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## Need to know

### Advisory lifted near Sandsprit Park

The Florida Department of Health in Martin County has lifted a health advisory for the waters near Sandsprit Park in Port Salerno and the Stuart Sandbar after samples showed consistent results in the good/acceptable range for enteric bacteria.

The health advisory continues for the waters near the Roosevelt Bridge and Leighton Park in Palm City since test results in these areas remain in the poor range for enteric bacteria.

Weekly testing of specific areas along the St. Lucie River began in November of 2012. Testing at four locations including the Roosevelt Bridge, Leighton Park, Sandsprit Park and the Stuart Sandbar will continue on a weekly basis. Samples are analyzed for enterococci bacteria, which normally inhabit the intestinal tract of humans and animals. The presence of enteric bacteria is an indication of fecal pollution, which may come from storm water runoff, pets, wildlife and human sewage.

Potential health risks for those who ingest or come in contact with waters high in enteric bacteria include: upset stomach, diarrhea, eye irritation and skin rashes.

Sample results for Martin County beaches and causeways continue in the good range.

River and beach water sample results can be

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### GETTING CLOSER



Support needed for accessible public playground in Jensen Beach

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### MAINTENANCE TIME



A little maintenance twice a year can save a lot of time

### WEEKEND WEATHER

**Friday:** Overcast; high: 88; low: 66; high tide: 7:17 a.m.; low tide: 1:13 p.m.  
**Saturday:** Partly cloudy; high: 90; low: 61; high tide: 8:04 a.m.; low tide: 1:57 p.m.  
**Sunday:** Partly cloudy; high: 82; low: 68; high tide: 7:51 a.m.; low tide: 1:42 p.m.  
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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## Home for young mothers expanding

By Alisha McDarris  
For Hometown News

TEQUESTA — Hannah's Home in Tequesta is expanding and the community is invited to join in on the celebration on Nov. 2.

The nonprofit organization that provides a home for girls who are pregnant and have nowhere else to go is breaking ground for several new facilities on the three and a half acres they acquired surrounding the current building.

Right now Hannah's Home hosts four young women and their babies in the dorm, dining room and kitchen. There's also a schoolroom for the girls and offices crammed

under the same roof.

"We've run out of space," said founder Carol Beresford.

That's why she's so excited to have approval to start work on several new projects that will come in several phases. First will be a new two-story dorm out back that will offer a place for twice as many girls and their children as the home can hold now and a new nursery for the infants.

After that will come four cottage-like duplexes, a chapel and a caretaker home and it all started with Ms. Beresford's vision to create a safe place for girls to accept a hand up.

The girls can stay in the home for two years after the birth of their baby, and will receive help finishing school

or getting their GED and completing college courses for good careers so they can support their child.

They will also learn life skills like sewing, cooking, and budgeting, all while building relationships.

"It really gets them started out in life," Ms. Beresford said. "It's given them the chance to go up instead of down."

Ms. Beresford is thrilled that she will soon be able to offer these free services to so many more young women as she continues to fulfill her

calling. She can already envision the completed buildings and children enjoying the playground, all

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## Bobbing for apples? Too tame



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

Eleven year olds Jordan Greene, Shn'nell Snipes, and Emily Bornarth bob for chocolate doughnuts with Shn'nel the first to finish at the Murray Middle School fall festival. See more photos, A8.

## Inlet dredging project to begin in early Nov.

For Hometown News  
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TREASURE COAST — Maintenance dredging of the St. Lucie Inlet will begin in early November and will continue through the end of February 2014.

Equipment to be used in the four-month long project, such as vessels and barges, will begin arriving in the area in the coming days.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has awarded the dredging contract to Cashman Dredging and Marine Contracting. The ACOE contract calls for up to 200,000 cubic yards of sand to be dredged and bypassed to the beaches down drift of the Inlet. Martin County has funded an additional amount of up to 250,000 cubic yards sand to be dredged during this project.

The Inlet's impoundment basin was last dredged in 2012. It is designed to accommodate a 3-4 year maintenance dredging interval and has performed well safeguarding navigation; however an active storm season in 2012 accelerated filling of the impoundment basin.

Current surveys indicate that the impoundment basin has exceeded 50 percent of its capacity due to last year's storms which included Hurricane Sandy. The upcoming project is timed to maintain continuous safe navigation through the inlet.

The dredged sand will be transported via tug and barge through St. Lucie Inlet Preserve State Park. Sand will be offloaded at Peck Lake where it will be pumped via pipeline to beaches in Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge. Environmental restrictions limit these maintenance activities to a Nov. 1- March 1 construction window.

The St. Lucie Inlet is a manmade federal inlet that is Martin County's only point of access to the Atlantic Ocean. It separates the barrier islands of Hutchinson Island to the north and Jupiter Island to the south. The Inlet connects the Atlantic Ocean to

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## Project brings teens, seniors together

By Alisha McDarris  
For Hometown News

MARTIN COUNTY — As seniors spoke fondly about childhood memories and meaningful life events, students sat, smiled, and listened intently, while caretakers and teachers looked on with full hearts as generations came together for a touching project.

Three times over the past few weeks Jennifer Pope's 10th grade English class from Community Christian Academy walked across the street to the Kane Center to meet up with a group of seniors from the center's adult day program for the first stage of a class project: interviews for a compilation of biographies.

The students went armed with notepads filled with questions and were just a bit nervous, but their anxiety eased as they paired up with seniors who couldn't wait to share their life stories

with the students. "It was heartwarming," said Crystal Edmunds, the Kane Center's Adult Day Healthcare program manager, who was glad to see so many smiling faces and the mutual respect between generations.

The young interviewers asked about favorite childhood games, careers, accomplishments, dreams, even advice for future generations so they could write individual biographies. The seniors were brimming with stories to share.

The students will combine their biographies into a bound book for the Kane Center and then celebrate the lives of the seniors with their friends and family at a book signing in December or January.

"This is inter-generational programming at its best," said Ms. Edmunds, who worked with Com-

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## Program offers an inside look at service dogs

By Alisha McDarris  
For Hometown News

MARTIN COUNTY — People love dogs. They're furry and friendly and when dog owners are out with their pet for a stroll, they can expect to be stopped frequently by animal lovers wanting to say hello.

But not all dogs are simply pets; some are working hard to protect their owners and Laurie Volpe, certified service dog trainer, wants the public to know how to react to these special animals.

