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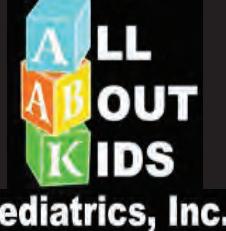
### WEEKEND WEATHER



**Friday:** Partly cloudy; high: 75; low: 63; high tide: 3:10 p.m.  
**Saturday:** Partly cloudy; high: 75; low: 59; high tide: 10:32 a.m.; low tide: 4:25 p.m.  
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## Hundreds attend planning workshops

Voiced concerns about resource development, economic diversity

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Lucie, Indian River and Palm Beach counties in October and November.

The Southeast Florida Regional Partnership, South Florida Regional Planning Council and Treasure Coast Regional

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## Incumbent concedes house race

By Dawn Krebs  
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TREASURE COAST — After almost two weeks of lawyers and recounts, U.S. Rep. Allen West, R-Palm Beach Gardens, conceded in the early morning of Nov. 20 to his opponent, Patrick Murphy.

"While a contest of the election results

might have changed the vote

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## City fire chief retires

By Samantha Joseph  
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MARTIN COUNTY — Days before the last Thanksgiving holiday she would spend as Stuart's fire chief, Lori Sunderman was nothing but grateful.

The city's first female fire chief, Chief Sunderman is credited with a multitude of achievements during her tenure, which includes building new stations, maintaining the area's strong fire safety rating from the independent Insurance Service, improving outcomes among emergency medical services patients, requiring higher education standards for newly promoted officers, implementing flexible work schedules for administrators.

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## Infant mortality rate down

By Samantha Joseph  
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MARTIN COUNTY — A push to increase the number of residents getting prenatal care in the first three months of pregnancy has reduced the number of deaths among newborns, according to a recent report by the Florida Health Department.

In the last seven years, area women have been seeking medical care earlier in their pregnancies, a move that officials said bodes well for local babies, said Scott Berry, executive director of Martin County Healthy Start Coalition, a nonprofit that offers support and education for pregnant women and infants.

"The later women get into prenatal care, the higher the risk of low birth weights," Mr. Berry said. "Lower birth weights mean higher risk of dying in the first year of life."

In 2005, Martin County

## Unusual sight in Stuart



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

Alexis Monroe, 9, of Jensen Beach, Madeline Dodd, 10, of Stuart, Isabella Garman, 9 of Stuart, and Dylan Nocito, 9, of Jensen Beach, ride a camel at Felix A. Williams Elementary School's fall festival in Stuart on Saturday, Nov. 17.

## Relay to raise money to fight cancer

By Samantha Joseph  
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MARTIN COUNTY — Hundreds of people around the county are gearing to walk a day and night in support of those battling a life-threatening illness.

In signs of solidarity across several cities, friends are pledging early support for the American

Cancer Society's Relay for Life, an annual event that raises money for cancer research and cancer patients.

The organization is hosting the local effort as part of an international movement that has raised \$4.5 billion since its launch in 1985.

"The kickoff gets people inspired and ready to fight

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## Compassion comes in shoebox

By Dawn Krebs  
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TREASURE COAST — Residents of the Treasure Coast were busy in November not only stuffing turkeys, but shoeboxes, as well.

The shoeboxes are part of Operation Christmas Child. Every year, volunteers from local churches, youth groups and com-

munity clubs fill shoeboxes with toys, school supplies and more for children in need overseas.

"While the program focuses its efforts around the Christmas season, children all over the world receive these shoeboxes year round," said Paula Grossmann, area

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## Reunion unites survivors, care team

By Dawn Krebs  
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TREASURE COAST — Mariela Garcia doesn't remember March 16. But the trauma care team that took care of her does.

That was the day the Vero Beach resident was run over by a car and rushed to Lawnwood Regional Medical Center with a broken femur, exploded spleen, two broken ribs, a damaged liver and a collapsed lung.

"It left me really damaged inside," she said. "I don't remember that

day, or the two weeks afterwards."

What she does remember are all the doctors, nurses and other health professionals who came and visited her daily during her recovery. She spent three weeks in the hospital before she was transferred to a rehabilitation facility.

Now, eight months later, she sat smiling with her family during the Trauma Survivor Reunion held at Lawnwood Hospital on Nov. 15.

With survivors and the care teams in one place, hellos and hugs were exchanged. Tulips were also given to every survivor, to symbolize a life

that has been altered due to trauma.

"It's an honor to be with so many people that we've touched," said Thomas Ellison, clinical director and vice president of the trauma center.

The trauma center at Lawnwood Hospital is one of 13 level two centers in the state and provides care to the most critically injured patients in Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin and Okeechobee counties.

The center opened in 2009, and since that time has served more

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Caregivers walk during the 2012 Central Martin County Relay For Life in support of cancer survivors and patients who lost their battle with the disease. The event by the American Cancer Society is part of an international effort that has raised billions to fight cancer.

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### Relay

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back against cancer in our community," said Tracy Henkes, unit executive director of the American Cancer Society. "It's an opportunity to bring them all together to celebrate survivors, remember those we've lost and fight back as a community."

Since October the group has held kick-off celebrations in Jensen Beach, Hobe Sound and Stuart to build enthusiasm for the three relays planned for next April and May.

Beginning in April, participants can select a city and date of their choosing to participate in an 18-hour walk to build solidarity and show support for cancer patients and survivors.

Relay For Life of South

Martin County, chaired by Tom and Ronda Balling, will begin at noon on Saturday, April 20 and continue through 6 a.m. on Sunday, April 21.

The Jensen Beach Relay For Life, chaired by Kimberly Perron, will be held the following weekend, kicking off on Friday, April 26 at 6 p.m. and ending on Saturday, April 27 at noon.

The final event, the Central Martin County Relay For Life, chaired by Paula Richmond, is set for May 4-5.

Organizers expect as many as 500 people in about 50 teams to participate locally.

"The 18 hours are symbolic of a cancer's patient journey through cancer, with the day and the night representing the hope, darkness, loneliness, questions, illness progress and everything they go through," Ms.

Henkes said. "They wonder how they're going to make it through the night. That happens to the participants who walk through the night. They get tired; they want to stop, but then the sun rises."

Cancer survivors and their families are honored guests at each of the events, who organizers encourage to participate and tell their stories.

"People who have been newly diagnosed can share in the hope that they, too, can beat this," Ms. Henkes said.

The unique event, the local agency's biggest fundraiser, also offers entertainment, food, games and inspirational stories.

For more information or to register a team for the relay, visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org).

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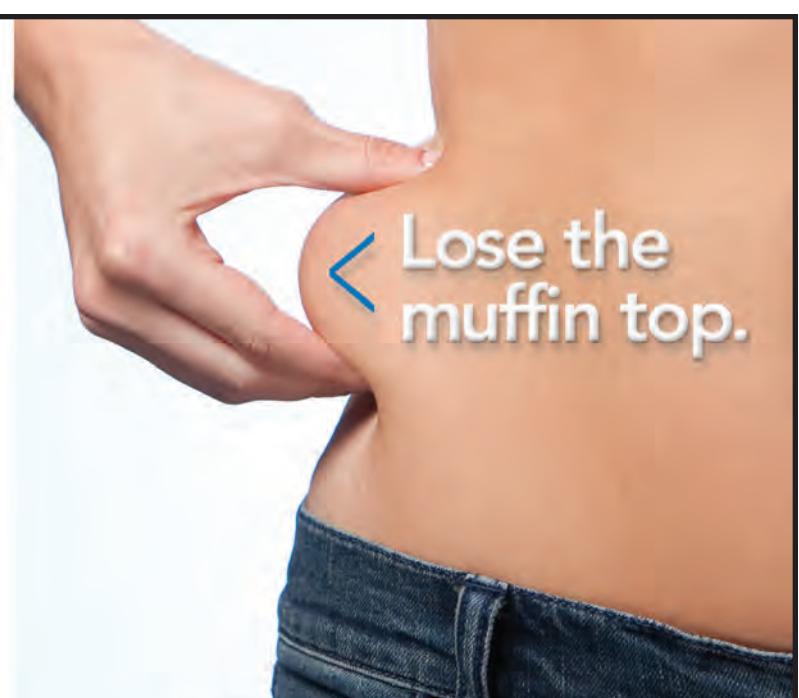
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## Hit, miss with Santa



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Nicholas Leonardson, 4, hugs Santa Claus (Lance Willocks), while Lily Leonardson hugs Mrs. Claus (Rosemary Willocks) at the fifth annual Tykes and Teens festival of trees at Stuart's Courthouse Cultural Center on Friday Nov. 23. The holiday couple and the kids are all from Stuart. Tykes and Teens is a nonprofit organization that provides general mental health counseling and specialized programs to help children and their families cope with problems, including prevention services and family abuse treatment programs among others.



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Colton Planker, 1, Rachel and Mason Planker, 1, all of Stuart, meet Santa Claus at the fifth annual Tykes and Teens festival of trees at Stuart's Courthouse Cultural Center on Friday, Nov. 23. Colton wasn't enjoying his visit as much as his brother did.

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# Networking skills class taking place Dec. 7

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TREASURE COAST —

All of the parties and social events during the holiday season provide the perfect opportunity to network for new clients or a new job. Yet, going in blindly can leave a person less than merry. To get the most out of these events, it's best to mingle with a strategy.

To help those interested in improving networking skills, the Corporate and Community Training Institute at Indian River State College is offering an essential networking skills for success class.

This class will provide the tools to confidently

speak to others in any situation; succinctly communicate job skills; connect with the needs of potential clients; establish trust; and gain new customers. The class is great for new employees, career-changer and sales teams, as well as senior management, who use networking to recognize new opportunities, trends and talent than can expand their business.

Participants will learn strategies to get the most success from an event, even before arriving, the right way to approach someone and start a conversation, how to get a word in when a person is

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## Planning

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Planning Council hosted the work group meetings, so residents and planners could discuss a 50-year plan for seven counties in South-east Florida.

