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Community calendar
 SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

• **Native plant nursery maintenance volunteers needed:** 8-10 a.m., 8500 Picos Road, Fort Pierce. The Ocean Research & Conservation Association is seeking volunteers to help with the native plant nursery, located at the IFAS Aquaculture Research and Extension Facility. Maintenance includes watering plants, weeding and pruning, propagating plants, planting new plant species in pots and maintaining the nursery inventory. Please bring sunscreen and a reusable water bottle. To volunteer, please RSVP to volunteer@teamorca.org or call (772) 467-1600.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1 – SUNDAY, SEPT. 30

• **Hunger Action Month 2018:** Everyone knows that feeling of an empty stomach. The feeling of running on empty is a reality for 42 million Americans — and nearly 100,000 live on the Treasure Coast. In our community, 1 in 7 people face that feeling on a regular basis. Without that fuel and nutrition, people — kids especially — don't have the energy to focus, learn, grow, and ultimately, succeed. This September, the Treasure Coast Food Bank is asking everyone to come together to help end hunger. The Hunger Action Month calendar is filled with some ways you can help. For more information, call (772) 489-3034 or see the calendar online at <https://stophunger.org/event/hunger-action-month-2018/>

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Flipping into football season



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

The Fort Pierce Westwood High School Panthers Varsity Football Team's home non-conference game against St. Lucie West Centennial High School's Fighting Eagles was held at Lawnwood Stadium in Ft. Pierce on Friday, August 24. The Fighting Eagles defeated the Panthers 23-6. Here, Willie Lewis, No. 11, does a flip as he leads the Fort Pierce Westwood High School Football Team onto the field.

City attorney resigns amid investigation

Fort Pierce attorney won't receive severance package as result of re-brokered deal

By Donald Rodrigue
 For Hometown News

FORT PIERCE -- When City Attorney James Messer tendered his resignation Aug. 24, he became the second municipal attorney in St. Lucie County to resign this year amid a darkening cloud of sexual harassment allegations. Port St. Lucie City Attorney Reginald Osenton resigned last February under very similar circumstances. Mr. Messer had headed up the Fort Pierce Legal Department since April 2016, while Port St. Lucie hired Mr. Osenton in August of that same year.

The charges against Mr. Messer first came to light during a special City Commission meeting Aug. 1 when he requested the city authorize payment for an outside attorney according to the stipulations of his contract. City Manager Nick Mimms told commissioners he had placed all of Mr. Messer's female staffers on paid administrative leave while the city was investigating at least three written complaints against him.

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County insurance rating rises

County Building Department efforts lead to higher rating and insurance discounts for new construction

By Donald Rodrigue
 For Hometown News

FORT PIERCE -- Insurance Services Office, Inc. recently lowered St. Lucie County's insurance rating on new construction, paving the way to lower insurance premiums for any new construction plans coming through the Building Department.

Planning & Development Services Director Leslie Olson introduced three members of the team responsible for helping earn the new 3.2 rating during the Aug. 21 County Commission meeting. Insurance ratings range from a high of 1 to a low of 10.

"We have some good news to share today," she said upon introducing Building and Code Regulations Manager Monica Graziani, Commercial Plans Examiner Joe Cicio, and Residential Plan Reviewer William Durden. "This organization focuses very strongly on quality buildings

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Community notes

Native plant nursery maintenance help needed

The Ocean Research & Conservation Association is seeking volunteers to help with the native plant nursery, located at the IFAS Aquaculture Research and Extension Facility. These native plants are being grown to support ORCA's Living Lagoon Program, which partners with community and school groups to help rehabilitate impaired shorelines along the Indian River Lagoon.

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, Sept. 1, from 8-10 a.m., at 8500 Picos Road, Fort Pierce. Learn more about this habitat restoration program and the importance of these native plants, as you assist with nursery maintenance.

Maintenance includes watering plants, weeding and pruning, propagating plants, planting new plant species in pots and maintaining the nursery inventory.

Please bring sunscreen and a reusable water bottle. To volunteer, please RSVP to volunteer@teamorca.org or call (772) 467-1600.

The focus of ORCA's habitat restoration program is the construction of living shorelines. Living shorelines are shoreline protection projects that provide habitat for plants

and animals, stabilize shorelines and improve water quality. Living shorelines usually include the construction of a hard structure or breakwater made from rock or bagged shell and the planting of native vegetation along intertidal shorelines. Learn more online: www.teamorca.org/restorative-efforts.html

UF/IFAS Extension offers healthy business workshop

UF/IFAS and St. Lucie County Extension staff will begin offering a six-week series focused on Horticulture Skills and Entrepreneurship every Tuesday, Sept. 11 through Oct. 16, from 6-8:30 p.m. at Indian River State College's Blackburn Center, 3002 Avenue D, Fort Pierce.

Extension agents will cover:

- How to grow vegetables – selection, planting, irrigation, pest control and harvesting;
- How to start a business – planning, record keeping, time management, marketing and funding;
- How to put it together and benefit financially from your horticulture skills.

Take some time to learn about food, and better yet, learn a skill that can turn into a

new career. The cost of this six-week workshop is \$35 per person.

To register, call the St. Lucie County Extension staff at (772) 462-1660.

City seeks public input on redevelopment

The City of Fort Pierce invites you to share your vision for the future of Downtown Fort Pierce. Let us know how you would like to see the former H.D. King Power Plant site developed by taking a brief online survey at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KingPlant>. The survey takes approximately 5 minutes to complete and will be open until Friday, Sept. 21. Paper surveys are also available at City Hall.

In an effort to offer additional engagement opportunities with the community, the City of Fort Pierce is hosting pop-up community input booths at local events to educate the public on this project and garner new ideas. Join us at a pop-up event near you:

September 1 - Farmers Market – Downtown Fort Pierce

September 7 – Lincoln Park Business Expo – 2902 Avenue D

September 7 – Friday Fest – Downtown Fort Pierce

September 15 – Firefighter Combat Challenge – Manatee Center

The information gathered from the online survey and the pop-up sessions will be used to generate the Request for Qualifications and Proposals to market the site for development.

Please contact the city manager's office for more information at (772) 465-4170.

City to host 9/11 memorial recognition to honor Fort Pierce native CeeCee Ross Lyles

The City of Fort Pierce will hold a memorial service to honor CeeCee Ross Lyles who perished on Flight 93 when it crashed in a Pennsylvania field during the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at the Liberty Garden located at 600 N. Indian River Drive.

The ceremony honoring Lyles is held annually at the site where a life-sized bronze statue of the Fort Pierce native overlooks the Indian River. Born and raised in Fort Pierce, **See NOTES, page 5**

Attorney

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During its subsequent meeting Aug. 6, the Commission agreed to hire Winter Park attorney Rebecca Vose to investigate the allegations against Mr. Messer, who then reported her findings to the Board during the latest meeting. The city recruited St. Lucie County Attorney Dan McIntyre to moderate the discussion, who explained the ramifications of Mr. Messer's "resignation without cause" letter submitted via email.

"If he resigns without cause, he would be entitled to severance pay, and so basically by accepting that, you would be accepting that he did not commit misconduct because that's one of the conditions for paying severance is that there was no misconduct," Mr. McIntyre said. "So he is conditioning his resignation -- it's not an unconditional resignation -- so there's some other implications for you. You now have a report that outlines various allegations, and there were findings by the investigator, which you've read, so you need to consider that in the context of the offer to resign without cause."

Ms. Vose then warned the Commission that accepting the city attorney's resignation at face value could cause legal complications down the road if he were eventually proven guilty of misconduct while in office.