On Nov. 7, Ms. Volpe will be presenting an educational chat about service dog etiquette at the Blake Library in Stuart. She will be talking about the roles and purposes of service dogs, how to act around one, and even how they are

trained. She will also help business owners know what to expect when a service dog is present in their establishment and how to spot a family pet that the owner has made to look like a service dog for their own benefit, an illegal practice.

"There is an enormous need for education and information on what exactly service dogs do, as well as why they are allowed out in public with their person," Ms. Volpe said.

Among the information she will present is how to respect a service dog owner's privacy by not asking them questions about their illness or disability, the different types of service dogs and how to treat them.

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# Store to be drop-off location for toys

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TREASURE COAST — Bealls Department Stores will engage in a statewide partnership with the Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots program.

Bealls Department Stores has worked with the Manatee County Toys for Tots over the last five years serving as a toy drop-off location at

our two department stores located in Bradenton. This year the partnership has grown to all 74 locations.

Toys for Tots drop-boxes will be in each of the Bealls Department stores throughout Florida beginning Nov.15, and will remain in place through Dec.20.

"We are very pleased to have Bealls on board the 2013 Marine Toys for Tots Team," said retired Marine

Major Bill Grein, vice president of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation.

"Their community service goals certainly align with those the Marine Corps has promoted for more than 65 years through our Toys for Tots Program. With their support we will fulfill the Christmas holiday dreams of many additional less fortunate children in the state of Florida, who otherwise

might be overlooked."

The mission of the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

For more information, visit [BeallsFlorida.com](http://BeallsFlorida.com).

## Service

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cating the public on how one should conduct themselves while in the presence of a service dog team, such as how critical it is to not speak to, look at or pet the dog as it distracts them

while working, which could be life threatening," Ms. Volpe said.

It will also be an opportunity for the community to learn more about epilepsy and seizure disorders. Most of the dogs she has trained in the last year and a half have gone to individuals with those disorders

through the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida. November is also National Epilepsy Awareness Month.

"There are still many inaccurate myths out there about the disease," Ms. Volpe said. "Public education is also necessary for business owners and first responders as to how to care

for someone having a seizure."

Residents, business owners, local law enforcement, community leaders, everyone is invited to attend the presentation that begins at 6 p.m. at Blake Library on Monterey Road on Nov. 7 to learn more about the function of service dogs in society.

## Inlet

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several waterways, including the Indian River Lagoon, the St. Lucie River, the Hobe

Sound Narrows and the Intracoastal Waterway. A safe, navigable Inlet is critically important to our community because it provides access between inland waterways, centers of com-

merce and private and commercial docks and the Atlantic Ocean.

To learn more about this dredging project and the St. Lucie Inlet, visit [www.martin.fl.us](http://www.martin.fl.us).

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# Food bank begins collections for holidays

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TREASURE COAST — Marking its 25th year in the fight against hunger, Treasure Coast Food Bank launches the annual Great Treasure Coast Holiday Food Drive this month, an effort to ensure that all families in Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin and Okeechobee counties enjoy holiday meals.

"We're so grateful that we live in such a giving community," said Judith Cruz, Treasure Coast Food Bank CEO. "While many families have recovered from the Great Recession, we know many who continue to struggle to put food on the table. For them, a holiday

meal is a luxury." From now until the end of the year, Treasure Coast Food Bank experiences its busiest time as the area's soup kitchens and food pantries work to ensure that everyone gets to enjoy holiday meals. Everyone is encouraged to get involved by hosting a food drive, donating a turkey, or making a cash donation.

"If you and your family are seeing brighter days, please consider sharing your time or resources to help someone else enjoy brighter holidays," Ms. Cruz said. "Also, involving your children in a food drive is a great way to help them learn about volunteering and compassion." Neighbors, church groups,

school friends or business colleagues can join in organizing a food drive. Visit [stopphunger.org](http://stopphunger.org) and click the "conduct a food drive" tab in the Action Center for a Food and Fund Drive kit.

Businesses throughout the Treasure Coast are offering their sites as food drop-off locations, including eight St. Lucie Battery & Tire locations. Visit [stopphunger.org](http://stopphunger.org) or call Treasure Coast Food Bank to find the place closest to you to deliver non-perishable items. A convenient way to give is through the Virtual Food Drive online where each dollar donated to Treasure Coast Food Bank provides seven meals to feed those in need.

On Nov. 16, Treasure Coast Food Bank will be out with refrigerated trucks to collect frozen turkeys so everyone has a chance to participate in the American tradition of Thanksgiving. But a food drive doesn't have to focus only on the holiday meal. Other most-wanted items are cereal, tuna, beans, rice, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, canned meats, canned stew, pot-top food items, laundry detergent, and diapers.

For more information or to register your food drive, contact Casey Gaban, Treasure Coast Food Bank's Community Relations Coordinator at [cgaban@tcofoodbank.org](mailto:cgaban@tcofoodbank.org) or (772) 489-3034.

# College, bank to host entrepreneurship conference

**For Hometown News**  
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TREASURE COAST — Entrepreneurs, educators, business leaders and managers will not want to miss a special two-day Entrepreneurship Conference designed to review resources and best practices to promote entrepreneurship in today's economy.

The inaugural Business and Entrepreneurship Conference, sponsored by PNC Bank at Indian River State College, will be held Nov. 6-7, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Brown Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship on the main campus in Fort Pierce.

Join IRSC and PNC to connect with business col-

leagues for networking events, keynote speakers, tours and many other opportunities to gain tools for increasing business success. Registration for the event is free and includes the two-day conference, all speaker sessions and lunch on both days.

Day one of the conference on Wednesday will feature three great workshops starting with bestselling author, entrepreneur and filmmaker Dr. Stephen Lundin of the "Fish!" series and will inspire managers and employees to become more innovative and involved. There will also be a workshop on college entrepreneurial programs where Florida's university and college entrepreneurial

leaders will share their best practices with participants. In addition to these workshops, guided campus tours of IRSC will feature the new Thomas STEM Center, Brown Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship and the Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex.

Thursday at the conference, participants will have the opportunity to learn about economic development resources available through college, local and state organizations.

Sessions that day will feature keynote speakers from around the state and region. Topics will include: requirements and timing associated with traditional loans, grants, angel and venture

capital funding; successful examples of start-ups that don't require someone to quit their job to start a business; using the rapidly growing field of data science to grow or launch business and understanding Florida's future economic drivers.

Through the Dan K. Richardson Entrepreneurship Development Institute, Indian River State College is taking the initiative to offer a wide range of programs and services to encourage entrepreneurship and business success.