The groups are developing Seven50, also called Southeast Florida's Prosperity Plan, for Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and

Palm Beach counties.

Once complete, the plan will serve as a guide for building more diverse communities with stronger economies.

It focuses on education, workforce and economic development, environmental protection, climate resilience, preserving natural resources, agriculture, creating healthy communities, culture, inclusive regional leadership and equity, protecting commu-

nity assets, and controlling development patterns in housing and transportation, said Maria Salazar, a marketer working with facilitators.

Funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's sustainable communities initiative, the meetings aimed to get residents thinking of development as a decades-long prospect.

"It was great to see how people kept focus on the notion that this is a long-term plan, and that we need to take charge of our future," said Marcela Camblor-Cutsaimanis, project director of the sustainable communities initiative at Southeast Florida Regional Partnership, a collaboration of hundreds of public, private and civic groups from the south-east Florida region. "It's important to set aside our differences as individual counties if we want to become resilient."

Among the leading priorities emerging from the discussions were calls for a clear vision about how each county should develop its resources to attract new industries and diversify its economy. Among the strategies were steps to attract firms engaged in research and biological sciences to

bring high-salary jobs that complement the region's agriculture and real estate sectors.

Transportation also emerged as a chief concern, with participants repeatedly calling for broader public transit and a transportation model that connected the region.

In Martin County, the top ideas included suggestions to focus on healthcare, broadband, education and energy to gain a competitive advantage.

In Indian River County, residents were intent on preserving the area's wetlands, beaches, lagoons and other natural resources, as well as maintaining its urban development plan.

When polled, St. Lucie County residents said they wanted diversity in housing, and a stronger culture of civic engagement.

"We challenged those in attendance to think about not only what they wanted for themselves, but also for younger generations and even those beyond that," Ms. Camblor-Cutsaimanis said. "People thought beyond their own needs."

For more information and recaps of the workshops, visit [www.Seven50.org](http://www.Seven50.org).

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Chief Lori Sunderman

## Chief

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tive staff, and improving firefighter safety with gear, equipment and vehicle designs.

But as she looks back on her seven-year career with much pride, there's one thing she is most looking forward to in the days ahead.

"I loved my job, but I am really anxious to sleep," she said. "The stress is so great that I didn't sleep very much. I'm looking forward to sleeping."

Much of the stress came from repeated challenges to a pioneering woman in a department and career field historically reserved for men.

"I have mixed emotions. It's been a wonderful career," Chief Sunderman said. "No matter where you go, with every promotion, you constantly have to prove yourself. And everywhere else you go outside of your department family, questions (arise) about whether you can do the job, instead of looking at your credentials. Whether they say it or not, you can tell

something is wrong, they want to tell you how to fix it. They think they can always do the job better than you. As a chief you're constantly being challenged."

One of the biggest challenges came when Stuart firefighter Wayne Duffy accused the chief of sexual harassment and of punting denying him a promotion in 2006.

The city sided with Chief Sunderman, but members of the local firefighters union rallied behind Mr. Duffy.

"That was a lot of game-playing," Chief Sunderman said.

"Of course, I couldn't speak because I was the chief. Before this happened, 80 percent of the union had told me he needed to be fired. But they stuck up for him and wanted to protect him. It was rocky, but it was because of playing a game. That's how the union does it. The union is very possessive of protecting its own."

In the final days of the chief's term, union leaders said they've enjoyed a good relationship with the department's leader.

"Everyone's reaction was shock when we initially

heard (she was retiring). Everyone supported her and thought she was good for the department," said Lt. Tory Bauser, president of the City of Stuart Local 2411, the firefighter union. "The department supports her and always has supported her. We wish her well in her future endeavors, and we know that she will do well in whatever she decides to get into."

Chief Sunderman, who submitted her 90-day retirement notice on Sept. 30, said she is considering several new ventures, including teaching at the National Fire Academy, as well as some consultant work.

"I have to open other doors, and God will show me where to go," she said.

Despite her decision to change directions, Chief Sunderman encouraged women considering a career in firefighting to pursue the option and make strides in the profession.

"I think, through my history, at least 80 percent of my troops have really cared for me and believed in me," Chief Sunderman said. "It's not a popularity contest. I (did) it to protect my community and the citizens."

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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.

Arrests listed were made from Nov. 16-Nov. 21, 2012

### Martin County Sheriff's Office

• Daniel Mullins, 24, 2968 S.E. Orchid St., Stuart, was charged with armed burglary with battery.

• Kaley Kunkemoeller, 20, 2191 Northwest 20th Ave., Stuart, was charged with burglary and battery.

• John Brady, 35, 312 S.E. Alice Terrace, Port St. Lucie, was charged with fraudulent use of a credit card and third-degree grand theft for a person 65 or older.

• Chauncey Eric Broomfield, 50, 8563 S.E. Date St., Hobe Sound, was charged with tampering with physical evidence and use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Johnny Clyde Hall Jr., 21, 468 E. Melrose Circle, Fort Lauderdale was charged with resisting an officer without violence and grand theft of more than \$300 but less than \$20,000.

• Cicil Deon Ruffin, 21,

1600 N.W. Sixth Place, Fort Lauderdale, was charged with resisting an officer without violence, fleeing and eluding an officer, grand theft and driving without a license.

• Charles Jamar Hawkins, 21, 3451 N.W. Sixth St., Fort Lauderdale was charged with grand theft and resisting an officer without violence.

• Shelby Joe White, 46, no address listed, was charged with violation of probation.

• Casey Christine Fleniken, 25, 1113 N.E. Orange Ave., Apt. 6, Jensen Beach, was charged with dealing in stolen property and third-degree grand theft.

• Nicholas James Rizzotto, 24, 4014 S.E. Dixie Ross St., Stuart, was charged with fleeing and eluding a law enforcement officer at slow speed, possession of a controlled substance and tampering with evidence.

• Ronald Michael Lewis Lulek, 24, 1000 N. Old Dixie

Highway, Jupiter, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for burglary of an occupied dwelling and grand theft of a conveyance.

• Timothy Lamont Whitehead, 38, 550 N.W. Sherbrooke Ave., Port St. Lucie, was charged with criminal mischief of \$1,000 or more.

• Gary Pugh, 44, 2116 N.E. Rustic Place, Jensen Beach, was charged with driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol and fleeing and eluding a law enforcement officer.

• David Aaron Wiley, 26, 4292 Beach Circle, West

Palm Beach, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for possession of a controlled substance.

• Phillip James Cruz, 47, 4593 Whispering Pines Lane, Jensen Beach, was charged with violation of probation for organized fraud.

• Heather Yates, 25, 2014 S.W. Villanova Road, Port St. Lucie, was charged with burglary of a conveyance, grand theft and violation of probation. She was on probation for fraudulent use of a credit card, criminal use of identification and third-degree grand theft.

If you have information about a crime, call Treasure Coast Crimestoppers at (800) 273-TIPS.

Carolyn Swayze, left, and Beth Pritchett, center, volunteers for the Fort Pierce collection site for Operation Christmas Child, share a laugh with Paula Grossmann, the Treasure Coast area coordinator of the program, as they prepare shoeboxes to be shipped to a regional processing center. From there, the shoeboxes are hand delivered to children all over the world.

Staff photo by Dawn Krebs



## Shoebox

From page A1

coordinator for the Treasure Coast.

Children in more than a dozen countries will receive the boxes donated here on the Treasure Coast, including those in Belize, Ecuador, Ghana, India and Madagascar. In all, children in more than 100 countries will receive the shoeboxes.

Collection sites in Fort

Pierce, Stuart, Port St. Lucie and Okeechobee received approximately 14,000 shoeboxes from the community. Volunteers take the shoeboxes and place them in larger shipping boxes, where they travel to a processing center in Atlanta, one of 11 in the United States.

Last year, the organization collected 7 million shoeboxes," Ms. Grossmann said. "This year, Operation Christmas Child

will see the delivery of 100 million shoeboxes."

Ms. Grossmann is not only active in collecting the boxes, but in distributing them, as well.

"I will be traveling to Kenya at the end of April to help hand out boxes there," she said.

At the collection site in Fort Pierce, more than 900 shoeboxes were donated last year. This year, shipping cartons sat stacked by the door as a call came in

that 200 more shoeboxes were on their way from donors.

"We are seeing more and more people donating," said Carolyn Swayze, a volunteer for the collection site at Indian River Presbyterian Church in Fort Pierce. "It's wonderful to see it at this level."

To learn more about Operation Christmas Child, call Ms. Grossmann at (772) 336-3663 or go online to www.samaritanspurse.org.

have to have good prenatal care in the community."

Healthy Start Coalition worked to achieve this goal by encouraging pregnant women to seek early care. Since its inception in 1992, the group has worked with more than 19,000 expectant mothers throughout the county, said Evelyn Espinasse, a marketing representative for the organization.

Last year alone, the group served 1,331 clients. Administrators said mothers are getting the message about the importance of care in the first trimester to mitigate pregnancy risks.

Also in 2011, about 72 percent of pregnant women in Martin County received medical care within the first three months of pregnancy, compared to 56 percent in 2005, the lowest rate in the state at that time.

"Our performance has dramatically improved," Mr. Berry said.

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## Dealer fee deception grows, is ignored by Florida regulators

*Earl Stewart is the owner and general manager of Earl Stewart Toyota in North Palm Beach. The dealership is located at 1215 N. Federal Highway in Lake Park. Contact him at www.earlstewarttoyota.com, call (561) 358-1474, fax (561) 658-0746 or email earl@estoyota.com. Listen to him on Seaview AM 960, FM 95.9 and FM 106.9, which can be streamed at www.SeaviewRadio.com every Saturday morning between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.*

Last week I sent a mystery shopper into a Kia dealership in West Palm Beach. Her assignment was to respond to TV, radio and Internet advertisements to buy a new Kia Soul for \$179 per month or "less than \$6 per day."

