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Looking to help your county government with your time and talent? The Administration Department of the Martin County Board of County Commissioners is currently seeking volunteers for several opportunities in the County Administrative Center in Stuart. Volunteers are sought to work in Human Resources and at the Information Desk. Other opportunities are available.

Volunteers are coordinated through the United Way's Martin Volunteers

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County health department celebrates anniversary

By Alisha McDarris
For Hometown News

MARTIN COUNTY — The Florida Department of Health has been promoting, protecting and improving the health of Floridians for 125 years and Martin County has been part of that mission for 65.

For a century and a quarter the organization has provided education, emergency preparedness services, community health improvement and so much more.

The state Legislature created the State Board of Health on Feb. 20,

1889, in response to yellow fever epidemics in Jacksonville and other port cities and has since dealt with everything from quarantines to water supply tests.

Locally the Florida Department of Health Martin County provides environmental health services, a vital health department, school health services, even birth and death certificates.

"Public health is a lot of things. It touches people from birth to death," said Renay Rouse, public information officer for Florida Department of Health Martin

County.

In 2009 they responded to the H1N1 outbreak by providing education and vaccination clinics. Last summer they strove to contain Rio's dengue fever outbreak by sending field teams to collect samples and inform locals.

In their early years they set up clinics to screen residents for tuberculosis in 1949, offered a polio vaccine to students in 1957, investigat-

ed ground water contamination in the Golden Gate community in 1982 and a food poisoning

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Rides, animals and fun

Super Shot gets the drop on 13 year old Stuart residents Elizabeth Vega and Fahrre Coleman. The 55th Annual Martin County Fair, was held at the Martin County Fairgrounds in Stuart. The fair ran Feb. 14 -22.

Sevin Bullwinkle
staff photographer



Sharon Sandlofer spends time after a performance with her senior wolf Fenix, 16, rescued from an illegal fur farm in Minnesota. Their informative 'Wolves of the world' exhibit offered facts about wolves and provided the opportunity to see them in action. For more information, visit www.frontier-show.com.

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Above: Alana Siew, 6, of Port St. Lucie, jumps with the Euro Bungie. **Below:** Kyle White, 11, of Hobe Sound, tends to Buttons, his two year old Brangus heifer, last year's winner in her class.



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Saturday: Partly cloudy; high: 73; low: 57; high tide:

8:12 a.m.; low tide: 2:10 p.m.
Sunday: Partly cloudy; high: 75; low: 63; high tide: 8:59 a.m.; low tide: 2:59 p.m.
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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Sea turtle nesting season to begin across area

By Alisha McDarris
For Hometown News

TREASURE COAST — March 1 marks the beginning of sea turtle nesting season that lasts until October in Florida.

Over the eight month period, thousands of sea turtles will emerge from the ocean to dig a nest on the beach and lay their eggs. In June tiny hatchlings will begin to make their way to the ocean.

Most Floridians are familiar with the triangle stakes scattered along beaches

marking nests, but many don't realize that only a small percentage of them are marked and the primary reason isn't always for protection, but tracking population growth.

Ecological Associates of Jensen Beach is responsible for some of the turtle monitoring and marking along portions of Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin counties, but there are many agencies that cover the miles of beaches along the Treasure Coast.

EAI just found the first nest of the season on Jupiter

Island on Feb. 20.

"We're excited about that," said Niki Desjardin, project manager at EAI.

But the fact is that sea turtles are endangered and threatened species and now that their nesting season has begun, there is much beachgoers can do to help protect the beloved creatures.

The Florida Oceanographic Society in Stuart offers education and public outreach to the community, giving people a chance to learn, see turtles up close, and understand how to keep

them safe.

"Our mission is to inspire environmental stewardship," said Michelle Byriel, education and exhibit specialist at FOS who leads the guided turtle walks in the summer that give individuals a chance to watch the nesting process.

"They're very important to our whole ecosystem and the environment that we live in," Ms. Byriel said.

That's why it's so important for anyone visiting the beach or living on or near it to be cautious and conscientious.

Ms. Byriel warns people

not to leave trash and debris on the beach, including fishing line and plastic bags that can be especially dangerous for turtles, fill in any holes children might dig, and level any sand sculptures before they leave for the day.

It's also impermissible for anyone to conduct their own turtle walks. Curious intruders can easily frighten a turtle and deter it from nesting. FOS has a permit to conduct

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Library celebrating 20 years of BookMania!

By Alisha McDarris
For Hometown News

MARTIN COUNTY — The Martin County Library System is celebrating 20 years of bringing together readers and writers in a celebration known as BookMania!

The one-day event invites book lovers from near and far to come together to learn about the authors of works they enjoy and maybe even gain a little insight into the worlds they have created with their books.

"It celebrates the passion for books and reading," said Diane Kimes of the

Martin County Library Foundation.

The Foundation is producing BookMania! for the first time, taking over from the Martin County Library System that has organized the event in the past. According to Ms. Kimes, the switch removes the strain of planning and scheduling from the library staff and allows the Library Foundation to focus on sustaining and growing the event.

But that's not all that's new this year. For the first time BookMania! will take place at the more centrally located Martin County High School instead of Jensen Beach High School.

There are also new attractions like a writer's workshop and a panel of young adult fiction writers.

As for the authors, they run the gamut of experience and genre. Scheduled to take part in panels and offer special commentaries are debut authors, local authors and New York Times bestselling authors.

Among them are Palm City resident Mary Dawson who wrote "The River way Home," BookMania! returning author Dani Shapiro and Claire Bidwell Smith whose memoir "The Rules of Inheritance" is being adapted for the silver screen.

"They're all fabulous," said Ms. Kimes, who is trying to read as many of the participating authors' works as she can before the event.

Other authors include Carol Andersen, Laura Atchison, Judith Barnes Ph.D., Tom Clavin, Jan Green, Rick Kogan, Marjan Kamali, Michelle Madow, Said Sayrafiezadeh, Sonia Taitz and Karen Thompson Walker.

The BookMania! schedule of events includes a fiction and non-fiction panel, a writer's workshop entitled "Fast Track to Publishing Success," and several keynote

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Area welcomes new college

By Anna-Marie Menhenott
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FORT PIERCE — Virginia College's state-of-the-art campus is ready to take on the newest batch of eager college students.

The 74,000-square foot building, which once housed a bank's operation center on U.S. 1, has been transformed into a cutting-edge education center. The fully equipped classrooms include a high-tech surgical setting, a behind-the-scenes setting for culinary arts, a full-service

salon, complete pharmacy replica, a library, study areas, lecture rooms, classrooms and a student lounge, just to name a few.

Campus president Vincent Femia is excited about what the college means for the area.

"Research led Virginia College to this area," Mr. Femia said. "There's a need for a college which gets students to their goal of being gainfully employed. That's our mission. We want to get students into the classroom so they can get into the workforce."

Mr. Femia, who recently relocated to Fort Pierce from Baton Rouge has been with the college for some time and was the former president of the Virginia College's Baton Rouge campus.

"There are 27 campuses around the south east," Mr. Femia said. "Classes are flexible. There are many students who work, are parents, and have things that make being in the classroom all day difficult. There are online classes and evening classes to make things easier for the student. We also have a great team of



The spacious, state-of-the-art salon will be home to students participating in the cosmetology program at Virginia College's Fort Pierce campus.

Staff photo by Anna-Marie Menhenott

counselors whose mission it is to make the transition into the college lifestyle easier for the student."

The campus offers programs in business administration, cosmetology, culinary arts, healthcare reimbursement, medical assistant (diploma), medical assistant (AS), medical billing and coding and pharmacy technician. Additional programs that will be offered include pastry arts and surgical technology.

"Students who graduate from Virginia College are ready for the work environment," Mr. Femia said on a tour of the spacious facility. "Whether it's learning how to properly dispense medication here at the college, which

has the exact replicas of machines at any of the local pharmacies, or whether it's learning proper techniques to be used in the surgical environment to learning how to operate a full-service salon, to working in a state-of-the-art kitchen, there's everything here under one roof."

Students involved in any of the medical programs participate in an externship at local doctor's offices and hospitals. The salon at the facility will offer deeply discounted services to the public in an effort to ready students for the workforce and offer an alternative for residents who want to indulge in the full-service salon experience.

The national accredited school will employ approxi-

mately 125 faculty and staff members at the Fort Pierce campus, which has intentions, and space, to expand.

"We're very excited about being in the Fort Pierce area and serving the surrounding communities," Mr. Femia said. "The reception from area employers and from local organizations has been overwhelming. This is going to be such a wonderful addition to an already great community."

Virginia College has begun enrolling students at 2810 S. U.S. 1 in Fort Pierce. Classes will begin April 7, with upcoming open houses for the community.

For more information, visit www.vconline.edu or call (772) 448-2000.

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commentaries in addition to book sales and signings.