For more information email Jo Ann Balsamo at [jbalsamo@irsc.edu](mailto:jbalsamo@irsc.edu) or call (772) 462-7172. To register, visit [www.irscbiz.com](http://www.irscbiz.com).

# Home

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projects yet to be begun.

To help the community see what she sees, there will be a nursery set up on the front lawn for the ground-breaking ceremony, complete with cribs and changing tables.

From 9-10 a.m. on Nov. 2 the community is invited to come to Hannah's Home on 4390 S. County Line Road in

Tequesta where a continental breakfast will be served and the community can find out more about what the organization does. Even Tequesta mayor Abby Brennan will be present.

Ms. Beresford is so thankful for the support of the community in carrying out God's plan for her to provide a safe and loving Christian environment for single pregnant young women as they offer hope and transform lives through counseling, life skills instruction, and continuing education.

Those wanting to sustain that mission can contribute online at [www.hannahshomesf.org](http://www.hannahshomesf.org) or offer construction or product donations or expertise.

There's no set timeline for completion of the phases, but Ms. Beresford is happy with how things are coming together and knows it will happen "as God sees fit."

"It's what I'm supposed to do and there's no quitting until I'm done," Ms. Beresford said.



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# Musicians orchestrate food drive at three concerts

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TREASURE COAST — Members of the Treasure Coast Youth Symphony are orchestrating a food drive as part of Orchestras Feeding America, a national initiative where America's symphony orchestras help

collect food for their local communities.

TCYS musicians are asking concertgoers to bring non-perishable food donations to TCYS concerts on Nov. 4 at the Waxlax Center in Vero Beach, Nov. 11 at the Lyric Theatre in Stuart, and Nov. 12 at the Eissey Campus Theatre in Palm

Beach Gardens.

Food collected at each concert venue will be donated to local food banks.

"This is a great way to help combat hunger in our local community," said Shannon Murphy, a sophomore at South Fork High School and TCYS clar-

inetist. "Our fall musical program, Fantasies and Fairy Tales, will be uplifting for our audience, while our food drive hopes to lift the spirits of those most in need in our community."

According to the Treasure Coast Food Bank, more than 100,000 people along the Treasure Coast face hunger each and every week. With budget cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as food stamps, scheduled to begin Nov. 1, the need in the community will

increase.

South Fork High School sophomore Vicki Li, a TCYS flutist, who joins Murphy in spearheading the project, says that "despite the wealth in our community, there are many residents at or below the poverty level who struggle daily to keep up with the basics."

To support the musicians' food drive, donations can be dropped in collection bins at any of the Treasure Coast Youth Symphony performances of Fantasies and Fairy Tales.

All concerts begin at 7 p.m.

Concert tickets can be purchased at each venue, although anyone may contribute to the food drive.

The mission of the Treasure Coast Youth Symphony is to provide challenging experiences in orchestral and individual performance for student musicians, to broaden their technical skills and artistic expression, to instill professionalism, and to enhance enjoyment of their musical talents for themselves and for their audiences.

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## Seniors

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munity Christian to develop the idea. "It's meaningful and producing something lasting."

The seniors will also receive a copy of their own biography with a photo of

the student with whom they spent so much time sharing their life story.

But it wasn't just the seniors who got something out of the experience; the students also enjoyed connecting with their elders.

"They truly care about them," said Ms. Pope, who watched and listened as students returned to class, anxious to share the stories they had heard and begging to visit their new friends again as soon as possible. "This is a great way to make a connection between the generations."

Ms. Edmunds and Ms. Pope hope to make the project that gives seniors the opportunity to be heard and respected by young people an annual one, but Ms. Edmunds also wants to turn the biographies into a series of video interviews.

"It's important to preserve these memories," Ms. Edmunds said.

All in all, lives were touched, lessons were learned and friends were made through the project that brought generations that seldom mingle together.

## Know

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viewed at: [http://www.floridahealth.gov/CHD/Martin/Beach\\_and\\_River\\_Sampling.html](http://www.floridahealth.gov/CHD/Martin/Beach_and_River_Sampling.html)  
For more information, call (772) 221-4090.

### Access real-time special events information, schedules, facilities on web

Martin County Parks and Recreation has released a new online Parks Facility and Special Event Lookup system in which the public may check real-time facility schedules for open pavilions, closures, upcoming special events and more. This application may be accessed on the web at <http://parkevents.martin.fl.us>. Desktop or tablet computers are recommended for the best viewing experience.

Individuals may search by date, park or keyword to check on their interests. The page may also be accessed via [www.martin.fl.us](http://www.martin.fl.us) "I Want To->Find/View->Park Facility and Event Lookup" and also from the Parks and Recreation page of [www.martin.fl.us](http://www.martin.fl.us).

For public event details including specific dates and times, contact the event planning organization for more information as the Special Event Lookup may include set up times.

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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 Oct 18 through Oct 25.

## Stuart Police Department

- Michael Owen Navarro, 55, of 3068 S.E. Indian Street, Stuart, was charged with resisting arrest with violence, with retail theft, with resist transit agent - committing theft, with possession/use of drug paraphernalia, and with trespass on property other than structure/conveyance.
- Brian Ray Smith, 43, of 6510 S.E. Lake Circle Drive, Stuart, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Amy Beth Koman, 26, of 2447 Danbury Lane, Palm City, was charged with possession of controlled substance.

## Martin County Sheriff's Office

- Rachelle Beth Baird, no age or address listed, was charged with grand theft - property valued \$300-

- \$5,000.
- Carra Jean Crehan, 34, of 4575 S.E. Pilot Ave., Stuart, was charged with theft and with eight counts of utter false instrument.
- Michael Dean Harris, 31, of 2593 S.E. Indian Street, Stuart, was charged with dealing in stolen property, with grand theft, and with giving false ownership information to pawnbroker.
- Harry Louis Hoffman, 42, of 4230 S.W. 55th Ave., Davie, was charged with delivery of methamphetamine, with possession of controlled substance, and with possession/use of drug paraphernalia.
- Tristan Lewis, 42, of 2402 N.E. Pine Ave., Jensen Beach, was charged with battery on person 65 years of age, with possession of controlled substance, and with resisting arrest without violence.
- Jeffrey Joseph Matthews, 34, of 7750 S.E. Mammoth Drive, Hobe Sound, was charged with driving while license suspended - habitual offender.
- Gerzon Guillermo Mendez-Ortiz, 28, of 14838 S.W. Martin Highway, Palm City, was charged with sexual battery.
- Jon David Rashotsky, 46, of 14545J Military Trail, Delray Beach, was charged with grand theft - third degree.
- Christopher Rios, 21, of 2185 N.E. 167th Street, Miami, was