Every Saturday morning my wife, Nancy, and I host a radio talk show, "Earl Stewart on Cars" and we always feature a secret shopper who visits a south Florida car dealership. I report the results of that experience, positive and negative.

We give our mystery shoppers code names to protect their real identities because most car dealerships listen to my weekly radio show. This shopper's code name is Agent K. Agent K told the sales person who greeted her that she was responding to the advertisement for a new Kia Soul for only \$179 per month. The salesman led her over and showed her the advertised car and as they walked over to the car he said, "the advertising for this car is not all true." Interestingly, a comment like this from car salespeople is not unusual. The sales people don't write the advertisements and are not responsible for the sales tactics of the dealership they work for. Many are apologetic and do not like to have to explain unfair and deceptive advertisements to their customers. They are the ones who have to face angry customers when they find out that the advertisements aren't true. Jobs are hard to come by

ON CARS  
EARL STEWART



these days and I can almost understand why someone might compromise their ethics to put food on their families' table.

The salesman explained the advertised car was a stick shift. He also explained she would have to make a cash down payment of \$4,000 and make monthly payments for the next six years and three months. Furthermore, she would have to have a credit Beacon score of at least 750 to qualify for the 2.79 percent interest rate they used to calculate the low payment.

The salesman asked Agent K if she would like to take a demonstration ride in the new Kia Soul but she responded no because she had already test driven one at another dealer. She didn't tell him the real reason she wouldn't test drive it was because she didn't know how to drive a stick shift. Of course, this is the exact reason that car dealers advertise cars that don't have automatic transmissions because 99 percent of car buyers don't want to buy a stick shift and most have never driven one.

Another thing the car salesman did not tell Agent K was that there was only one car available at the advertised price. This was not clearly disclosed in the advertisements but indicated only in the very fine print by a "stock number." The stock number for this bait and switch car was 130940, which is probably the last six digits of the VIN. The only way I was able to view this number was by looking on the Internet ad, printing it out and then using a magnifying glass to read it.

It is literally impossible to read the fine print on the TV advertisements and impossible to hear the disclosure on the radio

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## Celebrating the season



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

Gavin Bruse, 3 of Stuart chooses a treat from Santa Claus (Timo Day of Palm City) at Stuart's downtown tree-lighting celebration on Friday, Nov. 23.

## Letters

### A bit of heaven on earth

To the editor:

I witnessed and shared a little bit of earthly heaven on Saturday, Nov. 17.

It happened at the Cracker Fest in Fort Pierce at the Adams Ranch. Never have I seen or met so many earth angels. They were there sharing and giving back to a loving and caring institution called Treasure Coast Hospice. Volunteers from Martin and St. Lucie counties were doing what they do best: caring and supporting the Treasure Coast Hospice, they believe in.

Personnel from TC Hospice, as usual, worked their hearts out to make it a great happening for everyone. Wonderful 4-H youth volunteers helped park cars, served a delicious lunch provided by Dale's B-B-Q West and were anywhere they were needed.

The auctioneer, Reed Hartman, was not only easy on the eyes and ears but knew how to encourage us to bid on the many items that were so generously donated.

The Adams Ranch cowboys entertained with branding, rope tricks, games and looked oh-so good on horseback.

Photographer Bob Dobens stayed so busy taking pictures for Hospice memories he didn't even stop to

have barbecue.

The music we heard and enjoyed was provided by the Flatwood Blue Band. They were earth angels that made loving contributions that helped sponsor the event.

Many thanks to four generations of the Adams family, who not only donated the place and space, but also many cherished items and participated throughout the day. If you didn't recognize the tour guide and bus driver, it was Rob Adams, husband of Cindee Adams, one of the TC Hospice angels.

Second generation Bud Adams personally met and greeted all who he came in contact with and shared valuable historic information on the ranch and locale. The event was organized by the newly formed Western St. Lucie Friends, a chapter of TC Hospice, under the direction of Ron and Marilyn Suriano.

FYI, TC Hospice is a not-for-profit organization that serves Martin and St. Lucie counties. They do their part, let's not forget to do ours through our loving donations.

Thank you, one and all, for making it possible.

Vonnie Holdsworth  
St. Lucie County

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## Rants & Raves

### Got something to say?

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### In response to a ranter

Upon reading the rant of non-educated people, which actually appeared to be two posts, as the content is almost word for word. This is concerning opportunity. According to the writer the true color shines through that he actually is professing that voters for Obama were uneducated and we should go to the library to get educated.

I believe the right to vote applies to all and just not the privileged educated. Education status has no bearing on the fact. In a truthful outlook over the past the position of being educated has not even had a bearing on our politicians who run the government.

You mentioned prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance and here I have to agree, but yet we also must remember that prayer was never forced upon anyone. If the pledge bothers someone then there is the door.

We are so quick to blame the economic woes upon the present president but this shortfall has been passed down and coming for a while.

Our government wastes more money than anyone could ever imagine. Both parties spend countless hours building up and trying to tear down the Obama administration yet the fact that an audit by Ron Paul of the Federal Reserve showed that \$16 trillion has been loaned to U.S. and foreign banks interest free and not one dime was paid back since 2007 to the present. Why is there not an outcry for this, or is it because it's just big banking?

It seems if someone voted for Obama they are just looking for a handout. What I would like to ask is who is responsible for the loss of our jobs to China, who created the housing bust, who took money from Social Security to pay off other debts or help balance budgets? You don't need to go to the library for this one just look to Washington.

It seems like every year you hear the same old tale that we must get out of this hole and pull up our bootstraps and pitch in. This is why the marketplace and local governments are having problems with unions as the American people are not pulling up their bootstraps anymore. We are tired of

bailing out the government and large corporations while these people line their pockets with gold and it will end up being just on a continuous cycle. The people don't want it anymore and since you caused my good-paying job to leave you now want me to accept a big-box job receiving minimum wage and fewer benefits and being treated like cattle.

This is what you want the American people to do? You do it first! You support a family and pay your mortgage on a house that is not even worth what you paid for it, and you put gas that has doubled or tripled over the past few years all on minimum wage. Just so I can say I have a job. It's not economically sound. The government made their bed and now the time has come for them to sleep in it. The government could fade away tomorrow and I would survive fine. It is the folks who are so far up the governments' behind that they won't know what to do without them.

Your final assumption was that these so-called parasites of society should not be allowed to reproduce. Your way of thinking reminds me of a few books I read on a man and if you go to the library, you profess that you do. I would suggest you read about him while you are there. Look in the card catalog under Hitler because he professed the same thing about the Jews. That statement took away any educated credibility you might have had.

*Editor's note: A bill to audit the Federal Reserve, sponsored by former presidential candidate Ron Paul, passed the House in July. The bill was then blocked in the Senate and never came to a vote.*

### A thank you and an opinion

I want to thank *Hometown News* for checking the rants for accuracy and citing the deviations from fact. Too many rants are presented as gospel. Keep up the good work.

As for the recent rant, "Fire the CEO, the USA is not a for-profit corporation," The old saying, "the business of America is business," might pass for wisdom at a Rotary Club lunch, but America is far more than just a marketplace.

Not only can business flourish here (hopefully, all private enterprise, not just corporate monopolies), but also science, the arts, education and small-d democracy.

According to Gov. Christy, president Obama has been on the phone with him every day since Sandy struck New Jersey and the northeast. He said the president has gone out of his way to see that material and services have been fast-tracked to his state. The president visited New York and New Jersey for a first-hand look at the situation on the ground.

As for one of our drones being fired upon by Iran; what should we expect? The drone was flying over Iranian airspace, not Fort Pierce. Iran does have the right to protect its own air space. American exceptionalism does not give us the right to intrude on another country, nor does it give us the right to ignore history.

During the latter days of the Eisenhower administration, Francis Gary Powers, pilot of a U2 spy plane, was shot

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# Business

## Don't overlook financial risks in retirement

When you retire, you may well have accomplished some important financial goals, such as sending your children through college and paying off your mortgage. Yet, you can't relax just yet, because your retirement could easily last two or three decades, which means you'll need at least two or three decades' worth of income, which, in turn, means you'll need the proper savings and investment strategies in place.

And, just as importantly, you'll also need to be aware of the types of risk that could threaten these strategies.

Let's consider some of these risks:

- Longevity. None of us can say for sure how long we'll live. But it's still important to have an estimate, based on your health and family history. So if you think you may live, for 25 years in retirement, you'll want to withdraw enough from your investments each year to enjoy a comfortable lifestyle but not so much that you deplete

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your funds before the 25 years have passed.

• Inflation. We've experienced pretty mild inflation over the past few years. But over time, even a low rate of inflation can seriously erode your purchasing power. To illustrate: If your current monthly costs are \$3,000, with only a 3 percent annual inflation rate, that would be about \$4,000 in 10 years. And in 25 years at that same rate, your monthly costs will have more than doubled, to about \$6,200.

To help protect yourself against inflation risk, it's important to have at least some investments that offer growth potential, rather than only owning fixed-income vehicles, such as certificates of deposit. You'll also want to consider sources of rising income potential, such as dividend-paying stocks. (Keep in

mind, though, that stocks can reduce or discontinue dividends at any time and are subject to market fluctuation and loss of principal.)

- Market fluctuations. When you retire and begin taking withdrawals from your investment portfolio — that is, when you begin selling off investments — you'd obviously like prices to be high. After all, the classic piece of investment advice is "buy low, sell high." But it's impossible to try to "time" the market this way, as it will always fluctuate. That's why you may want to consider sources of income whose value is not dependent on what's happening in the financial markets. Your financial advisor may be able to recommend investments that can provide you with this type of income stream.

- Low interest rates. Many retirees depend on fixed-rate investments for a good portion of their retirement income, so it's a real challenge when interest rates are low. Consequently,

when you retire, you'll certainly need to be aware of the interest-rate environment and the income you can expect from these investments.

Longer-term, fixed-rate vehicles may be tempting, as they typically offer higher rates than shorter-term ones, but these longer-term investments may have more price fluctuation and inflation risk than shorter-term investments. Consequently, you'll still likely need balance between short-, intermediate- and long-term investments to provide for a portion of your income in retirement.