"I will tell you that there is a Florida statute that prohibits paying severance pay if in fact it is shown that there have been violations," she said. "If you accept the findings of this report, his actions constituted misconduct. So legally you don't have the option of giving him severance if you make a finding that there was misconduct. And if you find that there was misconduct or don't making a finding, you risk having an audit, which could indicate that you've spent public money inappropriately."

Ms. Vose went on to describe the city's other options, which included termination with cause, termination without cause, for-

mally accepting his resignation -- which she advised against -- and a resignation without conditions, which the city didn't have at the time. She did not include the option of retaining Mr. Messer on the city payroll due to her findings, which she did not go over publicly.

"I did not feel that it is an option for the city attorney to stay in the employ of Fort Pierce for liability purposes because of his admissions during his interviews, which were recorded and transcribed with his permission," she said while carefully choosing her words. "He admitted to have a propensity to not be able to act appropriately around some women."

Commissioner Reginald Sessions then questioned Ms. Vose if the Commission had the legal right to fire Mr. Messer.

"Do you think that his admission was of the magnitude and significance for us to justify for cause?" he asked.

"In my legal opinion, yes -- absolutely," she responded.

Mr. McIntyre advised commissioners early on in the meeting not to mention the names, positions or titles of the female employees making the allegations against Mr. Messer, but Ms. Vose herself said she found the city attorney's request of a female employee to pull up photographs of potential job applicants to determine "if they were hot or not hot" to be personally offensive.

"It appears that what he is saying is that he felt he could say whatever it is he wanted to say until someone objected, and that's not what the law is," she explained. "He understands what the law is, but when I asked him if he continued to make comments about women like 'milkmaid' or 'you need to lose weight' or that sort of thing after that, and he said yes."

Commissioner Thomas Perona expressed frustration that such alleged behavior could have gone unnoticed for so long that he and his fellow commissioners even renewed the city attorney's contract for four more years recently.

"I'm embarrassed by this personally, and

I feel that we have failed in our policies," he said. "I mean my office is next to theirs, the city manager's is next to the Legal Department, and we thought everything was hunky-dory. This didn't just happen in four or five days; it seemed like according to what I read here -- even to Mr. Messer's own admission -- this thing has happened over a long period of time."

Mayor Linda Hudson concurred with that sentiment, emphasizing that Mr. Messer was one of only two employees directly hired by the Commission.

"I echo the frustration, and I think one of the aspects of this is that we were dealing with a charter officer -- our city attorney -- and I think that has made this whole thing, very, very difficult," she said. "It would be as if Mr. Mimms were in this situation, and I think that has made it particularly difficult."

For his part, Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson searched for a different option and even gleaned through the city attorney's contract to find a loophole of sorts.

"In his contract, paragraph 14 talks about voluntary resignation and he has to provide 90 days written notice," Commissioner Johnson said. "Obviously commissioners we didn't get that [notice] in this case, but it does say 'unless the parties agree otherwise,' so obviously we'd have to formally come up with a plan."

Ms. Vose then shot down that idea.

"You are not in receipt of an unrestricted resignation, so the only way you could accept his restricted offer of resignation is for you to decide that he didn't do anything wrong," she said. "If you make a determination that you do not agree with the report -- which is an option you have -- and since you didn't find fault with anything he did, he would be paid his severance. That I do believe would set a precedent in the city."

Both Commissioners Johnson and Sessions then prodded Mr. McIntyre to contact Mr. Messer during a recess to see if he would be willing to resubmit his resignation without conditions, but the attorney initially balked, saying Mr. Messer had

rejected that very idea the night before.

"It seems to be that this is beyond repair: Based on reading the report, the whole relationship is not repairable," Mr. McIntyre said. "So from my perspective based on the report, I think my recommendation be that you terminate with cause and that you proceed along those lines."

The majority of the Commission rejected that suggestion, however, and took a 15-minute break while the county attorney contacted Mr. Messer. The latter subsequently tendered an unconditional resignation, which the Commission voted unanimously to accept. Commissioners subsequently voted unanimously to select retired Judge Ben Bryan to serve as interim city attorney until a replacement could be found. They could not agree, however, on how best to undertake the search for a new city attorney. Both Commissioner Rufus Alexander and Commissioner Sessions wanted the city to look internally for a potential candidate, referring indirectly to Assistant City Attorney Lola Mosley who had been the first alternate choice in 2016 and subsequently tapped by Mr. Messer. Both Commissioners Johnson and Perona, however, wanted to use the same outside consultant, Colin Baenziger, to widen the net for possible candidates, which would cost the city his \$20,000 fee.

Commissioner Sessions opposed that idea adamantly, reminding the Commission that it was Mr. Baenziger who recommended the city hire Mr. Messer. The consultant also made the recommendation for Port St. Lucie to hire Mr. Osenton.

"These consultants, in my estimation, haven't been the very best with hiring, and that's just me speaking," he said. "We spent all this money with consultants, and we come in here and we hire, and look at what we're dealing with. We have an HR director that's capable of performing a lot of duties of the consultant, and we could do a lot of these things ourselves internally."

Mayor Hudson also wanted to hire the consultant. The Commission subsequently voted 4-1 to do so, Sessions dissenting.

Bealls supports Boys & Girls Clubs during Tax-Free Weekend

For Hometown News
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TREASURE COAST – During the recent Tax-Free weekend on Aug. 3 – 5, Bealls Stores continued their partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs throughout Florida by donating a percentage of apparel sales from the junior, guys and kid departments.

“We believe in the mission of local Boys & Girls Clubs chapters throughout Florida and we enjoy continuing our tradition of being involved in our local community organizations,” said Matt Beall, Senior Vice President and Chief Merchandising Officer for Bealls Stores, Inc. “Because of our loyal guests who choose to shop at their local Bealls Store, we are proud to support the Boys & Girls Clubs and their work in communities around the state.”

Bealls Stores announced that \$9,250.74 will be donated to regional Boys & Girls Clubs chapters throughout the state; each store’s proceeds will be donated to their

local corresponding chapter.

“The Boys & Girls Clubs in Florida served over 130,000 youth last year. There are over 240 club sites from Pensacola to the Keys with 14 clubs on Florida military bases, and one residing on a Native American reservation. This is possible through the hard work of our dedicated staff and volunteers, and of course through exciting partnerships with businesses such as Bealls Stores,” said Daniel Lyons, Florida Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs Executive Director. “We’d like to thank Bealls Stores – and their guests – for this generous donation as we continue to positively impact youth in our state.”

To learn more about the Florida Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, contact Daniel Lyons, Florida Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs Director at (772) 263-2723.

To learn more about Bealls Florida, contact Karen Filips, Bealls Stores, Inc. Director of Communications and Community Affairs, at (941) 744-4375 or email KarenF@beallsinc.com.



Calendar

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• **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>

• **Writers Group:** First and third Tuesdays, 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 program. 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 shroyer@stlucieco.org or visit <http://library.stlucieco.gov>.

• **Weekly Storytime Jam:** Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Zora Neale Hurston Branch Library, 3008 Avenue D, Fort Pierce. Designed for ages 2-5, this interactive program will have your young ones clapping,

dancing, singing and listening to stories each week. For more information, call (772) 462-2154 or visit <http://library.stlucieco.gov> or email rovitoo@stlucieco.org.