- charged with uttering false bank bill, note, check or draft.
- William Andrew Roberts, 21, of 4540 S.E. Salvatori Road, Stuart, was charged with dealing in stolen property.
- Joy Aimee Saleh, 30, of 1038 N.E. Green Lawn Terrace, Jensen Beach, was charged with uttering false instrument, with forgery, with obtaining goods through fraudulent use of credit cards, and with theft.
- Stacey Alexis Small, 23, of 14658 S.W. 168th Ave., Indiantown, was charged with misuse of wireless 911 system - fourth offense.
- Antron Shawn Thornton, 27, of 14761 S.W. 175th Court, Indiantown, was charged with possession of controlled substance and with two counts of felony failure to appear.
- Willie Lee Franklin, 53, of 360 S.E. Cortez Street, Stuart, was charged with two counts of delivery of methamphetamine, two counts of possession of controlled substance, and with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.
- Rachelle Marie Millhollin, 45, of 231 S.W. Yager Place, Port St. Lucie, was charged with grand theft.
- David Thomas Beckett, 54, of 521 S. Federal Highway, Lake Worth, was charged with felony

- failure to appear.
- Melissa Rose Frost, 29, of 4485 S.E. Nimrod Lane, Stuart, was charged with giving false ownership information to pawnbroker.
- Desmond Cornelle Isreal, 24, of 2765 S.E. Bonita Street, Stuart, was charged with possession, sale, manufacture or delivery of drugs between 6 a.m. and midnight within 1,000 feet of public/private school.
- Jessica Erin McGrath, 20, of 4540 S.E. Salvatori Road, Stuart, was charged with grand theft, with dealing in stolen property, and with giving false ownership information to pawnbroker.
- Alfredo Acevedo Mora, 23, of 45 Lancaster Drive, Lake Worth, was charged with burglary and with theft.
- Judson Michael Shurley, 39, of 27401 S.W. Martin Highway, Palm City, was charged with grand theft.
- Jeffrey Lynn Fletcher, 47, of 3190 S.E. Waaler Street, Stuart, was charged with uttering false bank bill, note, check or draft.
- Dwayne Mcleod, 30, of 1210 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. A6, West Palm Beach, was charged with two counts of possession of controlled substance and with possession of cannabis under 20 grams.
- Nichole Suzette Pejack, 46, of 630-1/2 Cleveland Ave., Stuart, was charged with felony violation of probation.

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- Laine Tyler Price, 18, of 109 W. Arch Drive, Lake Worth, was charged with three counts of burglary, with grand theft, with theft, and with petit theft - second offense.
- Giovanni Raffo, 27, of 102 N.E. Entrada Ave., Port St. Lucie, was charged with felony failure to appear.
- Jennifer Trethaway Sade, 41, of 3287 S.W. Sunset Trace Circle, Palm City, was charged with aggravated assault.
- Steve Mark Samples, 56, of 19168 S.E. Bryant Drive, Tequesta, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- James Patrick Sweeney, 52, of 1941 Old Dixie Highway, Fort Pierce, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Kelvin Davis, 52, of 5717 S.E. Katherine Ave., Stuart, was charged with fleeing/attempt to elude a police officer, and with operating motor vehicle without valid license.
- Keith Loring Stuart, 47, of 6423 N.W. 63rd Way, Parkland, was charged with grand theft.
- Joshua Caleb Vigorito, 19, of 3082 Miracle Lane, Port St. Lucie, was charged with four counts of criminal use of personal identification information, and with obtaining goods through fraudulent use of credit card.
- Mario Ybanez-Contreras, 36, of 17101 S.W. Magnolia Ave., Indiantown, was charged with felony violation of probation.

## Free energy assessments for city residents

For Hometown News  
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

STUART — The Solar and Energy Loan Fund is partnering with the City of Stuart to provide city residents with free energy assessments to help them reduce their overall energy consumption and monthly electricity bills.

The free energy assessments include a complete home energy assessment from a state-certified energy rater, which helps homeowners identify the most cost-effective types of home energy improvements that provide the greatest return on investment. SELF also provides low-cost loans to qualified homeowners in order to help them secure

financing for these recommended improvements.

SELF has contracted with David Reidy of Sun-Cool Energy to perform the energy assessments, and to date, he has completed over 800 projects in the Treasure Coast region. Mr. Reidy is a Martin County resident whose business is located in the City of Stuart.

"The energy assessments have been extremely useful in educating clients about potential energy savings and the SELF program also helps them take advantage of these immediate opportunities," said Mr. Reidy.

SELF has financed more than \$2 million of energy

retrofit projects, and the average homeowner is reducing their energy consumption by 23 percent.

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council also provided supplemental funding for the program, which enabled SELF to hire an additional clean energy specialist that works closely with individual homeowners.

Martin County resident, Bill McConaghy, was hired in this capacity and he is available to assist local homeowners from start to finish as they go through the energy assessment process and consider different types of home energy improvements. SELF finances 2 dozen different types of energy

saving products that include basic weatherization and insulation, high-efficiency air conditioners, windows and doors, and solar water heaters, attic fans, and photovoltaic.

"The City is pleased to be working with the non-profit Solar and Energy Loan Fund to help local residents identify and make wise energy improvements. The work being performed through this program is also helping to create greater efficiencies and local jobs," said Eula Clarke, Stuart Mayor.

To obtain a free energy assessment, visit [www.solarenergyloanfund.org](http://www.solarenergyloanfund.org) or call (561) 222.9680.

## Christmas parade returns Dec. 7

For Hometown News  
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The Hobe Sound Chamber will host its 28th annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 7.

In addition to the Parade, there will be a Holiday Arts & Crafts Stroll from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dixie Highway next to Taste Restaurant. The Parade begins at 1 p.m. And the route is along Bridge Road and Dixie Highway.

The Hobe Sound Christmas Parade is proudly sponsored by Treasure Coast Irrigation/ Rood Landscape and is free to the public. Supporting Sponsors include Bridge Boat and RV Storage and the Hobe Sound

Soccer Club.

Families are encouraged to come early and enjoy cool weather, holiday craft and treat vendors and the exciting holiday parade. The Arts & Crafts Stroll will feature fabulous locally made items that are sure to make great holiday gifts for friends and family members.