Retirement can be a rewarding time in your life. And you can help make your retirement years even more enjoyable by understanding the relevant investment risks and taking steps to address them.

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## Letters

From page A6

### What happened to Veteran's Day?

To the editor:

According to your paper's published items, not much happened around St. Lucie County last weekend. The primary picture shown was a political ad by a veteran, but then, what's the hey!

There were only about 10 veterans events around the area last weekend. The SEAL muster and luau, the Marine Corps Ball, veteran's displays at the Stuart Air Show, the memorial service on the river, another in Fort Pierce and the Veteran's Day parade in Stuart, to name a few.

We were encouraged when a young lady from your paper took numerous pictures of our submarine float in the Stuart parade which, incidentally, won first place. After all, we worked very hard to get it there, along with the older vets in attendance. But alas, I eagerly scanned

your latest issue and found almost nothing.

I guess the thing that bothers me most is that there are some 38,000 veterans living in St. Lucie County. Add spouses and dependents and the total pushes 100,000 military-associated people. I would certainly have thought that the editor would give our cause a little more recognition, in view of the audience size and the holiday just passed.

What's next, sailors and dogs keep off the grass?

Jerry Padra  
Port St. Lucie

*Editor's note: We're sorry the reader was disappointed with our coverage of Veteran's Day. Our Nov. 9 issue was dedicated to veterans and each market carried stories/photos about veterans. Please visit our website, www.myhometownnews.net, and click on Nov. 9. The annual SEAL muster event was covered in both the Nov. 9 and Nov. 16 editions. The air show and veteran's parade in Stuart were covered in the Nov. 16 edition. Again, please check our county-specific coverage online.*

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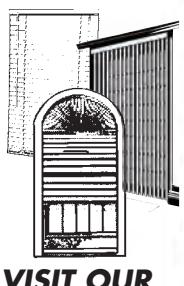
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advertisements. The fine print on TV appears only for a second or two as a blur on the bottom of the screen and the radio audio disclosure is deliberately obfuscated by speeding up the sound track and lowering the volume.

The reason car dealers use a stock number in the fine print is so they can abide by the Florida law that requires the dealer fee be included in all "advertised"

prices.

This anemic law resulted from the powerful lobbying of the Florida Automobile Dealers Association. This means a salesman can quote you a price on new car in person, on the phone or via email without disclosing that there is an extra charge (without limit) that he can legally add after you have agreed to buy the car. A car dealer must only tell the truth about the full price of his cars when he advertises that specific car.

The Kia dealer has three dealer

fees totaling \$971.45. He doesn't name any of them dealer fee. Florida law allows dealers to name this extra, hidden profit anything they choose. This just makes it easier for car dealers to hide this hidden profit from their customers.

The Kia dealer decided to name one of his dealer fees delivery fee and it is \$699.95. He probably chose this to make the customer believe this was for inspecting, washing and adjusting the new car. What most customers don't know is these costs are actually paid for by the manufacturer. His second dealer fee he chose to name document and handling fee and in the fine print on his buyer's order says it's "preparation, processing and handling of the documents required in registration, filing and licensing of the vehicle" and this extra profit to him is \$218.55.

This West Palm Beach Kia dealer does have expenses for processing and handling documents. He also has expenses for his monthly utility bills, sales commissions and lease payments for his building, not to mention his deceptive advertising.

But businesses are supposed to include all of their expenses in the prices of the products they sell. They are not supposed to tell you the price and then make you pay their expenses on top of that price.

The third dealer fee this Kia dealer chose to name electronic filing/private tag agency fee, which amounts to \$64.95. He does pay a company to process his tag

work but he doesn't pay them \$64.95. It's \$10 or \$15 and then he marks it up and adds this to his profits.

You'll notice that all of the dealer fee names have something in common. They all end in "fee." This is by design because the word fee has an official sounding sound about it. This is to lead you to believe that all of these fees are federal, state or local taxes or fees.

One way to detect real fees from additional profit to the dealer is by whether or not the dealer charges you sales tax on that amount. He is required by law to pay Florida sales tax on the full, true selling price of the vehicle, which must include all of his profit and expenses, except for tax and tag.

I hope Pam Bondi, Florida's attorney general, reads this article. I wonder how she would feel if a relative or friend of hers were victimized by this dealer or one of the other Florida car dealers, most of whom use the dealer fee

and the "phony Monroney" to overcharge their customers. Maybe she would join me in mystery shopping some car dealers to learn how Florida car buyers are being victimized and then do something about it.

I'd love to have Ms. Bondi call my radio show sometime to discuss this. She can stream the show live any Saturday morning between 9 and 10 a.m. by clicking [www.SeaviewRadio.com](http://www.SeaviewRadio.com).

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# Obituaries

## Kenneth Russell Hagar

Kenneth Russell Hagar, 81, of Jensen Beach, died Nov. 16, 2012.

He was born in New Bedford, Mass., and lived in Jensen Beach for 29 years.

He served in the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Joan; a daughter, Jann; two sons, Steven and

David; a sister, Priscilla; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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## Velma Clardy Shockley

Velma Clardy Shockley, 90, of Hobe Sound, died Nov. 16, 2012.

She was born in Sylvester, Ga., and lived in Hobe Sound for six years.

She is survived by her son, Julian.

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## Frank Dudley Abell Jr.

Frank Dudley Abell Jr. 88, of Stuart, died Nov. 15, 2012.

He was born in Morris town, N.J., and lived in Stuart for 22 years.

He served in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife, of 22 years, Ann Marie; a son, Frank; a daughter, Brook; two stepdaughters, Donna and Karen; six grandchildren and three great-grandchil-

dren.

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# Students gain insight into county

For Hometown News  
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INDIANTOWN — On Nov. 13, 30 students of this year's Martin Youth LEADERship class held their third monthly session of the 2012-13 school year. The session focused on economics and cultural diversity.

The day provided students with on-site visits and hand-on leadership activities with the theme of focusing on how the local community is impacted by the economic decisions of businesses and residents.

"The day was fun-filled and packed with exciting discussions on the positive traits of great leaders, and financial planning around needs versus wants," said Mike Sancho, planning committee chairman and operations director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County.

The morning component

of the program was held at the Indiantown Civic Center, where students participated in several interactive ice-breaker and leadership activities that provided scenarios to differentiate "needs" versus "wants" and the impact of short-term financial decisions on long-term success for both the individual and the community.

Committee members Gina Golino, marketing director of Forward Electric & Air Conditioning, and Alissa Collins of Plastridge Insurance were instrumental in facilitating the day.

Next on the agenda was lunch, provided by Dee Stefanos' Italian Restaurant & Catering of Indiantown at Timer Powers Park where the remaining program was kicked-off by a demonstration by Gibbs Sports Amphibians which demonstrated their quad Jet Ski prototype.

The group continued

with walking tours of Hope Rural School, the Adult Resource Center and the construction site of the new Boys & Girls Club being built at Carter Park.

Students met with two teachers at Hope Rural School and had an opportunity to hear their stories and how they personally have been impacted by the Indiantown community.

The Martin Youth LEADERship Program for high school students, and is in its 16th year.

The group is continually striving to better serve the students that have made application, and been accepted in the program.

The current Martin Youth LEADERship program is an opportunity for high-school sophomores and juniors throughout the county to develop and enhance their leadership skills.

Students must apply and only 39 or so are selected to

participate in this comprehensive, nine-month program that is modeled after LEADERship Martin County.

Upon completion, these young leaders have learned about their community including history, government, business, arts and culture, criminal justice and the environment.

Class members are given an opportunity to reach their highest leadership potential through sessions focusing on Covey's effective habits and other leadership-enhancing activities. Every effort is made to select a racially, gender diverse class representing various levels of leadership experience.

For more information, visit [www.leadershipcalumet.org/youth\\_leadership.asp](http://www.leadershipcalumet.org/youth_leadership.asp), or contact Diana Bruton, at [MartinYOUTHLeadership@gmail.com](mailto:MartinYOUTHLeadership@gmail.com).

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## Rants

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down over the Soviet Union. He was captured, much to our embarrassment, but not to our surprise.

A military flight over enemy territory will not be greeted with a bouquet of flowers, although Donald Rumsfeld assured us we could expect as much when we invaded Iraq to relieve them of their dictator and all their weapons of mass destruction. Of course they had them, intelligence agencies told him so. Well, Don was right about the dictator; he was there.

Republicans of the Tea Party are determined to undo all social progress made since the New Deal. That will not happen.

## Successful air show

The Stuart Air Show Nov. 9, 10 and 11 was a huge success. I would like to encourage all of Stuart and the surrounding areas to attend the Stuart Air Show in 2013.

The show was full of talented aerial acts along with rides for the children and numerous displays of local businesses and fun treats to eat. We enjoyed facilitating the WWII battle reenactments for the air show.

Many area nonprofits benefit from the air show, too numerous to mention. Please see the Stuart Air show website for the list of benefactors.

I represent the Road to Victory Museum at 319 Stympman Ave., in Stuart, behind Veter-

an's Memorial Park. The museum is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. every Saturday and by appointment for private showings. The volunteers at the museum would be honored to have the community view the artifacts and historical vehicles from their collection. Please consider a visit to our museum.

## Be skeptical of predictions

Our federal government has spent \$25 billion studying global warming. The rate of spending has increased each and every year. Environmental alarmists claim America is dying under a sea of pollution and the cities will soon be under water.

Doomsday prophecies have grabbed headlines but computer models are frequently faulty. In the mid-1970s, computer models told us we should prepare for global cooling. Today's predictions should be greeted with a great deal of skepticism.

## Congratulations?

Congratulations to the Democrats. You have given your president the OK to finish the job of making the United States of America into a European socialist state. If you want to see what we will be like in the future, look at Greece and Spain and reflect on the riots, stagnant economies, massive unemployment and complete social unrest!

