 Email: mowler@etelf.com Pubs: 2/2/18 & 2/9/18 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

2/2/18 & 2/9/18 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA IN RE: ESTATE OF DOROTHEANNE MARINO, Deceased. Probate Division CASE NO.: 2018CP000030 NOTICE

TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Dorotheanne Marino, deceased, whose Marino, deceased, whose date of death was December 4, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 201 S. Indian River Drive, Ft. Pierce, FL 34950. The names and a ddresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal

addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF T H E F I R S T PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the Decedent and other

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estate of Louise L. Shedaker, deceased, whose date of death was August 20, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, File No. 562018CP000020FM OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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publication of this notice is February 9, 2018. Personal Representative: Janos J. Poloznik, Sr. c/o The Estate Trust & Elder Law Firm, P.L. Attorney for Personal Representative: Heather L. Smith, Esquire, of Counsel The Estate, Trust & Elder Law Firm, P.L. Florida Bar No. 610593 2940 S. 25th Street Fort Pierce, FL 34981 Telephone: 772-878-7271 Fax: 772-878-7271 Fax: 772-878-7271 Fax: 772-878-7271 Fax: 772-878-7271 Fax:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT LOUIS KOWALESKI, Deceased. File No.:

562018CP000091FM

562018CP000091FM NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Robert Louis Kowaleski, deceased, whose date of death was October 1, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, File No. 562018CP000091FM the address of which is

the address of which is P.O. Box 700, Ft. Pierce, FL 34954. The names and addresses of the

34981 Telephone:772-878-7271 Fax:772-878-2981 Email:mfowler@etelf.com Pubs:2/2/18 & 2/9/18IN THE CIRCUIT COURTF O R S T. L U C IECOUNTY, FLORIDAPROBATE DIVISIONIN RE: ESTATE OFG E N E V I E V E J.FORGACS, Deceased.File No:562018CP00055FMNOTICETO CREDITORSThe administration of theestate of Genevieve J.Forgacs, deceased,PUBLICATION OF THIS

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DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is February 9, 2018. Personal Representative: Laraine M. Kowaleski,c/o Heather L. Smith, Esquire, Of Counsel The Estate, Trust & Elder Law Firm, P.L. Attorney for Personal Representative: Heather L. Smith, Esquire, of Counsel The Estate, Trust & Elder Law Firm, P.L. Florida Bar No. 610593 2940 S. 25th Street Fort Pierce, FL 34981 Telephone: 772-878-7271 Fax: 772-878-7271 Fax: 772-878-7271 Fax: 2/9/18 & 2/16/18

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The administration of the estate of Dolores O'Brien Distefano, deceased, whose date of death was December 16, 2017,

whose date of death was December 16, 2017, File Number 2018CP0000012, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 218 S. 2nd Street, Fort Pierce, Florida, 34950. The n a m es a nd addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF T H E F I R S T PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the Decedent and other

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF CELIA M. FIGUEIREDO, A/k/a CELIA MARQUES FIGUEIREDO, Deceased. FIGUEIREDO, Deceased. FIE NO.: 2017CP1137 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO CREDITORS

TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Celia M. Figueiredo a/k/a Celia Marques Figueiredo, decate whose date of death was August 26, 2017, File Number 2017CP001137, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 218 S. 2nd Street, Fort Pierce, Florida, 34950.

Florida, 34950. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against persons who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF T H E F I R S T PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30)

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THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE A F T E R T H E DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is February 9, 2018. Personal Representative: Juliana Nela Calcara 3391 Greenview Terrace, West Margate, Florida 33063. Attorney for Personal Representative: Fred Hochsztein Florida Bar No.: 378216. H o c h s z t e i n & Harrison-Jolly, PA 3475 Sheridan Street, Suite 209 Hollywood, Florida 33021. 954-925-5405 AJAYE@AOL.COM Pubs: 2/9/18 & 2/16/18

5060 Notice of Sale

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Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34947-5489 Auction Date 2/27/2018 11:00 am Unit # Name OF

CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Cheryl L. Rogers, deceased, File Number: 562017CP001180, is pending in the Circuit County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 700, Fort Pierce, Florida 34954. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth attorney are set forth

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11:00 am Unit # Name 101 Beauford, Mary Ann 116 Hall, Edelyn 132 Jones Jr, Charlie 142 Mcbee, Bernard 164 Horton, Wayne 170 JTC Concrete Plus LLC 170 Crouch, Jake 19 Thomas, Kecia 191 Colon, Norma 194 Owens, Tilfany 196 Hurst, Robert 207 Vincent, Roselande 21 Noble, Thomasina 223 Tommie, Sylvia 225 Tommie, Sylvia 225 Tommie, Sylvia 240 Talley Jr, Gary 243 Johnson, Lashun 245 Khan, Bernadette 252 Ruffin, LaKenya 26 Reeves, Travis 266 Macnack, Ragna 268 Martin, Dean 277 Lonez, Joebua 277 Lopez, Joshua 298 Reed, James 311 Bailey, Lori 39 Francois, Jeanine 413 Heil, Diana 438 Gonzalez, Jacqueline

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