Floats and decorated vehicles are created by local businesses, schools and organizations. Hear musical selections from Dancensound DJ and local middle and high school bands. Kids can meet Ronald McDonald, Smoky the Bear, Clowns and Santa and Mrs. Claus.

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## Time to check your PC for avoidable issues

Well, it's that time of the year again. It's the end of Daylight Saving Time. This year it began on Sunday, March 10 at 2 a.m. and ends on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 2 a.m.

We adjust the clocks ahead one hour in March and move them back one hour in November according to the instructions, "Spring forward, Fall back."

But it's not all about getting an extra hour sleep in the morning, there's more to it than that. Some time ago The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission decided that the day everyone changes their clocks forward (or backwards) would also be a great time for everyone to check the batteries in their smoke detectors.

Apparently there were a lot of deaths that could have been avoided had the smoke detectors been working so they started using the clock change days as a reminder to everyone to check the batteries. And it turns out that the plan apparently saves lives. I don't know what the statistics are but I'm sure a patient Google search will tell you just how effective the whole thing is.

It's also a way to remember to take care of other routine maintenance issues. As a computer fixer I see all types of preventable issues daily. Many issues that (like checking the batteries in the smoke detector) could have been avoided had the computer owner just checked the system a couple times a year and performed a few basic maintenance steps.

With that thought in mind I thought that it would be a good idea to follow the CPSC's lead and advise everyone to use the clock changing ritual that we go through twice a year as a reminder (not only check the batteries in your smoke detectors) to go over your computer and perform some basic checks and maintenance. Lots of issues can be avoided if people would do a few simple things just twice a year.

I'm sure at this point you are probably thinking that maybe that is a good idea but what should we check? I mean the smoke detector thing is easy - just swap the battery with a new one and you're done but aren't computers a little more complicated than that? Well, yes. But don't let the fact that your average PC has quite a



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SEAN MCCARTHY

few more things to check cause you to procrastinate the chore. I'll go over a few of the basics that really should be looked at and you'll see just how easy and painless it can be.

First and foremost you need to have a backup system in place. You really should be backing up on a daily basis but if you just can't bring yourself to do that then at least do it twice a year when we change the clocks. When your hard drive does die recovering something is better than nothing.

Next, check for dust. I'm not talking about dusting the keyboard and monitor I'm talking about the air intake grills that are all over your machine. These things need to breathe and over time these intakes get clogged with a blanket of dust that can quite literally choke the life out of your system. Check all the intake grills and remove any layers of dust that you find.

Check your power strip and battery backup and remove any old power cords that are no longer in use. Often old devices that are no longer in use have power transformers that still use power even if the device itself isn't plugged in.

Power up your computer and check the start up routine. If you have a whole row of icons that show up next to the clock and the system takes forever to boot up then run MSCONFIG and uncheck everything in startup except your antivirus.

Which brings us to the antivirus - make sure it's up to date! If your antivirus has been flashing at you that its subscription has run out and you have been ignoring that for the last six months, now's the time to deal with it. Go to [www.avast.com](http://www.avast.com) and install Avast antivirus. It's free, does the job and keeps itself updated.

Get in the habit of checking these things and you may just avoid an expensive service call sometime in the future.

Having trouble with something? Give me a call and I'll be glad to help.

Contact Sean McCarthy at (888) 752-9049 or [help@ComputeThisOnline.com](mailto:help@ComputeThisOnline.com) (no hypkens).

## A couple of little characters



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Stuart residents Max Ducote and Morgan McNicholas walk in the 2013 Hobgoblins on Main Street Parade, an event presented by the Stuart Main Street and Downtown Business Association, held in Stuart on Saturday, Oct. 26.



## Got something to say?

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### The truth about driving drunk

In response to the rant regarding witnessing "many friends and family members who have gotten DUIs," I feel I must respond. The writer's complaint is that "those who truly should be arrested is one thing; those who do not suffer undue punishment."

Generally, people who drive while under the influence do so repeatedly whether they get caught or not. Those who drink "one drink" and get behind the wheel of a car are breaking the law if they are over the legal limit. Why should that person be exempt from the laws and ensuing punishment?

Let me tell you, driving under the influence is not a victimless crime. The driver under the influence may not hurt someone every time they get behind the wheel, but it only takes one time to ruin someone's life, if not take an innocent life. I know I've been there; I was hit in a construction zone at 1:30 p.m. by a drunk driver.

I was only going 20-25 miles an hour. The result was I had to have emergency surgery to remove three discs from my neck and now have a plate in my neck and a cadaver bone in my neck. I also have multiple hernias in my thoracic spine, which, at some point, will need surgery. I lost my job because I couldn't return to work full-time quickly enough and Florida is a right-to-work state.

My fingertips are still numb (the accident was in 2002), I have extremely hyper-reflexes, and my feet still have areas that are numb. One of my daughters also had to have surgery as a result of the accident.

The real kicker is that this was not the other driver's first DUI nor was it his last. While waiting trial for hitting me, he was involved in a DUI accident in another county. Because the two counties did not have interactive computers at that time, one didn't know the other had charges pending.

What punishment did he get? A suspended license (even though it was already suspended for a previous DUI), a small amount of jail time to be served on weekends (so he would not lose his job), community service, and the standard classes and AA meetings. Poor fellow. He had to pay fines, court costs and probation fees. At least he had a job to have the income to support his family.

When are people going to learn that one DUI is one too many? How many more innocent lives will be ruined or taken because someone "didn't think" he/she was drunk?

Having a driver's license is a privilege not right. If you don't take it seriously, you don't deserve to have a license.

It sounds to me like the writer may have a problem with alcohol, hence the strong stance against fighting to keep drunks off the roads.

### Tired of the garbage company

I am writing in regards to yard waste sitting in front of homes for three to four weeks (sometimes longer) at a time. When you call the garbage company they have every excuse in the book. Too much pickup- must use clamp, not enough manpower, running behind schedule, etc. Mean-

while, the green grass that was under the pile is brown and dead. How about we don't pay our bills? That's why they don't care because Waste Pro gets their money from us in our taxes. Please bring back Waste Management. I didn't have a problem with them in 20- years.

### More on teens

I must agree about the appalling behavior of teens. It's not only how they behave, but how they dress. They are obnoxious and rude.

As a parent who tries to instill kindness and good behavior in my child, I see a lot of parents who don't do the same.