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# Group seeks mentors for school-age children

**By Samantha Joseph**  
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MARTIN COUNTY—A little time spent mentoring a child can make a big difference, said administrators of a local nonprofit looking to recruit volunteers.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin counties is urging residents to "spend a little time" to positively impact the life of one of the 275 children in its program.

"It doesn't take anything to be a mentor. It just takes your own life skills," said Jeanie Flanagan, the group's customer relations specialist.

"The bottom line is to have some fun, let them talk about things and introduce them to new hobbies."

But for the hundreds of children in the organization, spending time with mentors leads to several measurable improvements.

Children with mentors

have better school attendance, higher grades and are more likely to go to college. They also have improved self-esteem and several other positive changes, representatives of the nonprofit said.

About 96 percent maintain or improve their academic performance; 92 percent have better school attendance, 93 percent show improved behavior, 98 percent are promoted to the next grade level and 85 percent experience increased confidence in their own

abilities.

"We really are the gold standard of mentoring. Big Brothers Big Sisters has been around for over 100 years, so we really know what we're doing. We have some substantial stats that support what mentoring does," Ms. Flanagan said. "Essentially we're making good citizens in our own community."

Mentors, called big brothers or sisters, can participate in school or community-based programs and help children learn career skills.

Many children in the program have difficulty focusing or paying attention in school, and several come from single-parent homes.

Mentors typically spend about a year with their "little brothers" or "sisters."

"Being a big brother or big sister is one of the most enjoyable things you'll ever do, not to mention one of the most fulfilling. You have the opportunity to help shape a child's future for the better by empowering him or her to achieve. And the best part is it's actually a lot

of fun. You and your 'little' can share the kinds of activities you already like to do," Ms. Flanagan said.

"Play sports together, go on a hike, read books, eat a pizza with extra anchovies, or just give some advice and inspiration. Whatever it is you enjoy, odds are you'll enjoy it even more with your little, and you'll be making a life-changing impact."

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## Reunion

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than 3,500 residents of the Treasure Coast.

This was the second annual reunion held at the hospital, with plans to keep the event going every year.

It's an event that Kiana Hamilton plans to attend again. The 17-year-old junior from Treasure Coast High School in Port St. Lucie was riding a jet ski on May 12 when an accident caused a major skull fracture and she almost drowned.

"The way they took care of her, it was unbelievable," said her father, John. "They call her the miracle child."

Kiana spent two weeks in the hospital before going to rehab and then back to school.

"I'm so thankful," she said. "I still come here and visit."

In the back of the room, a wall was lined with doctors, helicopter pilots and other hospital personnel.

"This is more than a center, it's the whole hospital," Mr. Ellison said.

## In between visitors

Santa Claus (Lance Willocks) and Mrs.

Claus (Rosemary Willocks) of Stuart at the fifth annual

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# Working on work of art



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From left: Jeannie Ferrara of Palm City, Lynne Barletta of Port St. Lucie, founder and executive director of the Visionary School of Arts, Alicia Poslusny of Juno Beach, art instructor and Brent McEhen of Palm City, art instructor work on an art project on Monday Nov. 19 at the Stuart Chamber of Commerce. The work will be unveiled and auctioned off at an open house on December 1 from 5 to 7 pm. at the Chamber of Commerce in Stuart to benefit the VSA scholarship campaign.



Lynne Barletta of Port St. Lucie, founder and executive director of the Visionary School of Arts, Jeannie Ferrara and Brent McEhen of Palm City, an art instructor work on the design of an artwork at the Stuart Chamber of Commerce on Monday, Nov. 19. It will be unveiled and auctioned at an open house on Dec. 1 at the 5 to 7 pm. at the chamber in Stuart to benefit the VSA scholarship campaign.

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## Race

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totals, we do not have evidence that the outcome would change," Rep. West said in a prepared statement. "Given the extremely high evidentiary hurdles involved in a successful challenge, I will not ask my generous supporters to help fund a drawn-out, expensive legal effort with little chance of success."

Mr. Murphy addressed Rep. West's concession, calling it "gracious."

"I am truly humbled that the voters of the 18th district have entrusted me to represent them in Washington. To those who supported my opponent, my door is open, and I want to hear your voice," he said in a press release. "I campaigned on a message of reaching across the aisle to get things done for the people of the Treasure Coast and Palm Beaches. I am excited and honored to get to work."

Rep. West's concession came after the St. Lucie County canvassing board voted to recount all eight

days of early voting ballots, which took place over a two-day period on Nov. 17 and 18, so the elections office could meet the state's elections deadline to report results by noon on Nov. 18.

The results showed Mr. Murphy not only maintaining his lead from a previous recount, but increasing it by 242 votes.

The final results in the county showed Mr. Murphy with 65,841 votes, while Rep. West received 52,704 votes. In the district, Mr. Murphy won by 1,904 votes. Since the difference

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**College to present musical beginning Dec. 9**

For Hometown News  
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

TREASURE COAST — The Indian River State College Performing and Visual Arts Department will present the hit musical "Ragtime" beginning Dec. 6.

The show will run through Dec. 9 with shows Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and three 2 p.m. matinée performances, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Individual tickets are \$15 each.

Based on the novel by E.L. Dotorow with music by Terrence McNally and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, the IRSC production of "Ragtime" is a can't-miss event.

Follow the lives of three extraordinary families as they confront the timeless contradictions of wealth and poverty, freedom and prejudice, hope and despair, and what it means to live in America.

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Tickets can be purchased online at [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu) or at the box office located in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center lobby on the IRSC main campus at 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by phone with VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.

For convenience, tickets may now be picked up at will call before the shows.

Call the McAlpin Fine Arts Center box office at (800) 220-9915 to reserve a seat.

## A visit to Santa



Melissa Cantrell of Jensen Beach and Desiree Rosenblit of Fort Lauderdale sit on Santa Claus's lap (Timo Day of Palm City) at Stuart's downtown tree-lighting celebration on Friday, Nov. 23.

Sevin Bullwinkle  
staff photographer



Week of 11-30-2012

ARIES - March 21-April 20

Aries, avoid taking on more than you can handle at work and home this week. When tackling tasks, don't be afraid to ask for and accept help.

TAURUS - April 21-May 21

Family and romantic endeavors may have been put aside while work issues have been at the forefront, Taurus. It is time to shift priorities.

GEMINI - May 22-June 21

Gemini, there's not much you can do to change the course of this week's events. You might want to consider swimming with the current instead of against it.

CANCER - June 22-July 22

Cancer, overanalyzing your workload is not going to make it disappear any faster. Therefore, simply take your assignments at face value and just get started.

LEO - July 23-Aug. 23

New experiences can be scary at first, but many times you will find that they are opportunities to learn and grow, Leo. Take full advantage of all opportunities this week.

VIRGO - Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Virgo, although it seems like you have most of your financial woes worked out, now is not the time to get too cocky with spending. Being conservative is the way to go.

LIBRA - Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Libra, career developments have you riding high and you're anxious to share your news with the world. This enthusiasm can be a good catalyst for change with oth-

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## 'Big holiday event' to benefit local children

By Samantha Joseph  
sjoseph@hometownnewsol.com

Dec. 1.

MARTIN COUNTY — A local group's Christmas celebration will help make the upcoming year brighter for hundreds of children.

The group also teaches career skills to eighth graders at Murray and Stuart middle schools by

matching them with mentors from businesses across the county. The program teaches skills such as workplace etiquette, appropriate dress, resume writing and even pays a stipend.

"We've been mentoring for many years, and it's always rewarding," said Jeanie Flanagan, Big Brothers Big Sisters of

Palm Beach and Martin counties' customer relations specialist.

Now in its second year, the festival includes Christmas tree raffles and performances by area children, who will sing, dance and provide other entertainment.

"It's an exciting event,"

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## Out & about

### SPECIAL EVENTS

THROUGH SUNDAY, DEC. 2

Hobe Sound Ministries will present the **16th annual Singing Christmas Tree** on at 7 p.m. each evening. (note: no presentation on Thursday, Nov. 29) This event, attended last year by more than 6,000 people, will feature 75 singers in a beautifully lighted Christmas tree of thousands of lights, a 25 piece orchestra, a children's choir and a

drama cast of 50. Admission is free. An offering will be received. Hobe Sound Ministries is located at 11295 Gomez Ave., in Hobe Sound. Call (772) 546-5696 with any questions or visit [www.hobesoundsingingtree.com](http://www.hobesoundsingingtree.com).

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

**Classic car cruise** in will be from 6-9 p.m. in downtown Fort Pierce. For more information, call (772) 466-3880.

**Art sale and holiday festival open**

**house** will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the A.E. Backus Museum and Gallery, 500 Indian River Drive in Fort Pierce. Free admission. For more information, call (772) 465-0630 or go online to [www.backusgallery.com](http://www.backusgallery.com).

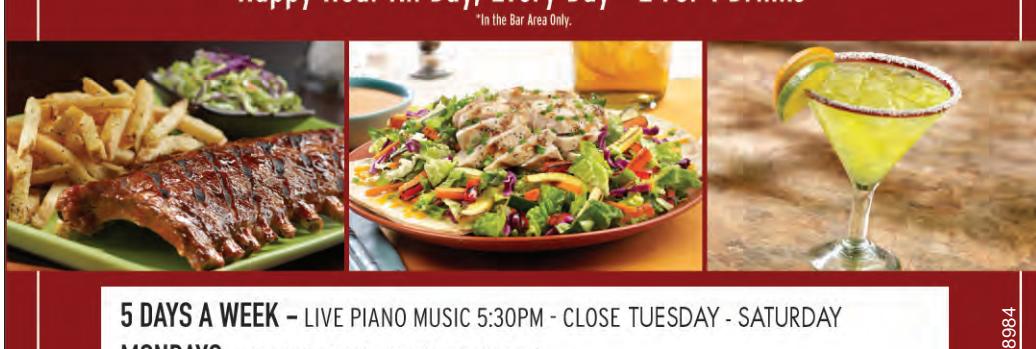
**Valerie Bloomfield Ambrose/Charles Laskey Retrospective opening reception**, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Court House Cultural Center, 80 E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. For more information, call (772) 223-1111.