• **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, SEPT. 5

• **Pretty Princess Tea Party:** 10-11:30 a.m., first Wednesday of each month, at the Port St. Lucie Community Center, 2195 S.E. Airoso Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Meant for ages 2 and older. Fee is \$4. Dress in princess attire and meet a new princess every month. The party also includes singing, dancing, pretend tea sets and merriment. Parents are encouraged to participate. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call (772) 807-4499.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6

• **Celebrate Recovery:** 7-9:30 p.m., Walton Road Baptist Church, 2001 S.E.

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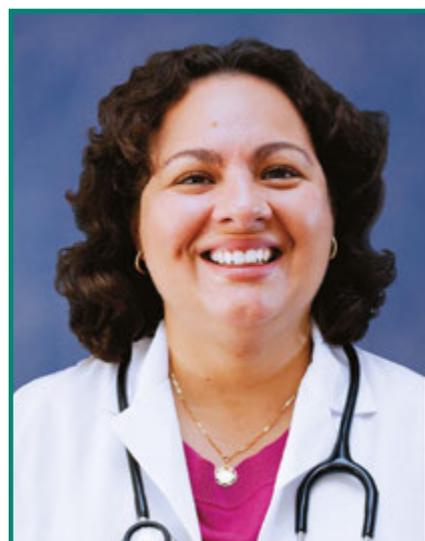
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Firefighter Combat Challenge coming to Fort Pierce

For Hometown News
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An estimated 150 firefighters from around the country, state and local districts are about to descend on downtown Fort Pierce and the surrounding area. The St. Lucie County Tourism Office, in partnership with the St. Lucie County Fire District and the Treasure Coast Sports Commission, secured the 2018 Firefighter Combat Challenge set for Friday, Sept. 14 and Saturday, Sept 15.

The Firefighter Combat Challenge, as seen on ESPN for more than 12 years, is a competition event that encourages firefight-

er fitness and demonstrates the profession's rigors to the public. Wearing full gear, firefighters race head-to-head as they simulate the physical demands of real-life firefighting by performing a linked series of five tasks including climbing the five-story tower, hoisting, chopping, dragging hoses and rescuing a life-sized, 175-pound "victim" as they race against themselves, their opponents and the clock. The event will also incorporate a Treasure Coast CrossFit challenge bringing an additional estimated 200 physical fitness competitors to the event.

The public is encouraged to attend with their families and friends to witness the physical talents of these public safety profes-

sionals and athletes. The event is free, and will offer food trucks, vendors, and special displays at the Manatee Observation & Education Center along with the first-ever photography exhibit by Rusty Wiles, a St. Lucie County firefighter and nationally recognized minimalist photographer at the A.E. Backus Museum & Gallery. www.rustywiles.com

Event Schedule:
Friday, Sept. 14
2-10 p.m. Vendor Village Open
2-7 p.m. Manatee Center and Backus Museum Displays (specific info TBD later)
3 p.m. Firefighter Combat Challenge (FFC) Competitor Check-In

5 p.m. Opening Ceremonies
5:30-8 p.m. Individual and Team Competition - Kids FCC
7:30-9:30 p.m. VIP/FCC Reception @ A.E. Backus Museum & Gallery (500 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce)
8-10 p.m. Live Music (TBA)
Saturday, Sept 15
9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Vendor Village Open
9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Manatee Center and Backus Museum Displays Open
10 - 11 a.m. Treasure Coast CrossFit Challenge Check In and Sign Ups
11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Treasure Coast Cross-

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Insurance

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so residents know that their buildings are safe, and we have been recognized in that endeavor this year. The Insurance Service Office has upgraded our ranking from a residential 3.3, which actually gives our property owners a discount on their insurance. That means that no one in our region has a better score than we do; it's a great thing for our county, and I just wanted to recognize the hard work of our Department."

Ms. Olson explained that the ISO surveys and grades every participating jurisdiction in the United States on a three-year rotation.

"We're tied with one [local] jurisdiction, and we are better than most by far in the

United States," she gushed. "So this is a great thing for our citizens."

Commission Chairwoman Frannie Hutchinson said she had previously served on the St. Lucie County Fire District Board and questioned Ms. Olson if citizens needed to notify their insurance companies of the new rating.

"Is that something the residents need to notify their insurance companies of?" she asked. "I know that when the y Fire District had gone through that review period -- and you're right -- it is very strenuous, very detailed and closely watched by the different insurance companies. Is this something that you're going to be encouraging the public to do?"

Ms. Olson then emphasized that the lower ISO rating would only affect county residents who have recently built their homes or are in the process of building cur-

rently.

"This is something that new construction receives," she said. "A new construction will receive this discount from the date of our issuance of that moving forward. For those who have new construction, they may want to notify their insurance company, but for those of us who own pre-existing homes or businesses, this does not apply at this time."

Commissioner Chris Dzadoovsky, who also served on the Fire District Board, said that all county homeowners should regularly contact their insurance companies to ensure they're getting the best rates from the county's low ISO rating. The District earned accreditation this last March, which could further reduce county insurance rates.

"Not only has our [Fire District] ISO rating gone from a 9 to a 3 this last few months, we actually are accredited for the first time in history," he said. "Now the Fire

District is one of 200 or so accredited fire districts in the nation or actually in the world. That adds more value to that process and hopefully a reduction in fire insurance as well. So you should always be contacting your insurance company to check and see what's going on with the improvements in our community."

Commissioner Dzadoovsky also directed homeowners to the county's website for more information.

"There is a letter on our website that talks about the ISO rating that the people can download and take to their insurer to get those discounts," he added.

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Police report

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

Fort Pierce Police Department

Eric Vanhouten, 36, of Citrus Avenue, Fort Pierce, was arrested August 23 and charged with public ordinance crimes – accessory after the fact of capital crime.

Robert Schittko, 47, of Rio Mar Drive, Port St. Lucie, was arrested August 24 and charged with possession of controlled substance.

Jason Molino, 33, of Ashbury Lane, Port St. Lucie, was arrested August 25 and charged with possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Port St. Lucie Police Department

Leyland Knight, 38, of Valnera Street SW, Port St. Lucie, was arrested August 23 and charged with possession of weapon/ammo by a convicted felon, possession of marijuana

under 20 grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Thomas Abram, 46, of Valnera Street SW, Port St. Lucie, was arrested August 23 and charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Aaron Braun, 31, of Valnera Street SW, Port St. Lucie, was arrested August 23 and charged with possession of marijuana over 20 grams, possession of marijuana under 20 grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Chelsea Reynolds, 28, of Maggie Way, Sebastian, was arrested August 24 and charged with possession of marijuana over 20 grams, and possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

Jamel Houston, 21, of Port St. Lucie, was arrested August 24 and charged with aggravated battery – offender should have known victim was pregnant.

Melissa Girvin, 35, of Port St. Lucie, was arrested August 24 and charged with cruelty to child – aggravated child abuse, and battery.

Isabel Hernandez, 20, of 28th Street, Union, NJ, was arrested August 24 and charged with larceny – grand theft over \$300 and less than \$5,000.

Marc Torres, 20, of 40th Street, Union, NJ, was arrested August 24 and charged with larceny – grand theft over \$300 and less than \$5,000.

Angel Torres, 18, of 28th Street, Union, NJ, was arrested August 24 and charged with larceny – grand theft over \$300 and less than \$5,000.

St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office

Andrew Manochio, 40, of Camino Del Rio, Port St. Lucie, was arrested August 23 and charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and resting an officer without violence.

Ruben Rodriguez Arroyo, 36, of SE Bonita Court, Port St. Lucie, was arrested August 23 and charged with possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bradley Rodriguez, 47, of N. Lawnwood Circle, Fort Pierce, was arrested August 24 and charged with possession of marijuana over 20 grams, possession of marijuana with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver, and possession of

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drug paraphernalia.