I enrolled my child in cheerleading for the first time, and it was not as we expected it to be. The girls did not act like team players and the coach did not seem to care. I, along with other moms, noticed the coach playing favorites, and not giving the others a fair chance to shine.

During an event last week, a couple of the girls spoke to us about how they didn't like how some of the girls behaved. When I responded and said that some of the parents should be embarrassed about how some of the children behave, a parent overheard and said I shouldn't be discussing this with the young ladies. Needless to say, one of the girls was her daughter. It was appalling to see this mom make a scene.

All I can do is continue to teach my children as I always have, to be respectful to your elders and treat others the way you want to be treated and use your manners. Hopefully, some parents will read this and realize how their children are acting is appalling.

### Can I get a ride?

What's wrong with this picture? For \$30, a person can be picked up round trip for a day of gambling. But to get a ride to the airport to go see a relative, it's more than \$50. What has happened in these tough economic times?

### Do they really care?

Government agencies do not care about the children. We call them about abuse in the home and they go in and question the child in front of the child that is being abused. Don't they know better?

Once the agency leaves, the child is then subjected to abuse again. Why would you question a child in front of their abusers? It's no wonder people don't trust them. If a child is stabbing themselves with a pencil or cutting themselves and hurting animals, there is something going on in the home. The workers need to listen to the child, not the parent. That's why there is so much violence in the world. There is raping and killing, and we wonder why this kind of thing goes on.

And all the agency does is give the parent an anger management course. That's not going to help these poor children.

### We need help

I'm trying to raise my grandchildren on disability. The runaround that people get when they apply for government assistance is horrible.

The economy is poor and so are the people who are trying to survive. The government makes trying to get by nearly impossible.

### Flaws of Obamacare

Despite President Obama's assurances, we face fundamental flaws at the heart of Obamacare. His administration is trying to force young people into signing up by penalizing the uninsured. Next year they will be required to pay a \$95 fine, or one percent of income, whichever is higher. Does anyone really believe that an unemployed youngster is going to fork out money to pay a fine to Uncle Sam? The government can't and shouldn't put them all in jail for nonpayment. Sounds like a horrible nightmare.

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# Fall festival fun fills the fields



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**Above:** Clinic Health Assistant Kim Fishbein from Stuart, dressed as Sleeping Beauty's 'Maleficent', gives some cotton candy to Dawson Wallace, 13, also from Stuart.  
**Right:** Brianna Loidice, 11, bobs for a chocolate doughnut.



Jeremy Ortman, 12, wins the tricycle race.

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*Murray Middle School's second annual Fall Festival, put together by administration, faculty, and staff, was held at Murray Middle School in Stuart on Friday, Oct. 18.*

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## Local personalities to raise money for pets

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 STUART — On Nov. 16, from 2-4 p.m. local notables will be sent to "The Dog House" to raise pet food and cash donations for the pets of needy seniors in Martin County. Individuals can also nominate someone they would like to be "Sent to the Dog House." Those participating will be con-

tacting their friends and colleagues to make donations to have them released from the Dog House, which will be located at Animal Care Extraordinaire, 987 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart. Pet food donations will be distributed to low-income, homebound seniors who receive Meals on Wheels through the Council on Aging of Martin County. "For many seniors, their

pets are their only family and their beloved daily companions," said Cathy Knowles, manager of Meal Services for the Council on Aging. "Those who are on limited incomes often struggle to buy pet food. We want to ensure that the seniors and their pets receive proper nutrition." Each year, Stuart veterinarians, Dr. Ronald Ball and Dr. Wayne Diamond of Animal Care Extraordinaire collect pet food donations for the pets of needy seniors. "In the past we would only promote for donations to the clinic's clients, however last year we thought we would be a little more creative to attract the attention of the community to this dilemma, so we constructed the Dog House. With the support of so many, we were able to collect over 2,000 pounds

of pet food and raise more than \$1,600 for Meals on Wheels" said Dr. Diamond. The veterinarians will all take turns in the Dog House, as well, with the hope of exceeding last year's donations. Individuals who make a donation of \$250 or more can have a little fun and send a person of their choice to the Dog House, providing a great photo opportunity and many laughs. The teens of the Boys and Girls Club's Keystone Club will also be at the event, selling hotdogs, snacks and beverages to benefit their program, "Hope for the Homeless." "All are welcome to come out for a day of true philanthropy for several demographics in our community; pets, elderly, teens and the homeless," said Mr. Diamond.

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# Preschool visits local farm

For Hometown News  
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PALM CITY — The YMCA of the Treasure Coast supports a premise that children will choose healthier foods, including more fruits and vegetables, if products are fresh, locally grown, and picked at the peak of their flavor.

To introduce this ideal to participants at an early age, the Y's Teddy Bear Academy Preschool visited a local farm so that the children could better understand the benefits of locally grown fruits and vegetables.

In 2010 Congress designated October as National Farm to School Month in

order to improve nutrition, support local economies and educate children about the origins of food.

This year, Oct. 18 was designated specifically as Farm to Preschool Day. In order to participate along with other preschoolers across the nation, the four and five-year olds from the Y preschool visited D & D Farms in Palm City.

The children took a hayride through the fields and the farmer talked to them about how fruits and vegetables are grown in Florida. The children stopped several times along the way to examine the fruits and vegetables and to ask the farmer questions. They also got to choose a

pumpkin and take it home.

According to Delia Diaz, the Y Preschool Coordinator, the kids got to pick tomatoes and really got to see how the other fruits and vegetables were growing. "They were really interested in the eggplants. They were amazed by how big it was and that it could hang there and not fall."

Even though the kids from the Y are young, they were able to remain interested through the whole tour. According to Ms. Diaz, the farmer was able to explain how different foods are grown at different times due to the changing weather so that they would understand it. He also explained where the food



Deonna Louis, 4, picks a pumpkin out of the patch at D & D Farms in Palm City. The Y's Teddy Bear Academy Preschool visited the farm last Friday to celebrate National Farm to School Month and to educate the children about locally grown foods.

Photo courtesy of the YMCA of the Treasure Coast

goes once it's picked. Some kids were even able to identify some of the stores and produce stands that D & D Farms services as the one

that their family shops at. "The farmer was great," said Ms. Diaz. "He knew just what to say to get the kids excited. He invited all

of them to return when the temperature drops, so that they could pick strawberries. They were all excited about that."