In fact, a portion of the book sales from the entire weekend of the event, purchased in print form at BookMania! or e-book available on the Library Foundation's website, will benefit the Library Foundation of Martin

County. Book sales are available through Barnes and Noble and attendees will be able to speak with the authors and have their books signed after each presentation.

The event is free and open to everyone with a passion for the written word.

"It's a wonderful gift to the community of bringing together incredible authors and audiences who love to read," Ms. Kimes said.

BookMania! is scheduled for Saturday, March 8 and runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It takes place at the Wanda H. Yarboro Center for the Performing Arts at Martin County High School and is made possible by generous donations to the Library Foundation of Martin County.

For a full schedule of events, visit www.libraryfoundation-mc.org.

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program. If interested, please call Martin Volunteers at (772) 220-4472 Ext. 225.

Volunteers needed

The Council on Aging of Martin County is in need of volunteers to pack lunch supplies for Meals on Wheels clients. All work is done at the Kane Center in Stuart, in the

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BUSINESS

Salon aims to bring out the best in their clients

By Alisha McDarris
For Hometown News

STUART — Shear Perfection isn't just in the business of beauty, they're in the business of building confidence.

The full service salon opened in 2005 and is owned by Sue Santavicca. She's been a stylist for 25 years but wanted to strike out on her own and do things her way while remaining in an industry she loves.

So she opened a salon that offers everything from hair color and extensions to full body waxes and facials, kid's cuts to men's cuts and manicures to microdermabrasion.

The salon uses all the latest products and the employees keep abreast of all the latest techniques and trends so they can offer their clients the best in the business.

"What we pride ourselves on is our ability to embrace new items that bring out the best [our clients] can be," Ms. Santavicca said.

The stylists all strive to be the best they can be, too, attending training throughout the year to ensure they're offering their clients the best experience.

"They love what they do and when you love what you do it really shows," Ms. Santavicca said.

"Our stylists take pride in what they do," said salon coordinator Jessica Storey.

That includes offering everyone who walks through the door attention and service, not to mention cookies, coffee



Photo courtesy of Shear Perfection

The staff at Shear Perfection offer the latest products, techniques and trends to make sure clients have the best experience possible.

and wine, that makes them feel like they're a VIP.

"What we strive for is to make you look as good as you feel," Ms. Storey said. "We bring out the beauty in people."

The staff is also always on the lookout for the client's best interests, ensuring they are satisfied with every service, but refusing to compromise quality. Ms. Storey said stylists won't perform any service that might compromise the quality of the client's hair.

Shear Perfection also specializes in corrective color, fixing bad color from previous color treatments.

New clients at Shear Perfection get \$10 off any service worth \$40 or more as an incentive to give the salon a try.

"We're confident that once you give us a try you're going to love us," Ms. Santavicca said.

Shear Perfection is located at 6554 S. Kanner Highway in Stuart and can be reached at (772) 286-0550.

Doctor earns board certification in urgent care medicine

For Hometown News
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

PORT ST. LUCIE — The American Board of Physician Specialties, the official certifying body of the American Association of Physician Specialists, announced that Kenneth J. Palestrant, M.D., CEO and medical director of Physicians Immediate Care, has successfully completed all of the requirements for certification in Urgent Care

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Officer Brian Bossio watches Detective Richard Serra as he demonstrates dusting for finger prints to Mark DAlessio and Jacob Tabbert.

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Top: Mark DAlessio pets K-9, Cody, the 8-year-old German Shepherd after a demonstration.

Below: Brett Hawkins pets Cody with K-9 Officer David Duran after their demonstration.

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"We have a mission and that's to protect and promote health," Ms. Rouse said. "That's carried out in a lot of the services we offer." Those services have seen plenty of changes over the many years the department has been in operation. Most recently the Florida Department of Health Martin County passed its primary care services on to Florida Community Health Centers and the county branch is applying to become a state accredited public health department.

On Tuesday, Feb. 25 the Martin County Board of Commissioners commemorated the anniversary as they presented Martin County Health Officer Karlette Peck with an official proclamation.

"It's very exciting," said Ms. Rouse.

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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 Feb. 14-21.

Stuart Police Department

- Anthony Menendez-Velazquez, 21, of 945 S.E. Forest Park Drive, Stuart, was charged with carrying concealed firearm, with selling/giving/serving alcoholic beverage to person under age 21, with possession of marijuana - under 20 grams, and with possession/use of drug paraphernalia.
- Jonah Gabriel Miller, 18, of 209 Cortez Ave., Stuart, was charged with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence, with possession of cannabis under 20 grams, and with possession/use of drug paraphernalia.
- Timothy James Fritschle, 42, of 821 N.E. Town Terrace, Jensen Beach, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Royal Carl Saunders, 33, of 2802 S.E. Hawthorne Street, Stuart, was charged

with felony violation of probation, with possession of controlled substance, and with possession/use of drug paraphernalia.

Martin County Sheriff's Office

- Sean Loren Bradley, 25, of 4200 Community Drive, West Palm Beach, was charged with four counts of burglary of conveyance, with five counts of fraudulent use of credit cards, with eight counts of grand theft, with petit theft, and with misdemeanor failure to appear.
- Christopher Joseph Camello, 36, of 5365 S.E. Jennings Lane, Stuart, was charged with aggravated assault, and with battery.
- Zachary Glenn Gallant, 25, of 1900 S. Kanner Highway Apt 207, Bldg. 4, Stuart, was charged with two counts of dealing in stolen property.
- Keith Thomas Mahoney, 48, of 4161 S.E. Robert Loop Road, Stuart, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Reinaldo Rey Miranda, 30, of 622 S.E. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Mary Ann Price, 24, of

3748 S.E. Upper Street, Stuart, was charged with possession of controlled substance without valid prescription.

- Gene Joseph Swift, 47, of 7079 Ridgeway Ave., Hobe Sound, was charged with aggravated battery.
- Jermelvin Levar Elijah, 35, of 15454 S.W. 174th Drive 9, Indiantown, was charged with possession of controlled substance without valid prescription.
- Laura Elizabeth Loucks, 46, of 534 S.W. 11th Court, Palm City, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Julian Singletary, 41, homeless, was charged with failure to register address as sexual offender and failure to notify law enforcement of change of residence.
- Antwanett Lashawn Griffin, 18, of 10601 N.W. 17th Ave. #4201, Miami, was charged with grand theft, and with utter false bank bill, note, check or draft.
- Melinda Elveda Jennings, 45, of 790 S.W. 31st Street, Palm City, was charged with possession of controlled substance, and with possession/use of drug paraphernalia.
- Keith Charles Moorhead, 34, of 3651 S.W. Europe Street, Port St. Lucie, was charged with delivery of

methamphetamine, and with possession of controlled substance with intent to sell/deliver.

- Summer Danielle Russell, 30, of 541 S.W. 34th Terrace, Palm City, was charged with aggravated assault with deadly weapon without intent to kill.
- Janet Nancy Sweitzer, 27, of 4479 S.E. Melodee Way, Stuart, was charged with assault or battery on law enforcement officer/firefighter/intake officer.
- Ricky Lee Watson, 60, of 3912 S. 441 Lot 2, Okeechobee, was charged with two counts of attempt to acquire/obtain controlled substance by misrepresentation, fraud, forgery, deception or subterfuge, and with felony violation of probation.
- Lorenzo Cordola, 37, of 1019 N.W. 15th Street, Stuart, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Ryan Flattery, no age or address listed, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Christopher Galvez, 23, of 463 Glenwood Drive, West Palm Beach, was charged with flee/attempt to elude police officer, with reckless driving, and with resisting arrest without violence.
- Carl Hodges, 50, of 3104

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S.E. Indian Street, Stuart, was charged with felony violation of probation.

- David Alexander Burdge, 54, of 251 N.E. Vine Street, Stuart, was charged with retaliating against witness, victim or informant, and with intimidating/threatening witness, victim or informant.
- Myron Daniels, 39, of 1281 S.E. Sandia Drive, Port St. Lucie, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Jason Michael Fritts, 38, of 1941 S.E. Sandia Drive, Port St. Lucie, was charged with possession of controlled substance and with possession/use of drug paraphernalia.
- Maleke Lynval Henry, 23, of 337 S.E. Wallace Terrace, Port St. Lucie, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Omarre Deloris Ivory, 20,

of 1026 Indian Trace Circle 106, West Palm Beach, was charged with felony violation of probation.

- Efrain Negron, 28, of 633 S.W. Grove Ave., Port St. Lucie, was charged with five counts of grand theft and with petit theft.
- Paul Anwar Nixon, 27, of 821 S. Beacon Street, Muncie, Ind., was charged with obtaining goods or services by worthless check/draft/debit, value \$150 or more.
- Jesus Ediberto Parada-Herrera, 30, of 9700 S.W. Kanner Highway, Indiantown, was charged with battery on person age 65 or older.
- Brittany Whittaker, 23, of 1607 N. 12th, Apt B, Fort Pierce, was charged with retail theft - property valued \$300 or more.