Jimmy Gilliam, 52, of Orange Avenue, Fort Pierce, was arrested August 25 and charged with possession of heroin, possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, and tampering/destroying physical evidence.

Kurtis James, 27, of Hale Court, Fort Pierce, was arrested August 25 and charged with possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana over 20 grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Blake Hensley, 30, of Vernon Street, Fort Pierce, was arrested August 25 and charged with obstructing justice, and battery.

Nichole King, 49, of Sandia Crest, Shreveport, LA, was arrested August 25 and charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Firefighter

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Fit Challenge Competition

12:30 p.m. FFC Competitor Check-In
2:30 p.m. Opening Ceremonies and Presentation of Colors

Welcome, Recognition of Special Guests
2:45 – 7 p.m. Relay and Tandem Competition - Kids FCC

7:30 p.m. Awards and Closing Ceremonies

St. Lucie County Commissioner Chris Dzadovsky, who also serves as the chairman of the Tourist Development Council and the St. Lucie County Fire Board, was instrumental in securing the event making sure St. Lucie County was on the list as a location host.

“The timing of this event will not only culminate with the other events that are

remembering 9/11, but it will also bring exposure to the physical commitment and dedicated service that our first responders demonstrate every day. I'm also excited about the positive economic impact that these firefighters and athletes will bring by visiting our beautiful destination,” said Dzadovsky.

For general information about the event visit www.FirefighterChallenge.com or www.treasurecoastsports.org.

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Lyles attended Fort Pierce Westwood High School and later served six years as a Fort Pierce Police Officer.

The event is open to the public and will honor all those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. For more information, please call (772) 465-4170.

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Rants & Raves

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

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.

Signs need regulation

Seeing the multitude of campaign signs at every turn, in every ditch and all along the roads, causes me to wonder if there are any regulations, and how are they allowed on property not belonging to the candidates? And, who will pick them up afterwards?

signs at all beach entrance accesses, on the lifeguard stands and throughout the beach. These signs should remind people to clean up their trash and to not use the beach as their ashtray. The signs should also post the minimum fines for littering and most importantly, the law should be enforced by police and beach patrol.

The fines collected would help offset the cost of enforcing the no littering law, but more importantly help clean up the beaches. How disgusting is it to see children playing in cigarette butts at the beach or to see all the cigarette butts piled up in the high-tide line.

'There ought to be a law'

Many people say "there ought to be a law" about pounding bass speakers. There really was a law; but no more.

After I retired from the New York Police Department, I took a job in 1992 as a law enforcement officer here. At that time, the Florida Motor Vehicle and Traffic Law prohibited loud music emanating from a motor vehicle, if the music or noise could be heard within a distance of about 20 feet from the vehicle. We enforced that law when necessary, writing a uniform traffic citation.

Unfortunately, as a result of a lawsuit claiming the law was unconstitutional in that operators of motor vehicles had a constitutional right to play music as loud as they wanted to, the court hearing the case agreed. That is why loud music from a vehicle is not enforced. (Local noise ordinances may apply if at night.)

Although I am still a law enforcement officer in my 48th year, all I can do now when some individual, who will likely go deaf in 20 years, pulls next to my patrol car with music blaring, is to look at the operator with a serious face. That usually results in the music being turned down.

Enforce littering laws on the beach

Unbelievably we still need to remind people not to litter.

We need to take some tax money and post

Right of center is Nazism

For those who claim that voting for any candidates "anywhere left of center" means your vote would be one step closer to socialism/communism: following that logic, voting for anyone anywhere right of center would bring us one step closer to Nazism.

Ensure a senior's well-being

Heat exhaustion can sneak up, causing increased body temperature, rapid pulse, headache and fatigue. If you don't get cool, you'll dehydrate, possibly suffer a stroke, or worse, die.

Of 8,000-plus heat-related fatalities reported annually in the United States, 36 percent are among those age 65 and older, according to a Centers for Disease Control Heat-Related Illness Survey. Hospitalizations for heat-related symptoms increase for those older than 85.

Those with elderly friends, relatives or neighbors are encouraged to take five minutes to check in on them, particularly in very hot weather. Studies show there are far too few professional caregivers for aging adults, a trend expected to continue for the next 10 years or more, so non-professionals

Heading to the end zone



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

St. Lucie West Centennial's Deshawn Allie, No. 45, tries to take down Fort Pierce Westwood's Tremayne Price, No. 2, on his way to a touchdown during the first half. Centennial won 23-6.

play a vital role in keeping seniors safe. Giving just a few minutes of your time to ensure a senior's well-being can be highly rewarding. You might even save a life.

Help to reduce media panic

Yes, if you live in a coastal region in the direct path of a major hurricane, you should probably evacuate.

The media and governor had the entire state worked up into a panic for last year's "unprecedented" Irma. Sadly we did not learn from "unprecedented" Matthew in 2016. A hurricane slows down after it hits land, if you live in Orlando and inland communities you probably don't need to evacuate. The Chicken Little local news and the governor with their whole "get out now!" and "you will die" was way over the top.

There were so many people evacuating the highways were clogged for days and gas stations ran out of gas. The people who needed to evacuate, who kept cool and waited to see where the storm was going to hit, now had to hours and hours of traffic jams and the possibility of going through the storm out of gas on the side of the road.

Let's be a little smarter for the next one, and by all means evacuate if you want to play it safe, but please, don't let the media sensationalism get us all worked up.

Irrigate politely, not the sidewalk

Really people, your sidewalks are not

going to "green up" so would you stop sprinkling them? If you can't, could you put your irrigation timer on to water that zone before sunrise, so that dog walkers and children walking to school don't have to walk in the street to avoid your sprinkler, which may be using reclaimed water? (yuck.)

We can't continue to pile up problems for future generations

My children will never have the same level of comfort that my husband and I have had. I can't even imagine what the future holds for my grandchildren.

Climate change may very well change life on earth. Add to that the fact that our retirement years are more uncertain today than ever before. Not only have we allowed the economy to implode, we've made sure that the next generation's life expectancy is years less than ours.

How did we let this happen? I think it's apathy. We saw things that were happening but thought that someone else would do something about it. I remember the saying "We are the ones we've been waiting for" and we didn't even realize it.

We can't continue to pile up all these problems for future generations to solve. Do something — do anything — but get up and make a difference in your community.

"Just as ripples spread out when a single pebble is dropped into water, the actions of individuals can have far-reaching effects." (Dalai Lama)

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Looking for a home



Meet Petunee

I'm good luck. In Europe and Asia, cats like me are considered lucky. I may not help you win the lottery but I'll sit in your lap and love you every day. I'm only 2 years old and I'm ready to make you feel like a million bucks. My guardian angel. My guardian angel paid my adoption fee-so I'm already good luck. Meet Petunee at Dogs and Cats Forever in Fort Pierce.

Last call for 'In Season!'

Attention, Treasure Coast nonprofits, studios, galleries, museums, playhouses, historical sites, symphonies, tourist sites, community clubs, support groups and more:

The calendar in Hometown News' In Season publications this year will cover the end of September through April 2019.

For this year, each county's calendar will focus on local events and also include as many area events of general interest as space permits. This means even more exposure for your events, as well as for your organization, so please send in your info early enough — we'd love to make sure you're included!

The deadline for submission of events

to be considered for this will be **Saturday, Sept. 1.**

As a general guide for style, format and length, please look at the weekly calendar and Out & about listings we run each week.

Send your calendar items and event schedules by email to newsfp@hometown-newsol.com. (Please write "In Season" in the subject line of your email.)