# Playground committee receives grant

For Hometown News  
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JENSEN BEACH — The Jensen Beach Community Playground Committee was awarded a \$20,000 grant from Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Florida to help build a new playground at Jensen Beach Elementary that will be open to students and the public.

A total of \$300,000 is needed to build the new playground. The committee has already raised \$60,000, but will need more financial support through donations and grants to meet the build date of May, 2014.

The existing playground features pieces nearly 40-years-old that continue to degrade due to increasing use. The Jensen Beach Community Playground Committee and a crew of dedicated volunteers are working to raise the necessary funds to install a custom-built playground designed by local children and the Leathers & Associates design team.

The playground will provide a safe environment for the community's most vulnerable special needs children, and the design meets the Americans with Disabilities Act regulations. The custom playground layout includes wheelchair accessible groundcover, therapeutic swings, activity panels, accessible parallel bars



Photo courtesy of the Jensen Beach Community Playground Committee  
A rendering of the soon to be built Jensen Beach Community playground gives residents an idea of what the new playground will look like.

and telephone systems. The unique play space will provide outlets that help correct developmental delays and play opportunities for children of all abilities. Jensen Beach Elementary is the hub-school for Martin County's Autism Spectrum Disorder Unit, and the ADA regulated components will benefit these students. Children of all abilities will be able to play shoulder to shoulder, learning and

growing together. Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Florida

decided to partner with us to build a new playground for the Jensen Beach community," said Denise Faherty, general playground coordinator.

"Together, we are providing Jensen Beach residents with a new public playground that is safe and accessible for all children of all ability levels."

The community is encouraged to help financially support the Jensen Beach Community Playground Committee. Numerous giving options are available and include general financial contributions; sponsorships, adopt-

ing playground components or purchasing personalized fence pickets, bricks and handprint tiles. Volunteers are also needed.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Florida's mission is to create, find and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children in South Florida.

For more information, visit <https://rmhcsouthflorida.org/>.

To learn more about giving opportunities and the Jensen Beach Playground Project, visit <http://www.JBPlayground.com> or email [info@jbplayground.com](mailto:info@jbplayground.com).

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# Stewart

From page A7

you'd be happy. You might even pull your ads. I wouldn't blame you if you did. I've had many advertisers over the years who pulled their ads

because they didn't like what was on the air or in print. When that happens, the station or paper in question needs to assess the situation and see if the person pulling their ads has a valid point. If you had a column in the Palm Beach Post and you wrote

negative things about Ed Morse Honda, I bet they'd have a word with you, too.

**Earl**  
I do have bad employees working for me. I have between 140 and 150 employees working for me and there are always a few rotten apples in a barrel that big. I encourage anyone to tell me about my rotten apples including callers to my radio show. If you were a regular listener, you would know that customers of mine will occasionally call in and criticize their treatment at my dealership. I encourage them to talk and explain in detail their bad experience. I then sincerely apologize and promise to investigate, make it right, coach the person(s) responsible and correct the processes that allowed it to happen. Many are amazed that I, not only allow, but encourage callers to criticize me and/or my dealership. People are also amazed that I regularly encourage car dealers and car dealership employees to call in. I promise to allow them all the time they need and not mute them, talk over them, or disconnect them. Some have taken me up on this but not too many. Not only is this the right thing to do, but it's very good radio and builds my listener base.

**William**  
I did not hear what you said about Ed Morse Honda, but from your comment on Facebook, it's obvious that you don't like their business practices. Knowing you, I bet your instincts are correct. But that doesn't mean that a radio station has to give you the podium to make negative comments about their other advertisers....the ones who

pay the bills.

**Earl**  
I said very little about Ed Morse; it was a caller, Frank Nash, who called the show after Ed Morse Honda refused to sell him a new Honda at the advertised price. Ed Morse Honda also added the dealer fee to the price which is a violation of state law. If you would like to speak to Frank Nash, his phone number is XXX-XXXX (redacted). If Frank Nash or I slandered Ed Morse Honda, he has his remedy in the courts, but as you know "truth is the perfect defense against slander and libel". I would agree that Seaview shouldn't give me a podium to say negative things about a car dealer if they were untrue. But are you saying that they should censor my efforts to report illegal practices by a local car dealer?

**William**  
The good news is that in this age of new technology, you are not limited to licensed radio and TV stations, or newspapers, to get the word out. You have a blog. You have a website. You are on Facebook. You can do a "radio" show online and as a podcast. Someone mentioned a national radio show. I will tell you that everything you talk about EXCEPT the bad business practices of West Palm Beach car dealers is of interest to a national audience.

**Earl**  
William, bad business practices of WPB dealers may not be of interest to a national audience if that's all they heard every week. But bad business practices by a local car dealer in Minnesota were of great interest to a national audience, ABC Lookout, with Brian Ross. I appeared on that expose and the show had very high ratings. You must know enough about what radio, TV, and all media audiences prefer to understand that "how to properly maintain your car" is trumped by "how not to get ripped off by your local car dealer". Ask some of your friend what they think about their experiences with

car dealers in buying and servicing. Answer this question...Why do car dealers perennially appear dead last on the Gallup "Honesty and Ethics in Professions" survey? There's nothing the TV and radio audiences would rather see and hear than bad guys being exposed.

**William**  
Someone mentioned that you could buy the radio station. Let's say you did want to buy a radio station here. If you did, how many of your competing car dealers do you think would spend money with you? Zero! They wouldn't want to give you their money.

**Earl**  
Jim Martin and Tricia Woods have asked me to buy their station, but I declined. This may be one more reason they don't want me on their station anymore. I declined because my objectivity would be questioned if I was the owner of the station that aired my views. I also declined because I know nothing about broadcasting and I didn't like the potential ROI after looking at the financials.

**William**  
I think you have every right to say what you do about other dealers. But there are consequences when you do that. Nobody is under any obligation to give you the microphone or ink to do it. If you want to continue doing this, you're going to have to find your own podium. Fortunately, in this day and age, it's a lot easier.

**Earl**  
I'm not sure you're right about there being no obligation by Seaview to allow my show to continue. My show is a community service show. The airwaves are owned by the people and the FCC and FTC have laws to protect the people. The FCC says that radio and TV stations must devote a certain amount of their use of the airwaves to serve the public and the FTC says that when groups of businesses conspire to harm or eliminate another business

it is an illegal boycott.

**William**  
If you'd like to talk about this some more, I'd be happy to meet with you or talk on the phone. If you don't like my message, I understand. But you seem like a really great guy, and I wanted you to look at the entire picture. I remember the times my heart was broken by a girl who broke up with me. It hurts. But after a while, it makes you strong.