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From left: Kimberly Perron, Amber Gilbert and Christina Kaiser.

## Annual event breaks records

For Hometown News  
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

MARTIN COUNTY — The fifth annual Girls Night Out attracted more than 250 guests and raised more than \$10,000 for United for Families and its Road to Success program.

"We were determined to reach \$10,000 this year," said Tasha Chen, event co-chairwoman. "We had a great committee and just worked really hard."

The Nov. 8 event, held at IndianRiverside Park, featured chocolate-themed

appetizers, desserts and a signature chocolate martini from Bottom's Up Beverages and Di'Michelli's Catering.

"That had a lot to do with our success," said Christina Kaiser, community relations director for United for Families. "We had practically no expenses thanks to the contributions of our donors."

This was also the first year the group sold tickets online. Online sales accounted for more than half of all sales, and most of that was made in the first month of sales.

United for Families is the

nonprofit organization responsible for every known abused or neglected child in St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River and Okeechobee counties. The organization's mission is to break the cycle of child abuse through a diverse network of community providers and innovative services.

All proceeds from Girls Night Out go to the Road to Success program, which prepares teens for life outside the foster-care system.

For more information, visit [www.uff.us](http://www.uff.us).

## Out

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tion, contact (772) 287-6676 or email [info@martinarts.org](mailto:info@martinarts.org).

• 14th annual auction gala benefitting Redeemer Lutheran School, 7 p.m.-12 p.m., The Mansion at Tuckahoe, 1921

N.E. Tuckahoe Drive, Jensen Beach. Join Redeemer Lutheran for "An Evening on the Mediterranean" to feast on foods from the region, enjoy more than an hour of complimentary bar service, plus have silent and live auctions.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 1 -  
SUNDAY, DEC. 2

• The Villa Assumpta Residents Association is holding its annual holiday bazaar in its community room at 2539 N.E. Mission Drive off Cedar Street in Jensen Beach from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday and on Sunday, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Public invited. For more information, call (772) 334-0009.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

• Calendart Gala 2013 will be held from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the U.S. Navy Seal Museum in Fort Pierce.

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**Out**

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**SUNDAY, DEC. 2**

• **The Oak Ridge Boys Christmas show** will perform at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. 2nd St. in Fort Pierce. Tickets start at \$46. For more information, call (772) 461-4775.

• **Sights and Sounds Christmas festival and parade** will be from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in downtown Fort Pierce. For more information, call (772) 466-3880.

**TUESDAY, DEC. 4**

• **Tuesday jazz jam**, by the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society, takes place from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre at the Sunrise Theatre, 117 South 2nd St. in Fort Pierce. Cost is \$5. For more information, call (772) 460-5299 or go online to www.jazzsociety.org.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 6-****SATURDAY, DEC. 8**

• "Ragtime," a musical play, will take place at 8 p.m. on Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

on Dec. 7 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Dec. 8 at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center, 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce. Tickets are \$15. For more information, call (800) 220-9915 or go online to www.irs.edu.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 6**

• **Bike night** will be from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Second Street in downtown Fort Pierce. For more information, call (772) 466-3880.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 7-****SATURDAY, DEC. 8**

• The lecture "Star of Wonder" will be held at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Dec. 7, and at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Dec. 8 at Hallstrom Planetarium, 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce. Cost is \$3. For more information, call (772) 462-4750.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 7**

• **Friday Fest** will be from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Downtown Fort Pierce. Out on Bail will perform. For more information, call (772) 466-3880.

• **Funny Fridays** will be held at 7 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center, 9221 S.E. Civic

Center Place in Port St. Lucie. For more information, call (772) 807-4488 or visit www.cityofpsl.com.

• "The Nutcracker" will be performed at the Sunrise Theatre by the St. Lucie Ballet.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 8**

• **Port St. Lucie community green market** will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center, 9221 S.E. Civic Center Place in Port St. Lucie. For more information, call (772) 345-3797.

• **Farmer's market** will take place at Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road in Fort Pierce. For more information, call (772) 464-4672.

• **Holiday nonprofit and craft show** will take place at Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road in Fort Pierce. For more information, call (772) 464-4672.

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**Holiday**

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said Aleisha M. Garcia, Big the group's marketing and event coordinator. "Big Brothers Big Sisters will also be selling holiday cards at this event, where

Santa Claus will make an appearance."

The "big holiday event" is one of several during the season, as part of the nonprofit's efforts to thank supporters and raise funds to support its programs.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

of Palm Beach and Martin Counties is also planning a golf tournament to raise \$20,000 next month.

The Dec. 7 fundraiser is set for Hobe Sound Golf Club.

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**Scopes**

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**SCORPIO - Oct. 24-Nov. 22**

Scorpio, success may not come easy with a project you're working on. But rest easy and take solace knowing you have tried things outside of your comfort zone.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23-Dec. 21**

Sagittarius, avoid confrontations at all costs, as this week you will not come out victorious. Keep a low profile and don't ruffle any feathers.

**CAPRICORN - Dec. 22-Jan. 20**

Capricorn, if you think about things too long, there's a good chance you won't act at all. Instead, consider your options quickly and then get going on your plans.

**AQUARIUS - Jan. 21-Feb. 18**

Quality time spent at home or with the family has buoyed your spirits, Aquarius. The next step on your relaxation journey is to book a vacation to a warm area of the world.

**PISCES - Feb. 19-March 20**

Don't underestimate your ability to garner quite a following, Pisces. There are many people just waiting to hear what you have to say next.



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For Hometown News  
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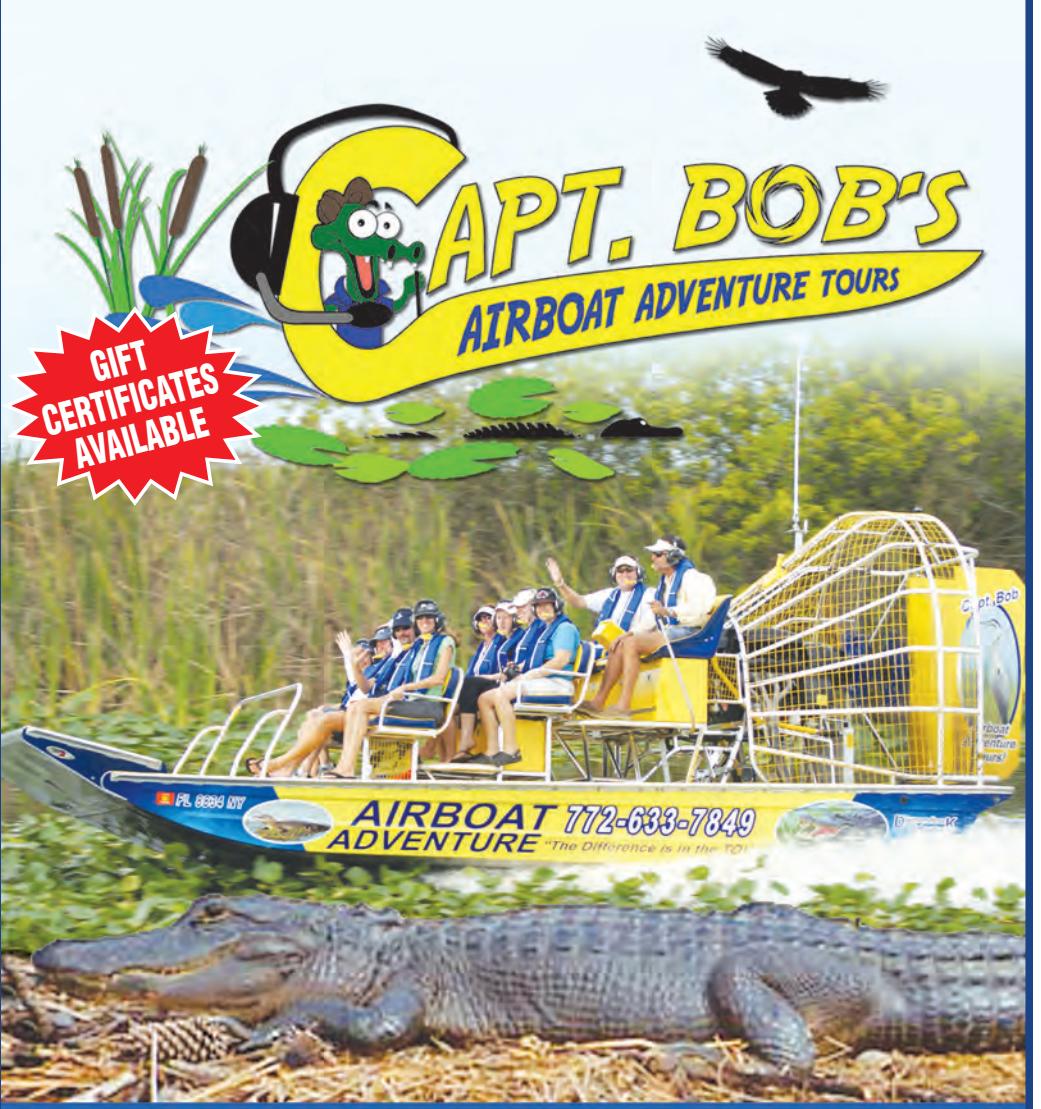
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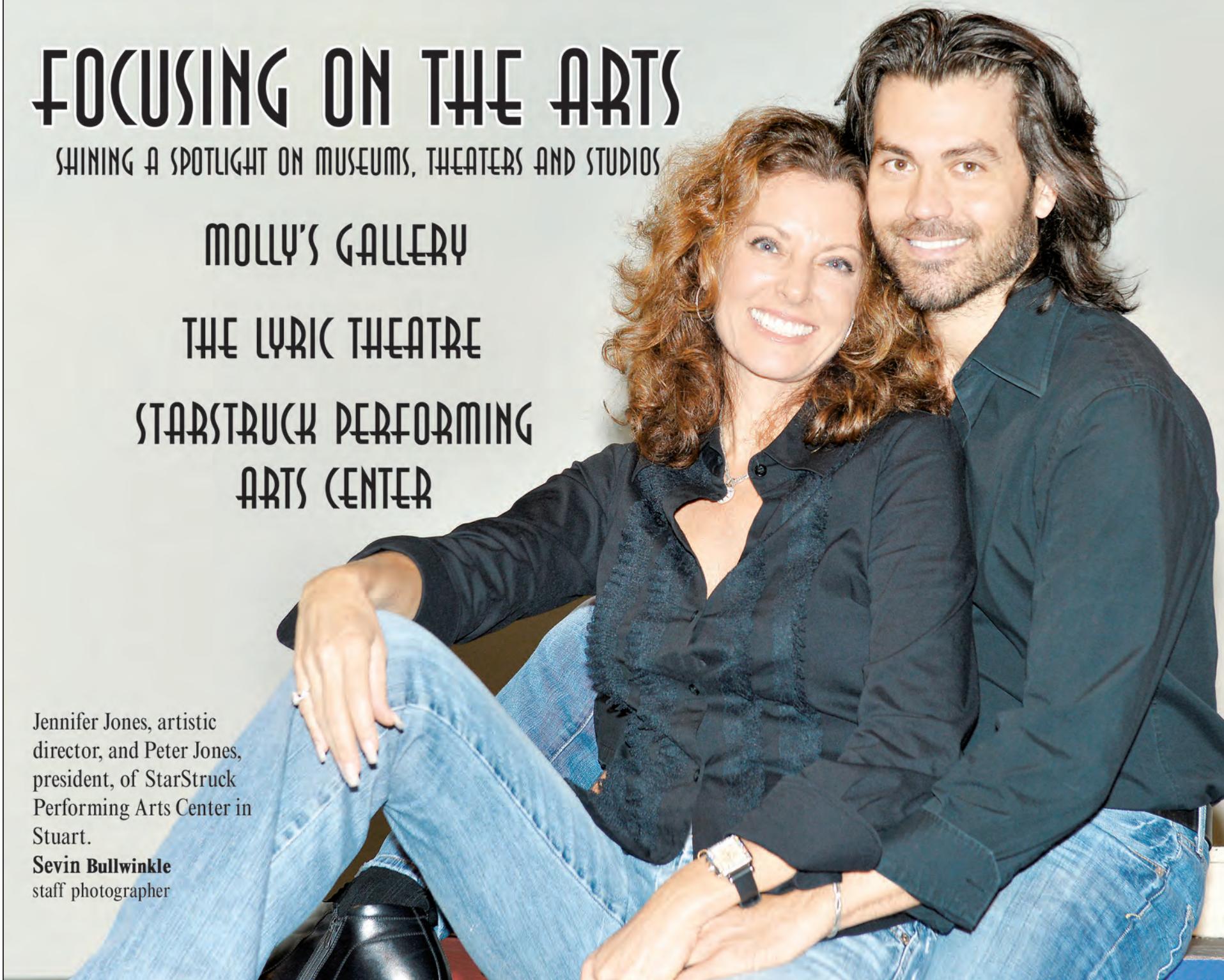
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# The arts and December