You can also submit events online at www.hometownnewsirc.com, www.hometownnewsinc.com, or www.hometown-newsol.com.

For more information, call (772) 465-5656, email us through the address above, or message us through Facebook.

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Walton Road, Port St. Lucie. A free, Christ-centered recovery program offered every Thursday evening. For more information, call Steve Stevens at (772) 285-5668.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 7

• **Lincoln Park Business Expo:** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Percy S. Peek Gymnasium and IRSC Blackburn Education Center, located in the 3000 block of Avenue D. Free, everyone is welcome. Presentations and educational workshops will focus on 'City of Fort Pierce

Tips and Tricks: Permits, Zoning and Business Tax Licenses;' 'Marketing Your Small Business;' 'Financial Management for Small Businesses;' 'Maximizing Marketing and Public Relations;' 'Team Building;' 'Non-Profit / Government Contracting' and 'Entrepreneurial Mindset.' Expo attendees will receive gift bags. Drawings for door prizes will be held throughout the event. A Community Pop-Up Shop for small local businesses to showcase their products and services will be open to the public from 4-6 p.m. at the gymnasium, which is located adjacent to the Blackburn Education Center. Small businesses wishing to reserve free space to showcase their business in the Pop-

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Escape for great, quick round at Island Dunes

With the busy schedule that so many of us have these days, it's not always easy to get in a full round of golf. Sometimes, nine holes is just right. Throw in beautiful views and a breeze off the ocean, and you have a perfect quick round of golf.

Where does one go to find just such a treat? My quest took me to Island Dunes Country Club on South Ocean Drive in Jensen Beach. Located about 3.5 miles north of the round-a-bout at Jensen Beach Boulevard and State Road A1A, this track offers a nice get-away from the normal.

Island Dunes plays to a par of 31 from four sets of tees and measures from 1,738 yards to 2,126 yards long. There are four par-4s and five par-3s. While there is no driving range at the course, there are a few sets of tees and nets for those wanting to get in a few full swings before heading to the first tee.

The first hole may be the most difficult par-3 on the course. Playing anywhere from 113- to 170- yards and playing due east, you can find yourself hitting anything from a wedge to a middle iron or hybrid depending on how the wind is blowing. One of my buddies reports that when he plays a second nine the wind sometimes picks up so much in just a couple hours that he has to hit two to three clubs more just to get to the green.

GOLF
JAMES STAMMER



The second hole is your first par-4. In addition to being the shortest of the par-4s, this hole also has the widest fairway. If you struggle to get the ball on the fairway here, you need to watch out for the mangroves and wetlands you will encounter over the rest of your round.

The third hole is a beautiful par-3. Measuring just 106 yards from the back, there is no excuse for missing the green here. If you do, you will find a challenging pitch or chip or bunker shot to a severely sloped green.

After a couple more par-3s and a short par-4, you come to the most challenging par-4 on the course, the 360-yard seventh. You tee shot here must hug the left side of the fairway or you will be blocked out and forced to hit a blind approach to a small green. Also, the longer your drive is, the narrower the fairway becomes and the more likely you are to find a bunker or waste area. If you miss this green, you are better off if your ball lands left or short of the green.

The par-3 eighth is Island Dunes signature hole, and it is beautiful. In fact, the ride along the raised wooden bridge through the mangroves to the tee is soothing by itself.

Playing to 145- yards from the back tees, your tee shot must carry the mangroves and wetlands and land on a green that is only about 45- feet deep with the Indian River sitting behind. It's an intimidating shot, as you have to take in the wind, the carry over the hazard, and yet try not to hit the ball onto the beach beyond.

The finishing hole is a beautiful, but frightfully narrow, 353-yard par-4 that runs along the river. The more you hug the river side of the fairway, the better your angle will be for your approach. A quirky feature of this hole is a short "Green Monster" wall that runs along the mangroves down the right side as you near the green. If you hit your tee shot far enough, you can play the carom and find your ball back in the fairway with a short wedge to a well-protected green.

Island Dunes may not have monster



yardage to intimidate the best players, but it does have very undulating greens and some narrow areas that will penalize wayward shots. Best of all, it's an easy course to walk, and with the breeze off the ocean or the river, it's a pleasurable way to enjoy a round. There is also public beach access just a few hundred yards away, so you can drop off the non-golfers for some beach time while you get in a quick nine.

For more information, contact Island Dunes Country Club at (772) 229-2739.

James Stammer has been an avid golfer and golf enthusiast for nearly 40 years. Contact him at stammeregolf@yahoo.com.

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Up Shop must pre-register. To request registration information, call (772) 467-3168 or email cscott@city-ftpierce.com.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

• **Friends & Family Volunteer Day:** 9 a.m. to noon, Treasure Coast Food Bank, 401 Angle Road, Fort Pierce. Help sort and pack food for your hungry neighbors at the food bank's Distribution Center. Activities are appropriate for children ages 8 and up. Corporate, church and local groups are welcome! Closed-toe shoes required. For more information, call (772) 446-1752 or email volunteer@tcofoodbank.org. RSVP online at stophunger.org/volunteer.

• **Paar Estates Neighborhood Cleanup:** 9-11 a.m., Whispering Pines Park, 800 S.W. Darwin Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Meet family, friends and your neighbors to help clean up the community. Breakfast provided by The Bagel & Bean Co. For more information, call (772) 828-0138 or call KPSLB at (772) 871-

5103, or email KPSLB@CityofPSL.com

• **Shell Bagging for Breakwater Construction:** 8-10 a.m., hosted by Ocean Research & Conservation Association at 17 17th Street, Vero Beach. Volunteers will help ORCA bag fossilized shells for the construction of living shoreline breakwaters along impaired areas of the Indian River Lagoon owned by the Indian River Land Trust. Wear tennis shoes, bring sunscreen and a reusable water bottle. Water, snacks and work gloves will be provided. Call (772) 467-1600 to RSVP. .abeam@teamorca.org.

MONDAY, SEPT. 10

• **Port St. Lucie Newcomers Club monthly meeting:** 10-11:30 a.m., West St. Lucie Elks Lodge, 343 Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Social hour (BYOC) begins at 9 a.m. Mary Craig, Senior Outreach and Services Director, from the Council on Aging is scheduled to speak about the Council's many programs designed to meet the needs of the Port St. Lucie community. Time for questions will be allotted. The Port St. Lucie Newcomers Club schedules monthly speakers who share information about

resources, places to go, and things to see on the Treasure Coast. An annual membership fee permits new and long time residents to participate in the Club's numerous social activities. For more information, contact Carolyn Snider at gksnider@gmail.com.

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

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11

• **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 roviaa@stlucieco.org.