College to host degree information session

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

Indian River State College now offers 23 Bachelor's Degree programs that can be completed locally at IRSC campuses and online. Information about program options, application procedures, financial aid and more will be provided at a Bachelor's Degree Information Session on Wednesday, March 12 at 6 p.m. in Room W-227 in the Student Services Building on the corner of 35th Street and Virginia Avenue at the Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

Recognizing the time management challenges of students who

are working, IRSC has expanded its online Bachelor's Degree offerings. Students can now complete three Baccalaureate programs entirely online, including degrees in organizational management, business administration and nursing.

IRSC Bachelor's Degree programs all focus on fields with demonstrated workforce demand. Area residents prepare for positions armed with education degrees in elementary education, exceptional student education, and secondary/middle grades math and science.

The Human Services degree programs are among the most popular, with specializations in youth

and family studies, addictions studies and human services generalist. Two concentrations are available in public administration, with emphasis on emergency planning and management and public policy and leadership, preparing students for employment in various levels of government. The degree provides a firm foundation for law school and other graduate level degrees. IRSC also offers a Bachelor's Degree in criminal justice.

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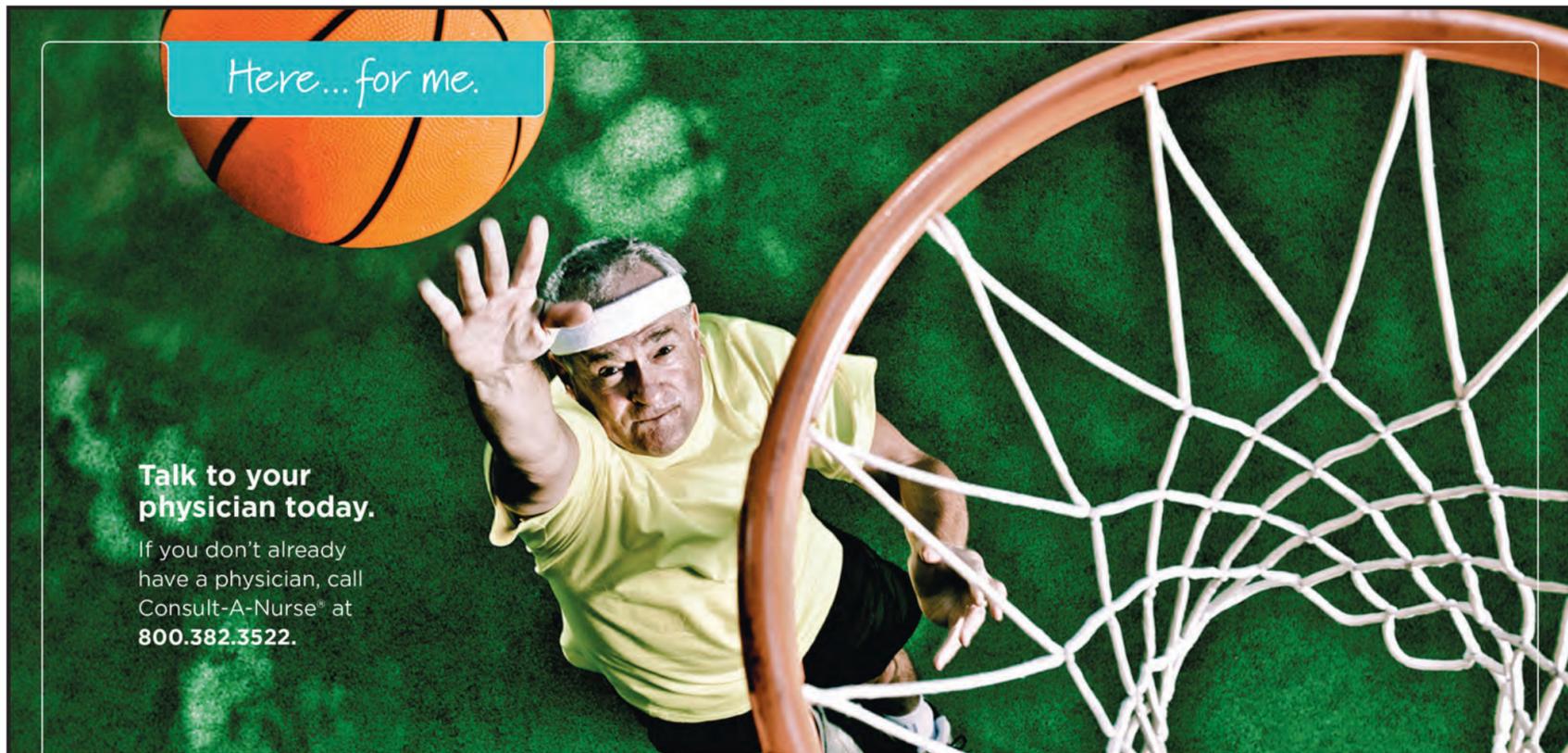
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Identifying programs you may need

Many people are surprised when they get their new machine home and someone sends them email with a Word or XL document attached and they cannot open it.

The assumption people make is, if they get a machine with enough horsepower, RAM and hard drive space that it ought to do anything they need it to and, to a degree that is true. But the one thing that's missing is the software (or program) to do the job.

Programs that are installed after Windows are loaded enhance the system and allow the computer to run at its full potential. What programs we need installed depends on the files that we are trying to open and work with.

A lot of the files that we work with on the Internet, such as .jpg, .html and .txt files all will open with the built in Windows applications (called "applets") but other files, such as .xls, .doc, .pdf and .ppt need programs that specifically handle those kinds of files.

The three-letter extension is what identifies to the computer what kind of file it is, what icon to display for it and what program to use to open it.

If the program that is required to open a file is not installed on the machine, then the file will be displayed with a generic Windows icon. When you try to open it, the computer will open a screen listing all the installed applications asking what program you want to use to open it. The computer takes a look at the file, doesn't recognize it so it lists all the programs installed and lets you pick what program to open it with because it doesn't have a clue.

Unfortunately, when we see that program list, usually we don't have a clue what to open it with either, for the same reason the computer got stumped: there is no program installed for that type of file.

So, that brings us back to the beginning with the question of what programs does a typical computer need installed, on top of Windows, in order to be able to handle most of the file formats that everyone else in the world is using?

Why is it that some machines can already handle



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certain files and some machines cannot? And, when you buy a computer, what should you look for as far as "bundled" software goes?

Let's take the last question first and talk about "bundled" software. Some computer manufacturers have made deals with software vendors to "bundle" their software with every computer they sell. They, of course, get some sort of commission for including the software in with the price of the machine, but where things get tricky is every computer manufacturer has a different bundling agreement (or none at all) so every computer comes with different software loaded on top of Windows.

What that means is one computer bought from one manufacturer will usually have different software installed than what may be installed in another computer of the same hardware specs (horsepower) from another manufacturer. Whew. Say that one three times fast!

OK, so you've decided to get a new computer. What bundled software should you look for (above and beyond Windows) that will allow you to do some of the more common tasks without getting the dreaded "unknown file type message?"

Well, the most common bundle that ought to be installed is some level of office suite.

An office suite, (such as MS Office, Open Office or even Works Office), is a package of software to handle Word processing, spreadsheets, databases, etc.; a must-have for productivity.

For things such as .pdf files (adobe portable document) the Acrobat reader can be installed. Adobe Reader and Open Office are free and can sometimes be found bundled with other software or easily downloaded from the Internet. But that is the subject of another column altogether.

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

Congressman visits the 'Pit'



Congressman Patrick Murphy visits the S.P.A.M. Robotics Team "Pit" at South Fork High School on Wednesday afternoon. The students were interviewing Congressman Murphy for a video they are producing as part of an application package for the FIRST Robotics Competition's "Chairman's Award," the organization's most prestigious award.

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Dogs over kids?

You said you have reported child abuse to the Department of Children and Families and they do nothing about it?

The next time you see or know of a child being abused, call DCF and the police and tell them a dog is being abused and you will see them turn up in a rush to save that dog. It seems people don't give a crap about children anymore. It's the poor, abused dogs. I think people have really gone nuts. They seem to think more of dogs than they do kids, and to think the taxpayers are paying the people that work at DCF to sit on their butts and do nothing about the abuse of children. They need to be investigated.

Don't extend benefits

If the left gets its way, unemployment compensation will go on forever. The number of job seekers dwarfs the number of jobs available. Therefore, extended benefits do much more harm than they do good. Paying people not to work incentivizes them not to look for work.

Extending payments, as suggested by President Obama, increases the likelihood that they will have a much more difficult time reentering the workforce.

He believes recipients will vote for him. He should be much more concerned about America's financial well-being as well as America's future.