Hello, Forever Young readers.

I have been working on this wonderful publication for more than a year now, behind the scenes, making sure that all the information ended up on the page and before your eyes.

Now, with a few changes and some revamping, I've accepted the challenge of writing *Forever Young* but will still help to produce it. It couldn't have come at a better time because the arts are a true love of mine, and the focus of the December edition of *Forever Young*.

When I was little, I remember the bus rides from school to museums. There were tons of museums to go to and as I walked around, bright-eyed and filled with wonder, I became fascinated with a world that was beautiful.

Whether it was a science museum, Ripley's Believe It or Not in St. Augustine or an art museum, I was always enthralled with what was on each



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corner, wall and display.

When I was 18, I took a trip to New York City. When my cousin asked what I wanted to see, the first place on my list was the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Surrounded by paintings, statues and jewelry from around the world through different periods of time, I fully understood the history around me.

Each component of "the arts," shows us glimpses into other worlds, one that is not in the here and now. They are a temporary distraction from life.

My love of the arts is found not only in paintings, but in the beauty of music the well-choreographed steps of a ballet or the perfect reenactment of a character.

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Erich Schuett, Charlotte Kreiger, Madison Bailey and Leo Hojonowski are the starring actors and actresses at Starstruck Theater's production of 'Bugsy Malone Jr.'

## Movie adapted for stage

**By Brittany Llorente**  
Writer/production coordinator  
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STUART — With the attitude and intrigue of 1920s gangsters, the children from Starstruck Performing Arts Center is bringing the 1976 movie "Bugsy Malone" to the stage in "Bugsy Malone Jr."

The owners of the center, Jennifer and Peter Jones, have been helping to mold the 8- to 12-year-old chil-

dren into tiny mobsters.

Set during Prohibition, "Bugsy Malone Jr." is filled with men in pin-stripes after liquor and money and women after the jewels.

Mrs. Jones, the director of the show, said she enjoys listening to the children talk in New York accents and use the lingo of the day.

"They all learn what their character is about, how they spoke with an accent and how they related to one another in that time period," Mrs. Jones said. "The boys talk tough and

the show girls are talking tough, too and singing these great songs and it's hilarious because of their age and singing about adult issues."

The cast has been practicing every week since early September with the hours getting longer the closer it gets to the show.

"It's not just the show," Mrs. Jones said. "They're also learning about stage presence and terminology like stage left and such."

Making your presence known onstage can be hard, especially

when you're only 10.

Charlotte Krieger plays Tallulah, the female lead in the show and also studies vocals, music and dance at the theater.

"It's so much fun," Charlotte said. "When you get to say one of your lines or sing a solo, it feels good."

Charlotte said she understood the role perfectly and finds the character a joy to play.

"She's always flirting with anyone she can," Charlotte said. "She has a See MOBSTERS, Page 6

# Special night of entertainment planned at theater

By Brittany Llorente

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MARTIN COUNTY — When a local voice sells out the famed Lyric Theatre, it gains attention.

Last year, Lorrianna Colozzo's holiday show was a packed house as her voice filled the theater.

The Lyric Theatre brought the singer back to host "Tis the Season... A musical celebration for the holidays starring Lorrianna Colozzo" at 7 p.m. on Dec. 13.

"I think there are a lot of local people who are familiar with her or hear her at church," said John Loesser, executive director of the Lyric Theatre. "She is a wonderful singer, so we try to champion our local talent as best we can."

Ms. Colozzo grew up in Palm City. She is married and has a 6-year-old daughter, Isabella.

"I love performing at the Lyric because I love living on the Treasure Coast," said Ms. Colozzo. "The theater is so cozy and warm with a small-town atmosphere. I've met so many people here that have done so much to support me."

She began singing when she was 6 and started voice lessons when she was 10. She has been trained to sing opera at the Peabody Conservatory of Music.

With songs such as "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," "Santa Baby" "Carol of the Bells" and many more pieces, Ms. Colozzo has a passion for holiday-inspired music.

"Being a singer, Christmastime is the highlight of the year," she said. "I love being able to sing all of my favorite music."

This year, Ms. Colozzo will be joined

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Lorrianna Colozzo's will host the one-night engagement of 'Tis the Season... A musical celebration for the holidays.

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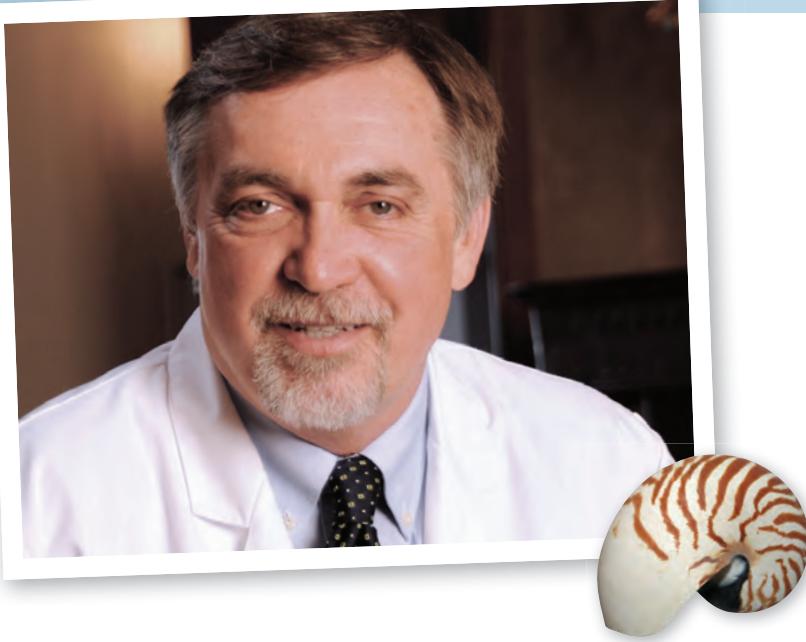
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# One hour can be worth generations

**GENEALOGY**  
BRENDA K. SMITH



A few of years ago, I was planning a long weekend trip to the mountains for our wedding anniversary. We were flying from into Charlotte, N.C. I knew that it was close to where I needed to research, but I should forget that, it was my anniversary.

However, I couldn't help checking the map and only one hour east was my research town. I needed to go "west" with my husband, not "east" to the library, right? But it was so close! The courthouse would be closed on Saturday and the library probably would be, too. Better forget it, but it was so close!

It happens that my father's family and my mother's family both lived in Richmond County, N.C., between 1790 and 1836, in separate ends of the county. Each family had moved on in different directions

I checked the library hours. Almost any North Carolina library has a great genealogy room with lots of local history. The library was open until 5 p.m. Saturday. I could land at Charlotte, rent the car and drive to Rockingham, and be there by 4 p.m. One whole hour in the library, then we could head west.