• **Celebrate Recovery:** 7-9:30 p.m., Fairlawn Baptist Church, 3003 Rhode Island Ave., Fort Pierce. A free, Christ-centered

recovery program offered every Tuesday evening. For more information, call (772) 461-0814.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

• **Celebrate Recovery:** 7-9:30 p.m., Walton Road Baptist Church, 2001 S.E. Walton Road, Port St. Lucie. A free, Christ-centered recovery program offered every Thursday evening. For more information, call Steve Stevens at (772) 285-5668.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13 – FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

• **Lip Reading 101 marathon style class:** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days, with an hour break for lunch each day. Held in the Community Room at Garber Buick/GMC, 5255 S. U.S. 1, Fort Pierce. A skill that is useful in all walks of life, lipreading classes are being again sponsored by the Treasure Coast Chapter, Hearing Loss Association of America and Fort Pierce Lions Club along the Treasure Coast. A certificate of completion will be presented at the end of the course. The fee is \$65 and registration is required. For more information, text (772) 468-0123,

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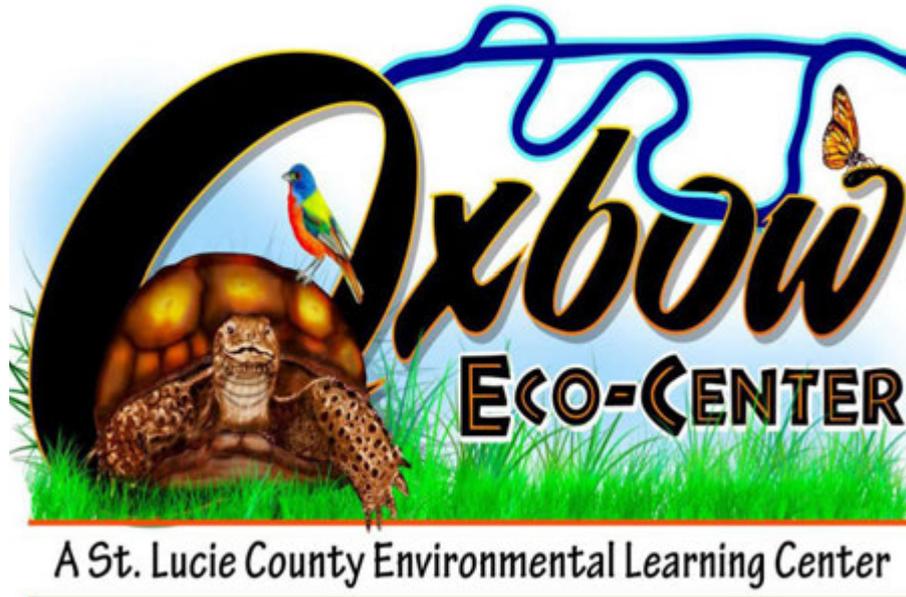
Several New Programs Sprout Up at the Oxbow this September

For Hometown News
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PORT ST. LUCIE – The Oxbow Eco-Center is awash with new programs this September with a special focus on our local waterways to help educate and entertain residents of all ages. The Oxbow's trails are open daily during daylight hours and the education center is open Tuesdays through Fridays from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Programs planned for September include:

Health & Nature Series: Nature is good for your health. Early physicians, philosophers and even grandma were right, and now neuroscience is catching up with this ancient wisdom, providing insight into exactly how natural sounds, sights and smells are an important part of human mental and physical well-being. This new series features free monthly lectures, healing hikes, mini-workshops and unique adventures that help you reconnect with nature and feel empowered to take back your health. Wouldn't it be nice to feel energized, get a good night's sleep and reduce the pain that's been holding you



back? Why not commit to taking that first step? To stay informed on upcoming programs, send an e-mail to cartmille@stlucieco.org with a subject line "Health & Nature

Series."

o Friday, Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. – Take a Walk in the Blue Zone. Join Community Health See OXBOW, page 12

Horoscopes



ARIES - March 21/April 20

Aries, you may want to pull the covers over your head and stay in bed all week long, but that's just not possible. If you dust yourself off and get out there, you'll get back on track.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Don't lose your patience if you need to repeat yourself a few times before your point comes across to others, Taurus. Eventually, others will start to come around.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, do not worry even if your workload seems overwhelming. Relief is on the way. A hero will swoop in and take some of the responsibility off your shoulders.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Happy times in your life have you exhibiting good will toward others, Cancer. Maybe you'll give a coworker a break or cast some good vibes on a friend.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

It is important to have goals, but not at the expense of friendships, Leo. If you have to put success over the needs of others, it may not be worth it. Wait until everything jibes.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

Having a plan in place at all times is your saving grace, Virgo. When something unexpected happens this week, you will be able to handle it without breaking a sweat.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Two friends or family members may try to put you in the middle of their quarrel, Libra. This is an unenviable situation. Try to remain as neutral as possible.

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Out & about

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1 – WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19

Kilmer Library's ArtSpace hosts works by Andre Barnes: The Susan Broom Kilmer Branch Library, 101 Melody Lane, Fort Pierce, will host works by Fort Pierce native Andre Barnes Sept. 1-19. Currently teaching art at Samuel Gaines Academy in Fort Pierce, Barnes has worked for more than 15 years as an art instructor in the Leon and Gadsden County Public School systems. He has created works using the mediums of graphite pencil, colored pencil, pastels, watercolor acrylic paint and airbrush. Residents interested in displaying their artwork as part

of the non-commercial ArtSpace area should contact librarian Delphine Newton at (772) 462-2787 or newtond@stlucieco.org.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 4

Bingo & trivia: Entertainment by AJ the DJ, plus drink specials, free bingo, prizes, and pop-quiz trivia, every Tuesday from 8-10 p.m., St. Lucie Lanes, 6759 S. U.S. 1, Port St. Lucie. For more information, call (772) 461-5390 or (772) 873-2981.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5

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

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.

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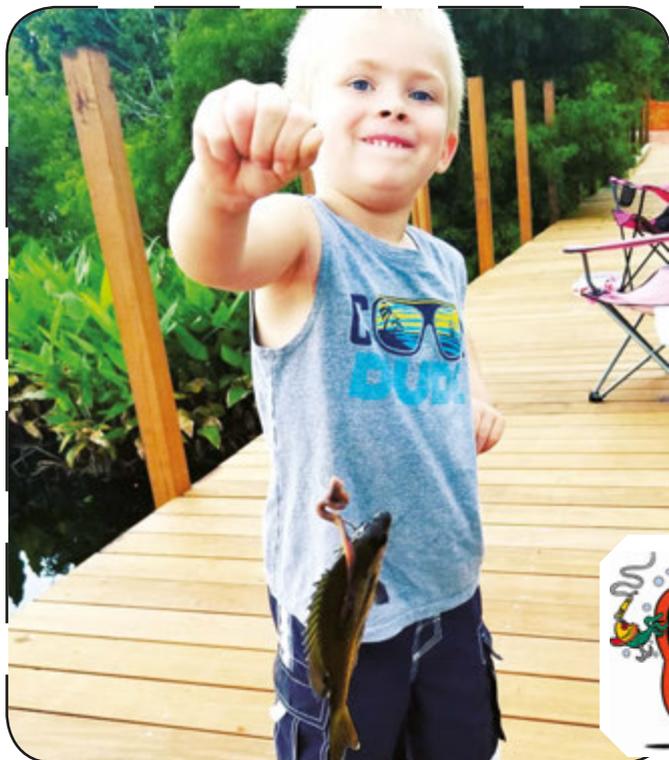




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- Area you caught the fish
- Phone number in case we have questions (will not be printed)

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 6 – SUNDAY, SEPT. 23

• **'Cheaper by the Dozen'** Based on a true story about the Gilbreth family. Their inventor father, well-known for bringing better efficiency to factories, keeps his family of twelve children running just as efficiently. Presented by the Pineapple Playhouse, 700 W. Weatherbee Road, Fort Pierce. Shows are Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$20, with group and student rates available. For more information, call (772) 465-0366 or visit www.pineappleplayhouse.com

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6

• **Bingo Night:** 7-9 p.m., Tin Roof Bar and Grill, 5701 Orange Ave., Fort Pierce. To begin Hunger Action Month, the Treasure Coast Food Bank will be hosting Bingo. A portion of the proceeds will go to Treasure Coast Food Bank. Cash prizes for all winners. Packages from \$20 include all 4 games: Game One – Straight BINGO. Game Two – Four Corner BINGO. Game Three – X Marks the spot BINGO. Game Four – Cover ALL BINGO. For more information, visit <https://stophunger.org/event/bingo-night-for-treasure-coast-food-bank/>

• **Dance:** 7-9:30 p.m. every Thursday, Polish American Club, 343 Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie. \$8 per person. BYOB and soda. For reservations, call Cindy, (508) 287-3370.