Leave your dogs at home

I have noticed that many people bring their dogs into grocery stores. I would think that is a violation of the health codes. These people put their dogs in the grocery carts, many times in the child seat.

Do they realize that dogs do not wear depends or use toilet paper and that the next person is going to put their food in the cart the dog just got out of?

I have a friend that has a child that is severely allergic to dog hair. They put their child in a cart and the child started to have a hard time breathing. They then noticed that the child seat was covered with dog hair.

I have owned dogs all my life, they were a family member, but if we were going somewhere the dog should not the dog stayed home.

Don't vote for Hillary

We made a terrible mistake when we voted for the first black president, ignoring his lack of credentials for the office. Let's not make a similar mistake by electing an unqualified woman, just because she is a female. As Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton cheapened the lives of four brave Americans who were killed in Benghazi.

We should be certain the first woman president is quali-

fied but, above all else, honest and truthful.

Fed up with the system?

Kudos to another person who is fed up with the welfare system as it is. You want to fix it? Then vote out every freaking liberal politician you can. Those up in Washington have the thoughts that by upping the minium wage will fix the problem. No, there are those who are poverty stricken by no fault of their own, but there are some by choice, mainly because they want that government check. The liberals miss the mark in our country. We have an education system that is paid for by the working class. It's called the public school system. Then we have another system, also paid by the working class and their tax payer dollars... it's called the public library system. The library does a free reading class for toddlers. How many single mothers bring the kids to this? I know a few people who have daughters on the system and have more than one kid. These people are great manipulators and they'll twist the truth to fit their needs. They make great actors as well. Mid-term elections are approaching, and now is the time to clean house and senate. For those who dislike these types of rants, well bottom line, you don't want to hear the truth.

Two ideas for Sebastian

I just read that the city Of Sebastian has a budget surplus of \$5.5 million dollars and that the budget director said now is the time to spend some of it, I agree. I have two suggestions. First, I suggest that the citywide drainage problem be fixed. I have lived here for four years, my neighbor, a lot longer, and the problem remains the same. Why doesn't a member of council take the bull by the horns and get it fixed? Second, it is time to get rid of the septic tanks and get a sewer system. I know this is an expensive project, but with federal and state funding, it can be done. The remaining costs for the project could be financed by the city and repaid in installments by property owners. I believe these two completed projects would increase property values and also help to save the Lagoon.

News for toll road users

For the toll patrons that still stop and get a ticket from the automatic dispenser, you will note that the tickets are stamped with the time that you received the tickets... and they expire 12 hours later. When they are expired, the collector is required to charge you the maximum distance from that particular plaza.

As long as you aren't planning to be gone, from the plaza that you entered, more than 11 hours and 59 minutes the following will save you money: (1) If, when you stop and pick up your ticket, there are no cars behind you, you can back up (safely) about 20 feet and then pull back up to the ticket machine it will dispense another ticket. This second ticket can be used, as long as you exit at the same plaza that you entered, as a U-turn priced ticket. U-turn costs at every plaza are different but if you entered the toll road at the Port St. Lucie plaza and returned 11 hours later, for example, the collector would charge you 40 cents even though you got your ticket from Lantana an hour earlier... just don't use the Lantana ticket at exit plaza. And, if you commute back and forth to work every day, you can do this every day.

The deputy director of tolls knows that the machines don't always dispense a ticket when a vehicle pulls up but if you leave without a ticket, she has directed that the collectors, when you get off at your exit plaza to charge you the maximum distance unless you can produce proof of where you entered earlier and didn't get a ticket. The collectors don't have a choice in what they are required to do. Collectors have been directed, through a memo posted at the plazas to make these unreasonable charges.

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"jump" our elected officials say "how high." For a politician to vote against a bill that Big Insurance wants is political suicide.

I have nothing against profit and I applaud those companies that make large profits. Under our capitalist system and the free market place, those companies that can provide the best products and services and satisfy the customers the best should prosper. I have a problem with companies that make their large profits by distorting the tax code to favor their companies over others and that earn greater profits by exploiting their customers and associates.

Collision insurance companies pay body shops less than \$50 per hour to repair your car after it has been damaged in a collision. Car manufacturers pay mechanical service departments over \$100 to fix your car when it has a mechanical problem, more than twice what insurance pays for body repair. Mechanical and body repair technicians are typically paid a commission based on the amount of labor they perform. This commission is a percentage of what the insurance company or manufacturer pays the service department or body shop. It follows that body repair technicians earn far less than their mechanical technical counterparts.

Now, here's the rub! Body repair technicians are at least as well trained and skilled as mechanical repair techs. In fact, there is a greater shortage of good body repair techs than mechanical. One would think that the laws of supply and demand would command a higher wage for body repair techs, or at least the same as mechanical techs. But they make much less. This is where you come into the picture. Let's say your car has been in a bad accident incur-



ring thousands of dollars in damages. You want it repaired right, not just so it looks as good as it did before, but, more importantly, so it's as safe as it was before. You want to be sure that the technician who repairs your car knows and cares what he's doing! You've heard the expression, "You get what you pay for." This means that if you hire a plumber to fix your clogged sink because he agreed to charge you half the hourly rate of what all the other plumbers were charging, it's likely that the problem wasn't corrected the it should have been.

The reason that body repair technicians are paid so little is because the insurance companies mandate it. About 95percent of all auto repair work is paid for by insurance. Insurance companies largely control which body shops repair the vehicle of the insured. Each insurance company has a list of "preferred body shops." If body shops are not on the preferred lists of any insurance companies, it's very likely that they won't be able to remain in business. One of the requirements to be on that list is to charge the insurance company what they say you can charge. The insurance companies claim to arrive at these hourly rates by market studies, but the studies are bogus and rigged to come up with an hourly rate

far below what it should be. The body shops and the insurance companies know that it's impossible to repair cars safely and properly at the hourly rate they pay so they "do what they have to do" to get around that rate. The insurance companies force the body shops to use cheap after-market or used parts when new original manufacturer's parts should be used. Insurance companies also "look the other way" when body shops repair or straighten a metal part that should have been replaced, but cost more. Most of the damage that's done to a car in a collision is below the surface and invisible after the repair is completed. This means that all visible evidence of substandard and unsafe repairs is hidden. The customer comes in to pick up her car and it "looks great." She may never know how many short cuts were taken so that the car could be repaired for what the insurance company was willing to pay.

My advice to you if you have a car in need of body repair is be sure that you choose the body shop, not your insurance company. Check out this body shop carefully, just like you'd check out a doctor or dentist for yourself or a family member. Ask for referrals, check with the BBB, and the

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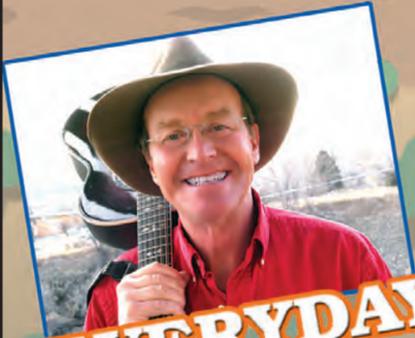
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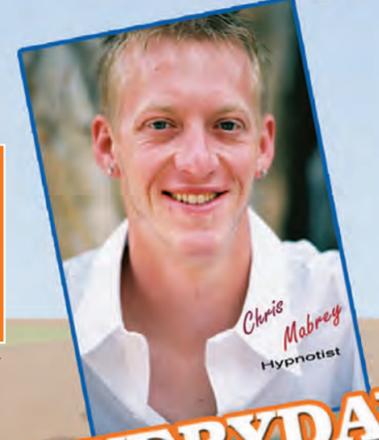
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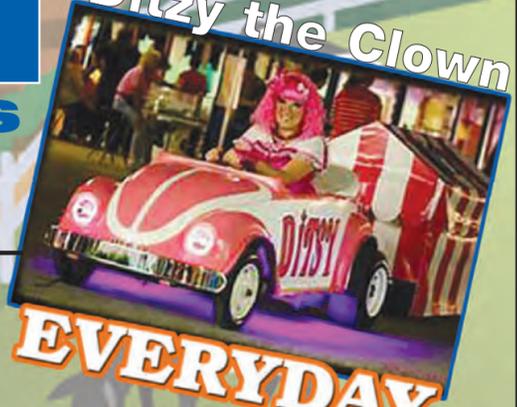
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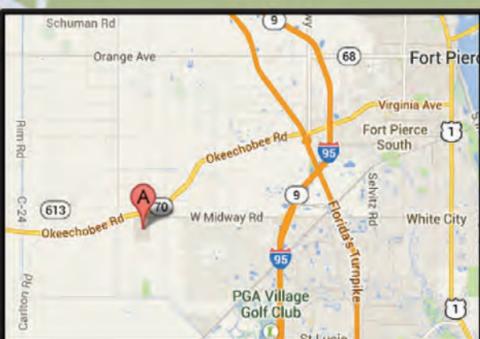
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Practice on call for deliveries

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MARTIN COUNTY — For many expectant mothers, knowing they will be able to give birth at a hospital close to home is important to their peace of mind. What some women may not be aware of is the hospital nearest to them may not be the one where their doctor maintains privileges to deliver their baby. Gynecological and obstetrics practices, like other medical practices, have hospital affiliations, sometimes with only one hospital.