Fortunately, I have the most understanding husband in the world, and he doesn't mind researching and likes cemeteries as much as I do. He says, "go for it,"

and so we actually pull up to the library in Rockingham, N.C. at 4 p.m. Saturday. It had a huge genealogy room. He took one side and I took the other and we spent the next 45 minutes going through local history material. Before closing, I went to the copy machine to copy the few things we found that might mean something at a later date.

Standing in line at the copy machine, I glance at a hand-drawn map Vernon has found in a thin little book. It has all the churches in the county marked. The booklet is the history of the churches in the county and has an index at the back. In the index is listed "Knight's Chapel."

Quickly looking this up through the book, I find that Knight's Chapel was founded by Moses Knight in 1790. Moses Knight! He's mine, and the chapel is marked at the state line right where he had lived. This is a great find. I copy the map and the page I need, and we are kicked out of the library at closing time.

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## Mobsters

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huge crush on the main role, Bugsy. She is really pretty and she likes to go around dating boys so they would buy her things and make her even more pretty."

Charlotte said it is the accents that make it more fun for the cast and the audience.

"You really feel like you're part of

the show because of it, not just you," Charlotte said. "The accents are funny and it lets us feel more like we're performing and acting and everything is just funnier."

"Bugsy Malone Jr." will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 with a matinee at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8.

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# Genealogy

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There is plenty of daylight left on a summer day in August, so we start visiting cemeteries looking for my mother's family, stopping to talk to neighbors and taking all their directions to the little cemeteries in the out-of-the-way places. This search brings no results and so I reluctantly decide to give up and continue on with our original plans.

Knight's Chapel is calling to me. It is right on U.S. 1 a few miles down the road at the state line. Of course that was in 1790. Before we leave town, I say to Vernon, "Why don't we just drive down the road. Who knows, maybe there will be a big sign with Knight's Chapel written on it?" And so we do.

There is no sign and no Knight's Chapel, but after we cross into South Carolina we pass a little white church sitting far back on

the road.

"There's a church with a nice cemetery, do you want to look?"

The sign reads: New Hope Methodist Church. That sounds familiar. I check the copied pages. "Moses and William Knight founded Knight's Chapel in 1790, which later became New Hope Methodist Church."

Along the side there is a nice cemetery, and at the front, and sitting next to where the original church would have been, is a fenced-in section. Most of the stones remaining are the Knight family, some are Moses' children. This is "our" family plot. It is Saturday night, tomorrow is Sunday service at the church and there is no way I am going anywhere. We are going to church.

As we walked into the church, all five elderly attendees turn to stare. Service was over, and they were having Sunday school. They

were friendly and polite, but had no idea how or when the church was founded and didn't really seem to care. The Knight family is long since gone and they were only interested in their own families and anxious to tell me about them. The rest of Sunday school was spent on family stories.

My little out-of-the-way trip to spend one hour in a library turned into a memory of a lifetime. Welcome to genealogy. One chance meeting, one quick stop, checking just one more source, can change the whole direction of your research, or give you your own memorable experience. So take the chance and the time and go, for it!

*Brenda Smith is a genealogy enthusiast and has traced her family back generations. You can reach her at BrendaSmith@prodigy.net*

# Theater

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e by entertainers from around the Treasure Coast. There will be a jazz trio with a piano, bass and drums, dancers choreographed by Tasha Patterson and a select choir from the South Fork High School chorus.

"I have to say this is a huge undertaking," Ms. Colozzo said. "I will be working with children in the show, including my daughter, and all the talent in the show. I am glad I can incorporate my family in it."

At the end of the show there will be a sing-a-long where everyone gets involved and there could be a special appearance at the end of the night.

"It wouldn't be Christmas without the big man in red," she said.

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# Art gallery located in unlikely place

**By Brittany Llorente**

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MARTIN COUNTY — Up a flight of stairs at Molly's House, a temporary housing facility for patients and families during medical treatment, is a gem called Molly's Gallery.

The gallery is full of local artists overseen by gallery coordinator, Dee Blanton.

Every month, Molly's Gallery showcases three artists from around the Treasure Coast.

In December, the gallery will feature the works of Sean McCarthy, Claribel



Meserve and Judith K. Morrison.

Mr. McCarthy's impressionistic-style oil paintings showcase landscapes and portraits.

Ms. Meserve works with acrylic oils over canvas, using refreshing positive tones from her life and translating them through her paintings.

Ms. Morrison's jewelry is woven with beads and creates intricate jewelry art. Each piece is a wearable work of art with a variety of colors and styles.

The gallery offers all of the artists a unique opportunity to reach customers they might not have the budge to reach.

"We don't charge any commissions for anyone to come in and show their artwork," Ms. Blanton said. "We ask for a 10 percent donation if they sell anything, but it's only a donation."

Including the opportunity to have their art showcased, the gallery holds complimentary Champagne receptions on the first Thursday of every month to welcome new artists.

The December reception will be held from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6 and will feature music from Taafkab Etalia.

"We ask for a \$2 donation for those attending or an item on our wish list," Ms. Blanton said. Wish list items vary from household items to toiletries. The December wish list is dry cereal.

"We've also partnered with the other art galleries in downtown Stuart and they do Champagne and art as well on the same night," Ms. Blanton said.

Attendees can also take advantage of a shuttle service that ferries passengers from one end of the downtown galleries and back to Molly's

House.

Ms. Blanton said that the turnout for the event is phenomenal and expressed her excitement about all of the upcoming artists.

Each artist is chosen at the beginning of September, three chosen for every month.

"We have artists come in and give us their names all year long," Ms. Blanton said. "In the summer, we go through all of the cards and portfolios. Once you've shown your artwork for a season, we won't feature an artist for another year. We want it to be fair to everyone."

Molly's House is located at 430 SE Osceola St., Stuart. The gallery is located on the second floor.

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# Marina restaurant is better than ever

**By Samantha Joseph**  
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MARTIN COUNTY — Diners exiting Pirate's Cove Resort and Marina can thank Executive Chef Richard O'Keefe for a great experience.

"Wonderful meal, wonderful server," said one female diner.

And she's right. The Port Salerno restaurant is one of those places that gets better every time.

It has just the right mix of great food, three bars and live entertainment, all on a beautiful waterfront setting that offers views of the St. Lucie River.

Its latest addition is a cheerful and colorful tiki bar that has proven to be a popular spot, featuring a full menu with seafood specialties and a welcoming come-as-you-are atmosphere.

Cool breezes, sandy terrain, teak-

wood furniture, beach-theme décor and live music give the illusion of a seaside getaway that has boosted the bar's success.

"The tiki bar has been great," Mr. O'Keefe said. "We're thrilled it's done as well as it has."

The tiki bar is the third on the property. Its lounge already had regular parties with live music Thursday through Saturday night, and the deck bar served patrons at lunch and dinner.

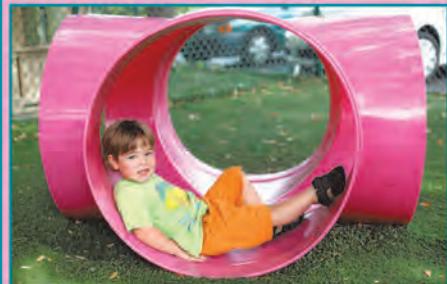
At Pirate's Cove, the food is fresh and delicious, and the amenities make diners want to stay after the meal.

A pretty pavers pavilion has been attracting weekend parties, weddings, corporate events, fishing tournaments and social functions, including a recent crawfish boil.

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Pirate's Cove Resort and Marina boasts several amenities, including a popular tiki bar that make it a favorite spot in Port Salerno.



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# Dining

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"We just keep getting more and more class reunions here," Mr. O'Keefe said. "The hotel is here, the bar is here, everything is right on site."

The restaurant is part of a 50-room hotel with a deluxe two-bedroom standalone cottage.

And on weekends, it opens its pool to the public, making Pirate's Cove a fun escape close to home.

Details are important at the resort, and in the main dining

room, guests eat with beautiful linen napkins with colorful floral prints.

The menu is a mix of seafood specialties, pastas, steaks, ribs, sandwiches, soups and salads.

It offers variety and reflects a carefully designed range of choices.

One of the "pirate's favorites" is a roast pork dip sandwich with onion jus and Swiss cheese, served with French fries. It arrives on a perfectly toasted roll, stuffed with sumptuous, juicy roast pork and delicious, fresh onion jus. The sandwich is filling and the perfect hearty lunch.

The restaurant's grouper dishes are its signature plates, freshly caught and prepared to order.

But its other fish dishes are also stellar. The almond tilapia, for instance, comes with garlic spinach and roasted peppers, and the Japanese crispy Arctic haddock has wok-fried vegetables and

sweet red chilies.

The sunset menu remains a favorite, priced at \$14. Its entrées include barbecue ribs, grilled Angus meatloaf, broiled salmon, jumbo friend shrimp, shrimp pasta primavera and tender chicken breast served grilled, blackened or fried. It also includes a salad, side dish and dessert.

At dinner, the chef is perhaps at his best and Pirate's Cove has an outstanding selection.

The crab-stuffed shrimp is a favorite, offering jumbo Gulf shrimp stuffed with lump crab meat and topped with a citrus beurre blanc.

The Florida crab cakes are also excellent, lightly seasoned and dusted with buttery cracker crumbs, fried and served with honey mustard sauce.

Pirate's Cove is located at 4307 S.E Bayview St. For more information, call (772) 287-2500.



# Arts

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family, malls, presents and shopping that we can become bogged down with everything. It can become hectic and the stress begins to pile on.

Take a moment out of the day, plan an outing with the family, whether it is grandchildren or your adult children, and go see a play or a concert.

Browse through a gallery or museum and take the time to enjoy works of art.

In the months ahead, you will notice changes to this publication, to make it better rounded and more enjoyable for you. We hope to include more columns, including those with focuses on wine and travel.

As a last word, we hope you have a safe and happy holiday season.

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