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Scopes

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SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Though it may be challenging, spend more time engaging in frivolous activities this week rather than more serious pursuits. Show others you can let loose, Scorpio.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21

Sagittarius, you may get an inkling that change is ahead, but you can't pinpoint which direction it's coming from. Just be at the ready for anything that seems unusual.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Capricorn, when someone challenges you, it's best to not get defensive. This may seem like you are admitting guilt. Instead, do not engage this person much.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Aquarius, when work pressures get to you, it's best to take a little time off on the weekend to think about anything but work. Immerse yourself in a hobby.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

Travel plans may be slightly delayed, but they're not completely off the table, Pisces. Don't worry about having to unpack those bags just yet.

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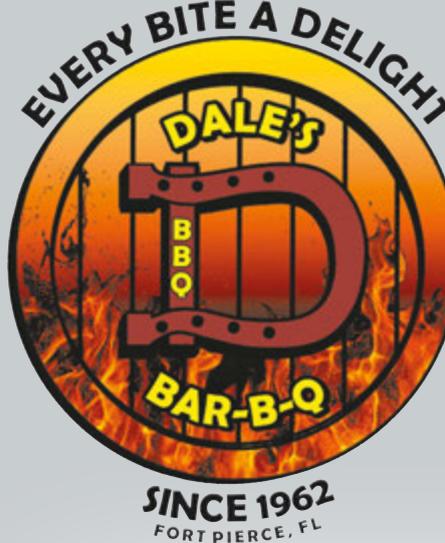
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One of the misconceptions about computers (and the internet in general) that many people have is this idea that things should work and look just as they did yesterday and the day before. I find myself explaining that the computer isn't a static, stationary object like a VCR or a toaster but a dynamic moving target that changes every time something gets updated.

People are often surprised, shocked even, when they visit a site they go to every day only to find something has changed and nine out of 10 times the change came from a behind the scenes update that they didn't have anything to do with. Often, by the time I get the call, hours have been wasted by the user trying to figure out what's wrong on their end because "it's never done this before." The fact of the matter is every time an update happens on your computer or on the computer hosting a website that you visit often, code is being re written and things are changing. Now, you may not be able to see any evidence of a change but sometimes changes can have a big impact on the way a site looks or behaves.

I recently received the following email message from one of my readers and (with permission from Priscilla) I thought I'd share the exchange as it's a perfect example of what can happen when a change is made behind the scenes and just how big an impact some changes can be.

To: Sean McCarthy
 Subject: Question about Secure Connection
 I am currently using Google Chrome as



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 SEAN MCCARTHY

my web browser. When I go to some websites, instead of getting the secure Icon (lock), I get an "i" icon. When I click on that it says the website doesn't have a secure connection. However, if I use Internet Explorer, I don't have a problem. What is the problem that I am having with Google Chrome?

Thank you in advance for your help.

Priscilla

Hi Priscilla, thanks for writing.

You actually aren't seeing (or having) a problem. Google made a decision a couple months ago that has angered just about the entire world wide web community. Google decided that for ANY site that didn't have an "SSL Certificate" it (Chrome) would list the site in the info box (the "i" icon) as "un secure."

Since most sites don't use SSL because they are just "static" brochure like pages, they don't need the SSL security certificate as there is no data being passed back and forth that needs to be secured. Usually SSL or "secure" sites are in place for sites where you have to log in and pass information back and forth like Facebook or Gmail or banking. Most other sites that don't require logging in just plain don't need an SSL certificate.

When Google decided to just mark any site not using SSL as "unsecure," they essentially blackballed millions of websites overnight.

Needless to say this has angered a whole lot of website owners.

The bottom line is there is nothing wrong – Internet Explorer, Edge, Firefox don't list sites without certificates as "un secure" because those browsers don't care. It's a Google Chrome thing and nothing to worry about.

I hope that helps.

Sean

Thank you for your reply. It made me feel better. Hope you are having a great weekend.

Priscilla

Again, this a perfect example of how one behind the scenes update (Chrome version 68, released near the end of July) changed the way Chrome handles plain old HTTP sites and suddenly, sites that have been "fine" for years are being presented as "un secure." And since security is such a big issue, suddenly having every standard HTTP site present as "un secure" has many people really concerned.

Sometimes I long for the good old days



when updates were somewhat controllable. Of course we've never really had any control over when a website like Yahoo or MSN updates but there was a time when we had a little more control over when a program on our own "local" machine updates. Now it seems like every program installed wants to "phone home" the minute it's launched to see if there's an update. And with constant updates there is constant change. That's just the way it is.

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

Touring with the Townies



Louise Novello, of Vero Beach, took her copy of Hometown News to The Venetian Hotel in Las Vegas - where it really feels like you are in Venice. She attended a family wedding and had a wild June 2nd weekend. Thanks for taking us along!



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

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

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For more information, call (772) 785-5833 or email oxbow@stlucieco.org

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

• **'Murder at the Prom':** 6-9 p.m., Genesis Community Church, 602 E. Weatherbee Road, Fort Pierce. Enjoy an '80s murder mystery dinner with mullets and mayhem to benefit Treasure Coast Night to Shine, a prom for individuals with disabilities. Wear neon and enter the '80s costume contest for a chance at great prizes. Tickets are \$35. For tickets, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/murder-mystery-dinners-80s-prom-tickets-48530551185

• **Pizza Jam Youth:** 6-9 p.m., Minsky Gym, 750 S.W. Darwin Blvd., Port St. Lucie. For ages 6-12. Participants will have fun playing basketball games, competing in contests, and eating pizza. Parents are required to register their children at 6 p.m. the evening of the event, at the door. This is a lock in program – doors will be locked at 6:30 p.m. Children will not be permitted to leave until a parent picks them up at 9 p.m. Parents are required to bring identification when picking up their child. Fees: \$7.90 per child at the door. For more information, call (772) 344-4142

• **Health & Nature Series:** 'Take a Walk in the Blue Zone' at 7 p.m., Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. Meet Community Health Promotion Director Jennifer Harris as she discusses Blue Zones and the characteristics of the lifestyles from five areas around the world where people reach the age of 100 at ten times the rate of the United States. With Blue Zone findings in mind, Jennifer will also provide an overview of the Florida Health Department's 2016-2019 Community Health Improvement Plan in St. Lucie County and initiatives being conducted by the Healthy St. Lucie Coalition.