For women wanting to

deliver their babies in Martin County at Martin Medical Center (formerly known as Martin Memorial Medical Center), the only practice on call for obstetrics at that location is Physicians To Women based in Stuart.

"Physicians To Women has been delivering babies in Martin County for 30 years," said Dr. Michael Hochman, a partner in the Physicians To Women gynecological and obstetrics practice. "We want our current and future patients to know they can continue to depend on us to deliver their babies at Martin Medical Center in Stuart. As far

as we know, we are now the only medical practice that provides comprehensive women's health care services and also delivers babies in Martin County."

During the past 30 years, the practice's physicians have helped welcome thousands of Martin County babies into the world. In 2013, Physicians To Women delivered 565 babies at Martin Medical Center. The practice's recent decision to maintain their affiliation with Martin Medical Center means their patients will still be able to give birth in the county that many of them call home.

Physicians To Women's services go beyond delivering babies as the practice offers an array of women's health care services. Their range of care includes comprehensive gynecological services for women from adolescence through the post-menopausal years, as well as in-office digital mammography exams for age-appropriate patients.

"Whether guiding a patient through a healthy pregnancy or providing other health care services, Physicians To Women's goal is comfort and peace of mind for our patients. Continuing our practice of deliv-

ering babies in Martin County is just one way we can do this," said Dr. Hochman.

Physicians To Women is an advanced gynecological and obstetrics practice in Stuart, Florida, with a satellite office in St. Lucie Coun-

ty. For more than 30 years, the practice has been providing exceptional health care services for women.

For more information, visit www.physicianstowomen.info or call (772) 288-2992.

Families receive donation from Bar Mitzvah candidate

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When 13-year-old Judah Lebofsky had to choose a Mitzvah project for his Bar Mitzvah he was a little apprehensive about how he could make a positive impact on his community. A Mitzvah project is a charitable service project that is conducted before a Bar Mitzvah, the Jewish coming-of-age ceremony.

One evening, his mother, Jill Lebofsky, returned home from an event where a speaker from SafeSpace discussed the organization's mission to provide shelter and other assistance to victims of domestic violence.

"My mom told me about SafeSpace and how kids and their mothers sometimes have to leave all of their belongings and run away in the night to safety at the SafeSpace shelter," said Judah. "I thought a great idea for my Mitzvah project would be to collect books for SafeSpace because most people enjoy reading, and a good book can be a comfort and escape from the real world."

SafeSpace is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that operates programs in Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties where families are provided with a safe environment through emergency shelter and outreach services. The organization offers victims of domestic violence safety, support, and education to empower them and provide the assistance necessary to set a positive direction and gain control over their own lives.

With the project and beneficiaries in mind, Judah worked hard to spread the word about what he was doing. It was a team effort, as

his family shared the information through a newsletter, word of mouth, and social media. Judah also hosted a book drive contest for his classmates at Hidden Oaks Middle School where he was able to collect 300 books. He also had a collection box placed at his temple, Temple Beit HaYam, and was able to gather books from the congregation as well.

In total Judah collected 725 books for the benefit of families receiving shelter and support through SafeSpace. When he realized he collected far more books than he anticipated, Judah decided to use some of the money he received as Bar Mitzvah gifts from family and friends to purchase bookshelves to house the books at the shelter.

"It's heartening to know that a young man would take an interest in our mission,



Photo courtesy of SafeSpace
Judah Lebofsky presents donated books that he collected through his Mitzvah project to Tracy Chiljean Levy, SafeSpace director of development.

and that, of all the possibilities for a Mitzvah project, Judah chose SafeSpace to be the beneficiary of his generosity," said Jill Borowicz, SafeSpace CEO. "Not only are we grateful to Judah for the donation of the books and the bookcases,

but he is helping to spread awareness about our organization and the work we do, and helping us to connect to younger generations."

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Founder of Whiticar Boat Work celebrates 103rd birthday

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STUART — Curt Whiticar, founder of Whiticar Boat Works in Stuart, celebrated his 103rd birthday on Thursday, Feb. 13.

While he didn't want a big fancy party, he was surrounded by family and friends for a private, informal gathering that included cake

and ice cream at the wood-working shop of the boat yard he founded in 1947.

Mr. Whiticar first came to the Treasure Coast at the age of 6 with his parents and two brothers. Mr. Whiticar built his first boat when he was 14, displaying a talent which ultimately led him to establish the business that bears his name.

Mr. Whiticar's artistry in

boat design and boat building was the foundation for the business that has operated in Stuart for more than 65 years. "We've built our reputation at Mr. Whiticar Boat Works on what Curt Whiticar started many years ago. Our longevity and reputation in this community are tributes to his influence," said Jim Dragseth, president of Whiticar.

Since retiring from the boat building business, Whiticar exhibits his artistry through oil paintings. An avid artist, he has created more than 1,450 paintings in his lifetime. An image of one of his paintings — a leaping sailfish — adorned his birthday cake.

At birthday parties, gifts are normally presented to the person celebrating the milestone. However, because Mr. Whiticar didn't want his party to be boring, his guests



Photo courtesy of the Firefly Group
Curt Whiticar, founder of Whiticar Boat Works in Stuart, celebrated his 103rd birthday on February 13, 2014.

had a chance to receive a special gift from him — one of his paintings.

Longtime friends Al and Dottie Shire won the raffle to receive the painting, which Mr. Whiticar described as representing two fishermen at a beachside fishing shack reminiscing about the days

when the Indian River was full of pompano, trout and snook. The Shires, like many attendees, could also reminisce about times spent with Whiticar through the years.

"We played golf together for years and when he was 96 years old, he was still beating us," said Mr. Shire.

When asked what was his secret to longevity, Whiticar responded, "hard work."

Then, he also added, "keeping busy."

Mr. Whiticar still keeps busy, especially through his art, actively painting and making his own frames. While he no longer works at the boat yard, Mr. Whiticar's connection with the employees of Whiticar Boat Works and its many divisions — Shearwater Marine, Whiticar Yacht Sales, Whiticar Custom Boats and Whiticar Marine North in Fort Pierce — was evident when employees attending the celebration came up to him to wish him well.

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Senior health, wellness fair being held March 19

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MARTIN COUNTY — The Council on Aging of Martin County, in partnership with Treasure Coast Advocates for Seniors, will host their second annual Senior Health and Wellness Fair on

Wednesday, March 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kane Center in Stuart.

More than 45 health care and community vendors, along with the Veterans Administration, will participate in the free event, which is open to all area seniors and their families.

The Health and Wellness Fair will also feature:

- Free services, including blood pressure checks and blood sugar testing
- Demonstrations by the Kane Center's Zumba Gold, tap dancing and Tai Chi classes

- A cookout
- A Chinese auction
- A seniors-only 50/50 raffle

The council, which celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2014, is the longest standing organization in the county dedicated to serving our senior population.

No reservations or RSVPs are necessary to attend this free event, which will be held at the Charles and Rae Kane Center, located at 900 S.E. Salerno Road in Stuart. For more information, call (772) 223-7800.

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The event is designed to help college-bound individuals of any age with the finan-

cial aid application process. Those attending the event will get no-cost professional assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The FAFSA is required for any student seeking federal and state financial aid, including grants and loans. Attendees should bring their 2013 tax return and W-2 forms. Dependent students must also bring parents' tax and W-2 forms.

IRSC students are awarded over \$40 million in financial

aid, including grants and scholarships, each year. "Don't let financial concerns stop you from obtaining a college education," said Mary Lewis, Director of Financial Aid at IRSC. "We are ready to assist you with the financial aid process and encourage anyone interested in continuing their education to attend Cash for College."

IRSC is recognized nationally for providing a quality education with affordable tuition. Substantiating this is the College's ranking as the

4th most affordable college in the country by the U.S. Department of Education and its ranking as the 12th top public regional college in the South by U.S. News & World Report.

Cash for College locations are the Main Campus, W Building, corner of Virginia Avenue and 35th Street, Fort Pierce; Blackburn Education Building, 3002 Avenue D, Fort Pierce; Pruitt Campus, St. Lucie West Library, 500 NW California Blvd., Port St. Lucie; Chastain Campus,

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Gratitude at the heart of luncheon

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MARTIN COUNTY — The power of "thank you" is the central theme of House of Hope's 15th annual Hearts for Hope Luncheon, which will be held March 24 at Sailfish Point Country Club.

John Kralik, author of "A Simple Act of Gratitude," is the featured speaker. In his book, Kralik discusses how - during a period of hardship - he was inspired to begin writing thank you notes as a way to feel grateful for the good things in his life. He set a goal of writing 365 notes in the coming year, and immediately after sending his very first notes, significant and surprising benefits began to come his way. Thank-you note by thank-you note, his whole life turned around.

Mr. Kralik's uplifting memoir provides an example that everyone can follow, and guests at Hearts for Hope will receive a special gift to help carry out this inspiration.

The event is part of the agency's 30th anniversary celebration. Since 1984, House of Hope has been fighting hunger and hardship in Martin County and today touches more than 5,000 people per month with services that include food, clothing, furniture, financial assistance, information &

referral, and life-changing case management services to local people in need.

Hearts for Hope begins at 10:30 a.m. with unique shopping opportunities, including about a dozen distinctive vendors with custom jewelry and accessories as well as treasures from House of Hope.

A variety of prizes have been donated for a special drawing. The grand prize is a necklace valued at \$5,500, donated and designed by Terry Rieger of Diamonds by Terry. The 18-inch necklace features a sculpted leopard ornament with diamonds, Sterling silver, 14kt gold, pearls and smoky quartz beads.

The Hearts for Hope committee is led by chairwoman Jennifer Feltman and includes Mary Armbrust, Jane Coton, Jane Buss, Judy Dean, Cindy Ehrhardt, Pat Ferrara, Larabee Johnson, Laura Keech, Carla King and Betty Springer.

The event's presenting sponsor once again is The Pedersen Family Foundation, represented by Gail Pedersen Pfister.

Reservations for the luncheon are \$125 per person and can be made online at www.hohmartin.org/hearts or by calling (772) 286-4673, Ext. 1011.



Photo courtesy of House of Hope
Hearts for Hope chairwoman Jennifer Feltman, right, wears the grand prize necklace designed and donated by Terry Rieger, left, at Diamonds by Terry.

Earl

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County Office of Consumer Affairs. Google the company and check out their online ratings. Your insurance companies will try hard to persuade you to use their "preferred shop". They will tell you that they won't guarantee the repair unless you take it here. If you pick a good body shop, that shop will give you as good, or better, guarantee on their work than the insurance company. Be sure that the body shop you choose is on your side and not the insurance company's. Explain that you want new parts, not used, rebuilt, or after-market. If the insurance company objects, stand shoulder to shoulder with your body shop and demand that the repair be done properly and safely. If the insurance company still gives you a hard time, tell them that you will take them to court and they

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Shamrock Fest set to entertain

By Alisha McDarris
For Hometown News

STUART—This year, celebrate St. Patrick's Day in a big way: with Irish food, fun and entertainment at the second annual Shamrock Fest in Stuart.

There will be bagpipers, step dancers, food vendors, and plenty of green beer at the event that Amber Ducote and Lindsay Nickerson decided to produce on a whim for the first time last year.

They wanted to bring the

St. Patrick's Day festivals they had enjoyed in places like Atlanta and Savannah to Stuart, so they decided to organize their own.

"We thought, hey, why not host a St. Patrick's Day event and see what we can do with it," said Ms. Ducote who owns KaleidoMinds Marketing.

So they reserved Gazebo Park in Stuart, booked some bands, and threw a party.

"It was an absolute blast," Ms. Ducote said.

This year will be even better, she explained.

Uproot Hootenanny, an Irish band that was a huge hit at last year's festival, will be performing again this year, Southern Eagle will be providing the beer and there will even be an Irish whisky bar. Face painting, crafts and bounce houses will keep the kids busy while the adults take turns at the beer pong tables and a DJ will keep the lively atmosphere rolling between live performances.

"We're going to blow them away with some great entertainment this year," Ms.

Ducote said.

Like last year, a King and Queen of the Green will also be crowned, so be sure to arrive in your most festive St. Patty's Day wear if you want a chance at winning \$50 in cash, gift certificates and free drink tickets.

"And mad respect," Ms. Ducote said.

Part of the proceeds from the event will go to Moustache March for the Military, an organization that provides support to families of fallen soldiers. There will be a plethora of green mous-

taches on hand to help raise awareness and support the cause.

Tickets for the event are \$5 in advance or at the door, but festivalgoers who purchase their pass online at www.kaleidominds.com prior to the event receive a free drink ticket.

Shamrock Fest will take place at Gazebo Park in Stuart on March 15 from 6-11p.m. and Ducote invites one and all to come experience "The mother of all St. Patty's Day parties."



Week of 2-28-2014

ARIES - March 21/April 20

Romance is on your mind, Aries. That's because you met a wonderful person and are interested in seeing where this relationship may go.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

You feel artistically inspired this week, Taurus. Use this inspiration to pursue an array of projects, whether you want to dabble in photography or make home improvements.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Seeing a happy couple together inspires thoughts of a romantic nature, Gemini. Consider taking a budding relationship to a new level.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, you aspire to learn a new skill or take on a new project this week. Forge ahead with this idea, which allows you to meet new people and learn some interesting things.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

Love, romance and marriage are on your mind, Leo. Work on strengthening an existing relationship or heighten your efforts to find a special someone.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

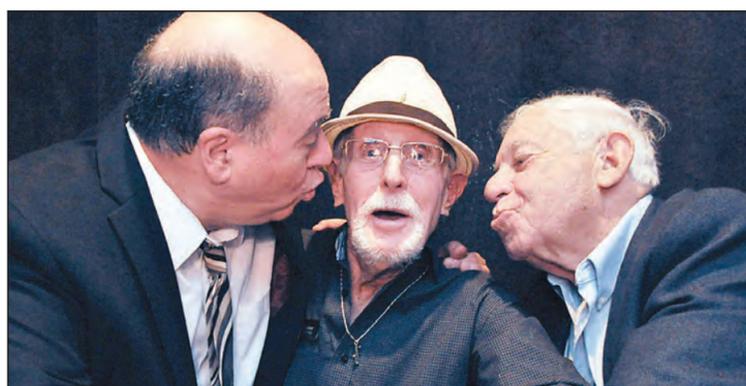
Virgo, you may have an unexpected visitor to contend with this week. This could mean a complete overhaul of your schedule and living space. It's time to get to work.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Your mindset is intense this week, Libra. Others will find it very difficult to change your opinion on certain things, but that does not mean you should not listen to their ideas.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Scorpio, be prepared for a See **SCOPES, B3**



Above: Claudio Berardi, 'Scatman' Jack Silverman and Gene Hull.

Right: Matthew Fulcher of Indian River performs with the Scholarship Ensemble.



Jazzing it up



Photos courtesy of MaryAnn Ketcham.

Above: Claudio Berardi performs on drums.

Members of the Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society and the Sunrise Theatre teamed up for Society Variety at The Sunrise Theatre in Fort Pierce on Sunday, Feb. 16, an annual collaboration to help the Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society raise money.

Out & about

FRIDAY, FEB. 28

• **'The Story of India, part 2'** 2 p.m., Armstrong Wing of the Blake Library, 2351 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart. Documentarian Michael Wood takes viewers on a journey through the dramatic history of the world's oldest and richest civilization. For more information, call (772) 221-1403 or visit www.library.martin.fl.us.

• **'Alligators! Outlaws! And Tourists!'** with author Mary E. Dawson: 6-7 p.m.,

Hoke Library, 1150 N.W. Jack Williams Way, Jensen Beach. The author will present historical photographs and true stories that inspired her book, "The River Way Home: The Adventures of the Cowboy, the Indian & the Amazon Queen." Call (772) 221-1403 or visit www.library.martin.fl.us.

THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 2

• **'Cabaret'** starring Peter Jones: The Tony-Award winning musical

transports you to the decadent pre-WWII world of Berlin. Tickets start at \$25.99. Shows are at 8 p.m., with weekend matinees at 2 p.m. StarStruck Theatre is located at 2101 S. Kanner Highway, Stuart. Call (772) 283-7787 or visit starstruckfl.com.

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DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

Café brings home-cooking to area

By Anna-Marie Menhenott
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PORT ST. LUCIE — For Maria Arenas, home-cooking is an art.

Ten years ago, Ms. Arenas decided to open a café that served popular dishes such as bacon and eggs, hamburgers, homemade soups and tasty side dishes like French fries and onion rings. A decade and another location later, and things are going better than ever at American Café.

"We have a great, consistent crowd," Ms. Arenas said. "Regulars come in to this location and to the one in Stuart. They always know what they want and we try to make them as happy as possible."

The spacious dining room is comfortably decorated, with plenty of seating available for a quiet lunch for two or for breakfast for the whole family.

My guest and I were treated to some of the items from Ms. Arenas' newest additions to the menu: Tex-Mex.