• **Comedy Corner Presents:** 8:30 p.m., Black Box at Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. Second Street, Fort Pierce. Headliner is Angel Salazar, with Fasil Malik and Brendan Jay. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Full bar, free popcorn, plus a chance of winning free tickets to a future show. For tickets or more information, call the box office at (772) 461-4775 or visit www.sunrisetheatre.com.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9 – TUESDAY, SEPT. 11

• **Open auditions:** Auditions for 'My Three Angels' by Samuel and Bella Spewack, which will be presented by the Pineapple Playhouse, 700 W. Weatherbee Road, Fort Pierce. The show will be performed from Thursday, Nov. 1 through Sunday, Nov. 18. All auditions are open to the public and require no prior stage experience. Register at 6:30 p.m. The auditions are cold reads from the show's script. For more information, call (772) 465-0366 or visit www.pineappleplayhouse.com/auditions/

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9

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

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Promotion Director Jennifer Harris as she discusses Blue Zones and the characteristics of the lifestyles from five areas around the world where people reach 100 years old at 10 times the rate of the United States. With Blue Zone findings in mind, Harris will also provide an overview of the Florida Health Department's 2016-2019 Community Health Improvement Plan in St. Lucie County and initiatives being conducted by the Healthy St. Lucie Coalition.

o Friday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. - Toxin Transfer from Algae Blooms to Humans. Join Ocean Research and Conservation Association (ORCA) Research Scientist Dr. Beth Falls as she discusses issues related to the toxic algae blooms plaguing the southern part of the Indian River Lagoon. Algae blooms, which are not actually algae but cyanobacteria, are a natural occurrence.

However, they are increasing in size, frequency and location and this is a direct result of human activities. Dr. Falls will share the work that ORCA and others are doing to better understand the relationship between algae blooms and human health locally.

Plant a tree, pull some weeds, clear a trail and get your hands dirty on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Dirty Hands Days. This volunteer opportunity is designed for community groups or individuals who desire to make a difference through environmental stewardship. "Explore as you restore" the natural areas of this popular preserve and visitor center. Open to all ages, but participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult unless they are a current Oxbow volunteer.

The Oxbow is hosting the Florida Master Naturalist Program (FMNP) Freshwater Wetlands course starting Wednesday, Sept. 19. Here's your chance to learn more about Florida's natural environment. Class-

es will meet on Wednesdays (Sept. 19 - Nov. 14) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The course includes professional presentations, hands-on activities and field excursions. The Florida Master Naturalist Program is an award-winning certification program designed by the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. The objective of the Florida Master Naturalist Program is to create a citizenry knowledgeable about natural systems and how they work, thereby creating environmental stewards within local communities. The cost for this 40-hour course is \$275. Registration is available online at www.MasterNaturalist.org.

The Oxbow is recruiting cadets for the River Revolution, starting Wednesday, Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In this first event of the new Camp Riverlution, which is offered to students specifically when St. Lucie Public Schools are on break, participants will engage in hands-on and feet-wet active endeavors while becoming certified

Junior Water Champions of St. Lucie County. Sign up your child for this one-day camp or register for the entire series and get one session free. Dates for the 2018-2019 Camp Riverlution series are Sept. 19, Oct. 15, Jan. 7, Feb. 1, and April 19. Designed for ages 10-14, the cost is \$30 per child per session or \$120 for all six. Pre-registration required by calling 772-785-5833 or emailing: oxboweco@stlucie.org.

Get ready for a magical, musical and artistic parade by joining the Oxbow's Creativity Saturdays, running Sept. 29 through Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wings are soaring, hooves are galloping and scales are swimming their way to the Oxbow Eco-Center in preparation for the 2nd Annual Procession of the Species. Get "Advice from an Artist" every Saturday and be inspired to create your one-of-a-kind wildlife design that can be worn, waved, pushed or pulled through the streets along the downtown Fort Pierce waterfront. Or, grab an instrument and practice a musical ensemble for the Procession at the Oxbow's outdoor amphitheater from noon to 3 p.m. The Procession of the Species will take place on Saturday, Oct. 27 in downtown Fort Pierce as part of the annual Indian River Lagoon Science Festival.

Visit the Oxbow's animal ambassadors every Saturday (Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29) at 3 p.m. with Critter Crunch and Munch. Watch the Oxbow's inhabitants enjoy their favorite time of day: Meal-time. This interactive opportunity is free and appropriate for all ages.

Situated on a 225-acre preserve on the North Fork of the St. Lucie River, the Eco-Center, 5400 NE St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie, offers a rare glimpse of "the real Florida" with nature trails, boardwalks, observation towers and an interactive environmental learning center. For more information call the Oxbow staff at 772-785-5833 or visit: www.oxboweco.com.

Taxation Before Dishonor Edited by Linda and Charles Preston

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- 5 Abode of the dead
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- 15 Blemish
- 19 Persia
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- 27 Work unit
- 28 Long gash
- 29 An article
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- 32 Native metal
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- 41 Marsh plant
- 43 Observe
- 46 Pseudonym
- 47 After yard or garage
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- 50 Of birth
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- 52 Its capital is Lima
- 53 A brad
- 55 Linen fuzz
- 56 Uncle: dial.
- 57 Wrenches forcibly
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- 68 Unmatched
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- 71 Hauled
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- 87 Delicate fabric
- 89 Very: Fr.
- 90 Transaction
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- 92 Miss Merman
- 94 Et ____: and others
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- 98 Mariner
- 100 Offers
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 - 10 Roman poet
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- 18 Vocal quality
- 24 S-shaped curves
- 26 Brother of Moses
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- 35 Military greeting
- 36 Fabled monsters
- 38 And others: abbr.
- 39 Dried orchid tubers
- 40 Body of Moslem scholars
- 41 A Disney animated comedy
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- 44 A book
- 45 Russian salt lake
- 47 A prophet
- 49 Narrow inlets
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- 57 Iceberg salad often
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- 59 After book or common
- 60 African river
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- 65 Eminent dignitary: abbr.
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- 75 Teapot covers
- 76 Withstand
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- 80 Receded
- 83 Dissolve
- 85 Lairs
- 88 Wriggling
- 91 Father
- 93 A lemur
- 95 Deep
- 96 Individuals
- 97 Himalayan mammal
- 99 Turn on axis
- 101 June bug
- 102 To trade
- 104 Of a bristle
- 106 To compel
- 107 Electric catfish
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FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

• **Free Friday Concert Series:** 6-9 p.m., Port St. Lucie Civic Center, 9221 S.E. Civic Center Place, Port St. Lucie. Performance by Odyssey. Concert will happen rain or shine either outside the Civic Center at Village Square Stage or inside the Emerald Ballroom. Free admission and free parking. For information on becoming a vendor, call Civic Center staff at (772) 807-4488.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14 – SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Evelyn J. Specht, also known as Evelyn Jane Specht, deceased, whose date of death was January 6, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 201 S. Indian River Dr., Ft. Pierce, FL 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 decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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publication of this notice is August 24, 2018. Personal Representative: Lawrence H. Specht 12388 Harbour Ridge Blvd. Palm City, Florida 34990-8064. Attorney for Personal Representative: Jordan G. Lee Florida Bar No. 10209 Shutts & Bowen LLP 4301 W. Boy Scout Blvd., Suite 300 Tampa, FL 33607 Telephone: 813-227-8183 Email: jlee@shutts.com Secondary Email: cziegenfuss@shutts.com Pubs: 8/24/18 & 8/31/18

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA IN RE: ESTATE OF LORRAINE ABRAMS, Deceased. Probate Division CASE NO.: 2018CP000923

The administration of the estate of Lorraine Abrams, deceased, whose date of death was June 13, 2018, 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 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 THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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Office Box 2746 Fort Pierce, Florida 34954. Attorney for Personal Representative: Edward W. Becht, Esq. Attorney for Estate, Florida Bar No. 324922, 321 South Second Street Post Office Box 2746 Fort Pierce, Florida 34954. Telephone: (772) 465-5500 Fax: (772) 465-8909 E-Mail: edbecht@bechtlaw.com, Secondary E-Mail: chary@bechtlaw.com Pubs: 8/31/18 & 9/7/18

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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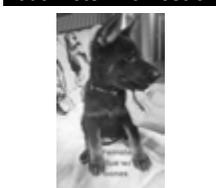
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