"I've added some really great dishes like fajitas pescado a la Mexicana, Tex-Mex pizza, Rio Grande salad and burritos," Ms. Arenas said. "Along with the staples of my menu, these dishes add a flair that I'm really happy about."

Ms. Arenas prepared the Rio Grande salad and Maria's Chili Bowl for my guest and me to try. The salad was full of perfectly seasoned shrimp and chicken. The fresh lettuce and tomatoes were topped with



Staff photo by Anna-Marie Menhenott

Maria's American Cafe serves up a wide range of breakfast and lunch dishes daily in Stuart and Port St. Lucie.

black olives, cheese and fresh guacamole.

Maria's Chili Bowl is healthy serving of chili served in a deep-fried tortilla and topped with melted cheese and onions. This meal is incredible and is more than enough to be shared.

Ms. Arenas served us a lamb gyro and her popular Philly cheesesteaks. The gyro is served with thinly sliced lamb, lettuce, tomato and a special sauce. The cheesesteak can be served with either beef or chicken and is topped with melted cheese, onions, mushrooms and peppers. Either of these sandwiches, which are served with French fries, would be an ideal choice for lunch.

Other popular menu items include sausage and gravy, served over fresh, warm biscuits, turkey and roast beef sandwiches, BLT's and an array of breakfast items which are served all day.

The portions are huge, prices are incredible, staff is friendly and attentive and the food, five-star. It's well worth a trip for either breakfast or lunch. You won't be disappointed.

Maria's American Café is open at 7 a.m. daily and starts serving lunch at 11 a.m.

The Port St. Lucie location is at 10193 South U.S. 1. The Stuart location is at 3286 S.E. Federal Highway.

For more information, call (772) 398-2313.

Out

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Treasure Coast are both beneficiaries of the event. The festival runs from 4-10 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. on

Saturday, and 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 per day. For tickets or the lineup of performers each day, visit www.bbqbluesfestivals.com.

THROUGH TUESDAY, MARCH 4

• **Mardi Gras Celebration:** Crawdaddy's Nawlins Cafe & Raw Bar, downtown Jensen Beach. For more details, call (772) 225-3444.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

• **Hope for Freedom concert:** 7 p.m., South Fork High School Auditorium, 10205 S.E. Pratt Whitney Road, Stuart. Benefit concert hosted by the SFHS A4AC Club, featuring dance performances, music by The Calm, and a display of visual art for auction. Help the students of this A4AC

Club raise money to fight human trafficking and support the victims within our own community. All proceeds go toward Hope for Freedom, an organization dedicated to raising awareness and bringing hope and restoration to victims of modern day slavery, both locally and throughout the world. Admission is \$5. Visit www.a4ac.org.

• **Skate-Comp 2014:** Hosted at Pat Mark Rio-Jensen Skate Park, 2151 N.E. Dixie Highway, Jensen Beach. Registration is 9-11 a.m., followed by the unveiling of a sign honoring Pat Mark. At 1 p.m., the skateboard competition begins. Contestants admitted for \$15, spectators admitted for \$4. Skate card, helmet, knee and elbow gear required. \$50 for best trick, plus trophies. See **OUT, B4**

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Band brings familiar songs to theatre

For Hometown News
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FORT PIERCE — Collective Soul, celebrating their 20th music anniversary of seven number one rock hits, a double platinum album, a triple platinum album and more than 10 million albums sold across the world, will rock the Sunrise Theatre on Friday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.

Opening act is Ed Kowalczyk, former lead singer of Live who helped define alternative rock into what it is today. Kowalczyk kicked off the next chapter in his career by releasing a new solo album and revisiting his complete body of work with the I Alone – Acoustic Tour.

Hailing from Atlanta, Collective Soul shot to international fame with their 1993 release Hints, Allegations and Things Left Unsaid, and their mega, No. 1 hit, Shine. The self-titled Collective Soul, released in March of 1995, the album that helped define their sound of catchy melodies and guitar driven songs. Containing four outstanding singles (three of which reached No.1), December, The World I Know, Where The River Flows and Gel, it became Collective Soul's highest selling album to date. The

album went Triple-Platinum and spent 76 weeks on the Billboard Top 200 charts.

Other songs they are known for include: Precious Declaration, Listen, Heavy, Why, Part 2, Vent, Better Now, and Perfect Day, a duet with Sir Elton John. Tremble For My Beloved found Collective Soul on the soundtrack to the 2008 Twilight movie.

The long awaited ninth studio album, See What You Started By Continuing, to be released in summer of 2014, fully embodies the journey that Collective Soul has taken musically and personally throughout the last two decades.

"As a band we have experienced and developed so much as musicians and people in the last twenty years," said Ed Roland, Collective Soul front man. "This album represents a full circle, coming back to the roots of Collective Soul, and continuing to build on the music that we started making from the beginning."

The Sunrise Theatre is located at 117 South Second Street, Fort Pierce. Tickets are priced at \$65 and \$55 and are available at the box office at (772) 461-4775 or www.SunriseTheatre.com.

Scopes

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busy week that gives your bank account a boost. Expect to begin a new work assignment that requires a lot of creative energy.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21
Sagittarius, you're interested in promoting personal health this week. Your research may extend into holistic treatments as well as more traditional alternatives.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20
Vist some bookstores this

week, Capricorn. This will indulge your need to absorb information this week. Don't overlook the value of the library on your quest.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18
Aquarius, an encounter with someone new piques your intellectual curiosity. Take some time to gather some information, and give yourself time to digest this information.

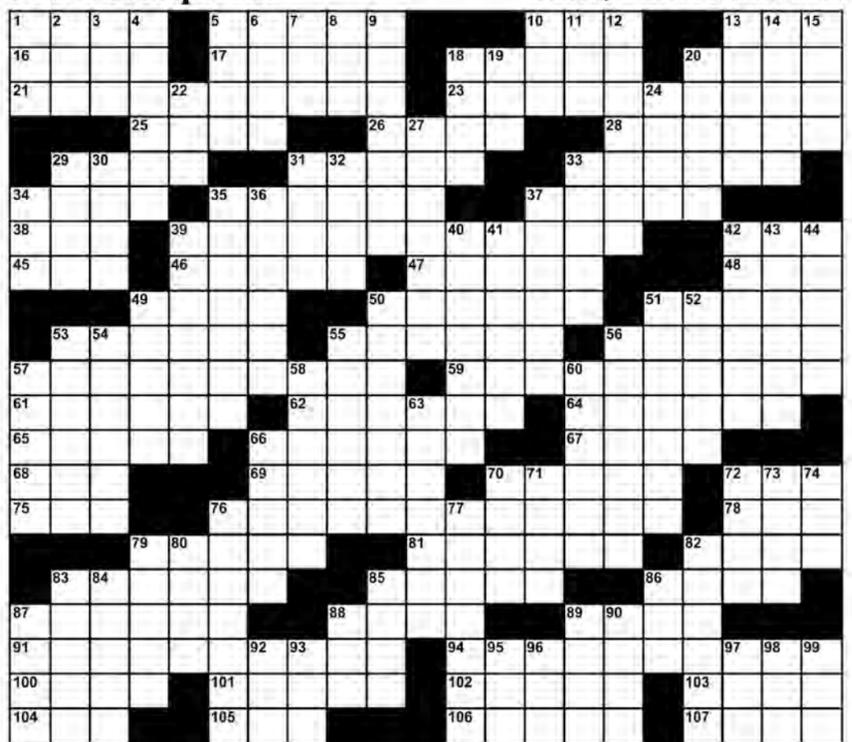
PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20
Thoughts of a career change are more prominent this week, Pisces. It may be a good time to finally act on those ideas.

Job Descriptions

Edited by Linda and Charles Preston

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- 5 Sudden bursts
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- 25 Homeowner's paper
- 26 Avian predators
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- 27 ___ thinking
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- 89 Little: suffix
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- 92 Yay for the matador!
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- 3 ___ Arbor, Mich.
- 4 Shower residue
- 5 Comic Kaplan
- 6 Handed down
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As you already know, gardening offers you lots of benefits over and beyond the joy of picking your own veggies or looking at the glorious colors of your flower garden. Gardening offers exercise, lots of fresh air, mental therapy and the savings you reap when you pick veggies from your own garden. This week, I am going to discuss some tips on getting your garden ready for planting and offer some tips on what to plant.

When planning a vegetable garden, it is important to choose a location that is well drained and near your

structure. The location needs to be in an area where you have a readily available source of water. The garden should also be in an area where the plants will receive at least five hours of sunlight. Areas with too much shade or sun all day long will cause problems with the growth of your plants. Too little sun can lead to fungus diseases and low crop yields. Too much sun can cause burning of the plants and a reduced crop yield. Remember that you should not plant your garden in the same location year after year. The soil will get depleted of vital nutrients so



GARDEN NOOK
JOE ZELENAK

it is best to rotate your locations each year.

In Florida, our soil is very sandy so it is essential to add organic nutrients to the soil. If you have a compost pile, use the organic matter from it and spread it throughout the area you plant to plant in. You can also buy pre-mixed top soils that contain organic material to mix throughout your garden

area. It is always a good idea to test the pH value of your soil. These meters can be purchased at many home and garden centers. The pH value of your soil should lie somewhere between 5.6 and 7.0. If the pH of your soil is low, add some lime to your soil before planting. A pH that is too high is actually difficult to change but adding the organic matter will relax it a bit.

Once your garden is plowed, composted and checked for pH, it's time to get started. It is always a good idea to get some good quality vegetable fertilizer

and all-purpose insect spray designed for vegetables and fruits. You will need both in the not too distant future.

Now that your plot is ready, it's time to populate it with seeds or liners. You might want to start with some of your old favorites such as tomatoes, carrots, radishes or peppers. These are some of the easier plants to grow, especially if you are going to start from seed. You might want to take the challenge, however, and try some more challenging choices such as squash, watermelon, southern peas or eggplant.

It is important to remem-

ber that if you live in a location that does not allow you to plant in the yard such as an apartment, you can always resort to planting your seeds in large containers with excellent results. This has the added benefit of being able to move your garden in the event of severe weather events.

In the coming weeks I will address some specific plants such as tomatoes, lettuce and other garden varieties.

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

Band to celebrate St. Patrick's Day

For Hometown News
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

STUART — The Stuart Community Concert Band will go Irish in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

The band under the direction of Christopher Kalwa will perform a combination of traditional Irish songs, lively Celtic dance tunes and spirited jigs and reels. The band will feature the works of Leroy Anderson including The Girl I Left Behind Me, The Last Rose of Summer and The Irish Washerwoman. Carlyle Weber takes to the stage with his euphonium to perform a

moving solo to another familiar song, Londonderry Air - a beautiful rendition of Danny Boy. Join the Stuart Community Concert Band for a celebration of the Irish, and listen as Gerry Conjelko takes the stage to offer up a wee bit of history of the music being performed.

The concert will be held at the Charles & Rae Kane Center, 900 S.E. Salerno Road in Stuart beginning at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 16.

Admission for Kane Center members is \$5 for presales or \$7 at the door and for non-members, \$6 for advance tickets and \$8 at the door.

The Band's members are volunteers who get together to share their talents, enthusiasm and love for music. The Band performs for many holiday and community celebrations. Rehearsals take place on Monday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Stuart Middle School. The band welcomes new members.

The Band continues its 2013 - 14 season with concerts at the Kane Center on April 6 and May 18, 2014.

For more information and for tickets contact the Kane Center at (772) 223-7800.

Students participate in film festival

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The Ocean River Institute and The Indian Riverkeeper, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, will present Youth Driven Cinema, a K-12 Student Film Festival. Youth Driven Cinema is the first event of its kind in Martin County and will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Lyric Theatre Feb. 28.

The mission of Youth Driven Cinema is to educate and engage the youth of Martin County by fostering community involvement within the arts and sciences. Youth Driven

Cinema is a project of the Ocean River Institute which is dedicated to helping people and groups make a difference where they live and work through environmental stewardship and science. Tickets are free and will be available ahead of time at the Lyric Box Office and the night of but seating is limited. Donations will be collected at the door to benefit The Indian Riverkeeper.

The students composition styles include and are limited to: public service announcements, music video, narrative, animation, fictional and

documentary. The focus relates to estuaries, beaches, near-shore reefs, storm water run-off and marine environments in general with each entry a maximum of five minutes. Film crews will be comprised of up to four students within the same grade level category. The prizes will be awarded in three grade level categories; elementary, middle and high school. The top three short films from each category will be presented at the premiere.

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and product toss. For more information about Parks & Recreation events for teens, contact Deanna Deakins at (772) 463-2801 or email teens@martin.fl.us.

• **Elisabeth Lahti Concert Series:** 2 p.m., Cummings Library, 2551 S.W. Matheson Ave., Palm City. The Rowdy Micks will perform traditional celtic music. Free tickets are required and available for pickup only at the Cummings Library, beginning Feb. 25. Call

(772) 221-1403 or visit www.library.martin.fl.us.

• **"Copeland Davis and the POPS:"** Nationally renowned jazz pianist Copeland Davis will perform jazz/pop hits with the Indian River Pops Orchestra at 7:30 p.m., Lyric Theatre, 59 S.W. Flagler Ave., Stuart. Tickets are \$25. Call (772) 286-7827 or visit www.lyrictheatre.com.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

• **Mary's Shelter Sailfish Banquet:** Second annual event. 5 p.m., Sailfish Point Country Club, 2201 S.E. Sailfish

Point Blvd., Stuart. Enjoy an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, silent and live auctions, fine dining, and entertainment by the Atlantic City Boys. Cost is \$200 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (772) 223-5000 or email info@marysshelterc.org.

• **The Marathon of the Treasure Coast:** The first official full-length individual marathon in Martin and St. Lucie counties will begin at Indian RiverSide Park. Four-person full marathon relay for charity, plus 5K, half marathon, and wheel-chair event. For more information and details, visit <http://treasurecoast-marathon.com>.

MONDAY, MARCH 3

• **Distinguished Speakers' Luncheon:** Dr. Benjamin S. Carson will speak at this second annual event to benefit Boys & Girls Club of Martin County. Luncheon begins at noon, preceded by sponsor reception at 11 a.m. Held at Sailfish Point Country Club, 2203 S.E. Sailfish Point, Stuart. Tickets, \$175 per person, include an autographed copy of Dr. Carson's book "America the Beautiful." Visit www.bgc-martin.org.

• **Free community lecture series:** Dr. Dale Hipson will speak on "Animals of the DuPuis." Lecture starts at 7 p.m., Environmental Studies Center, 2900 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach. Public is welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; seating is first-come, first-served. Call the Environmental Studies Council at (772) 334-4643.

For our full list of events, visit www.hometownnewsol.com - click 'calendar'.

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Would easier courses lure players?

While at the PGA Merchandise Show, I find many different things to report on. This year there was an idea throw out to those in attendance. The man tossing the idea out there was Mark King, CEO of Taylor-Made Golf. King would like to make golf a little bit easier for the high handicapper and the beginner. The way he thinks would best work is to make the hole bigger.

The regulation golf hole is 4-1/4-inches in diameter. Under King's proposal, courses would cut holes 15-inches in diameter. This would speed up play, because fewer putts equals less time on the green... especially over those knee-knocking four-footers. It would also make the game much easier once you got onto the green as well as when chipping.

We all want to shoot lower scores. But do you honestly think someone breaking 80 for the first time because every putt they hit fell into a wash bucket instead of missing a standard hole is going to feel that they have truly accomplished something?

Golf is struggling. Ask any course owner, general manager or head professional and



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they will tell you rounds are down. Golf is a difficult game and making it easier may bring more people in the door to try the game.

A bigger cup will only solve one problem. Sinking putts will become easier. But what about hitting a fairway from the tee or even the green if you get the first step right?

If you ask the companies making clubs or the stores selling them and they will tell you that people are not buying new clubs, balls and so forth. The price of admission is pretty hefty. Fourteen clubs, a bag, shoes, and some silly plaid shorts come at a cost. Granted not everyone gets an expensive set of clubs right off the bat, but even the cheap

stuff runs a few hundred dollars. If you go for used, there is a chance the technology isn't new either and won't help you when you most need it, which is when you are first learning the game.

Even if you pick up some decent clubs or are fortunate enough to have some given to you, there is still the price to actually play. Just a bucket of balls will run you around \$10. Once you decide to play, you are talking much more.

How many courses are going to want to invest in new cups? Would you use them once a week? Would you have two holes on each green? What is the risk you run off more players than you bring in by trying this idea?

Maybe we need a different set of rules to help those just beginning the game. Maybe we need equipment that allows them to play better with less skill. Perhaps courses should consider allowing

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Topics for discussion, but not limited to: Design & Funding of Mapp Road; Impact of the Veteran's Memorial Bridge; Our Waterways and Local Schools. Niki Norton, Palm City Chamber President will be the moderator with several panelists including; John Haddox, Martin County Commissioner; Edward Erfurt and Kevin Freeman, Martin County Community Redevelopment Agency; Eric Fergusson, Martin County Engineering and Michael DiTerlizzi, Martin County School Board.

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for players to play six holes instead of at least nine. Some new routing designs are doing just this making for cheaper fees and play that only takes about an hour.

Truth is a vast majority play this game for the love and fun of it. They don't really follow the rules and they enjoy themselves without worrying just what rule 13-1 says. I don't want to take away from those who want the challenge and wish for the winner to be the one with the most skill. But we have to do something or this game will become even more elitist than it is. I'd love to hear your thoughts on this.

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