**Earl**  
I'll be happy to meet with you or talk on the phone, but I'll be very busy this coming week, as you can imagine.

**William**  
Try to hold back your anger, and rise above it. Seaview is a great little radio station, and Chet has been great to me. But the name Earl Stewart is better known in Palm Beach County than Seaview Radio. I can't say that about Barry O'Brien. I think you can make this into a positive.

**Earl**  
Thanks for your advice on anger management but Chet will tell you that I wasn't angry when he fired me last Tuesday. I'm disappointed in the owners of Seaview, but fully understood that Chet did what he had to do. If I were Chet Tart, I would have done exactly the same thing. I also think he's "following orders" when he denies the truth of why I was fired. I'm getting feedback from my listeners who have called and spoken to Chet, Jim Martin, Mike Balsamo, and others that I'm lying about why I was fired. I believe that even Jim Martin may be misinformed and that Tricia Woods was the architect forcing Chet to fire me. You said in your email that the reason my show was canceled was that it had gradually become more and more anti dealer. This is not true. My show's theme song is the theme from "The Good the Bad and the Ugly" (Nancy's idea) and that's what we do. We tell good stories about dealers when they happen albeit all too infrequently. What is true is that Seaview has found it difficult to sell advertising to car dealers for some time.

Braman, Napleton, Arrigo, Schumacher, and Ed Morse have all threatened Seaview and most have canceled their ads. Ed Morse was the straw that broke the camel's back.

**Earl**  
I believe that Tricia Woods made a very bad management decision. Looking at advertising revenue from one business group as the most important thing to the survival of Seaview is shortsighted. The heart of a radio station's long run survival is their listener base. When the smoke settles the listeners will decide if Seaview survives. A lot of those listeners don't like the way Seaview treated Earl and Nancy Stewart. As the word continues to get out, and this is my main mission over the next few months, more and more of Seaview listener will know the truth. Seaview's listener base could be even further eroded should negative facts develop and be made public if litigation ensues.

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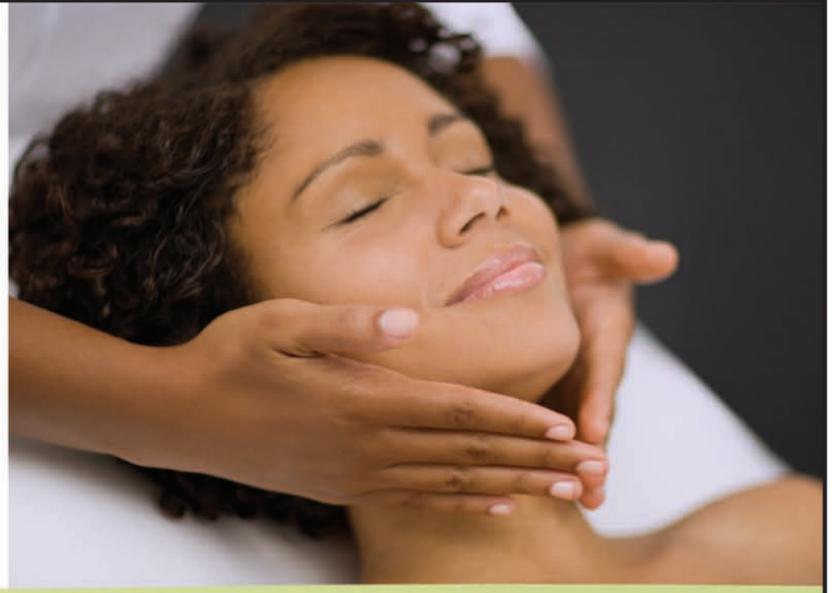
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• **Movie Night:** 6-9:30 p.m., Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast, 1707 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach. Children are welcome for a movie, pizza, drinks, popcorn, and museum exploration time. Space is limited, so register in advance. Members are \$10; non-members are \$12. For more information, call the museum at (772) 225-7575 or visit [www.childrensmuseumtc.org](http://www.childrensmuseumtc.org).

THROUGH SATURDAY, NOV. 2

• **Journey Stories Scavenger Hunt:** Elisabeth Lahti Library, 15200 S.W. Adams Ave., Indiantown. Meant for elementary and middle school students. The hunt is available during library hours, Oct. 25 through Nov. 2. For more information, call (772) 221-1403 or visit [www.library.martin.fl.us](http://www.library.martin.fl.us).

• **'The Rocky Horror Show':** Curtain Call presents the wild, sexy live musical that became a movie and started a 35-year cultural phenomenon. Cast is filled with professional dancers and actors from across south Florida committed to performing the iconic show. Performances start at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, in the Jensen Beach Performing Arts Center on the campus of Jensen Beach High School, 2875 N.W. Goldenrod Road, Jensen Beach. The interactive show runs approximately 1 hour, 45 minutes, with a short intermission. Prop bags will be provided. Adult tickets are \$25; student tickets are \$18. For tickets or more information, call (866) 811-4111 or visit [www.curtaincallfl.com](http://www.curtaincallfl.com). See **OUT, B2**

## Theatre to present musical comedy

By Alisha McDarris  
For Hometown News

MARTIN COUNTY — Check your stress at the door, sit down, relax, and enjoy the show because Jennifer Jones, director of StarStruck Theater's upcoming TeenStars production of "The Drowsy Chaperone" is certain theater patrons will enjoy

themselves.

It's a bizarre story of a man in his home who innocently puts on a record of his favorite 1920s musical and watches as the characters come to life in his living room.

There is fun music, dancing and dramatic characters like the cigar-smoking producer Feldzieg, played by Andrew Rodgers, and Kitty,

played by Spencer Ballantyne, offers commentary.

"It is hilarious," Ms. Jones said. "It's pure fun."

However, even more exciting for her than watching musical numbers like "Toledo Surprise" put audiences in stitches is the concept of introducing the show to area residents for

See **COMEDY, B5**



Week of 11-1-2013

**ARIES - March 21/April 20**

Seek the advice of a mentor or confidante when a puzzling situation presents itself this week. Another person's perspective might be all you need to solve this problem.

**TAURUS - April 21/May 21**

Getting the job done just isn't enough. You always need to get it done to the best of your ability and that's why others find you so reliable.

**GEMINI - May 22/June 21**

Focus your energy on work this week, as a possible promotion is looming over the horizon. Give work your best efforts, and you will soon be glad you did.

**CANCER - June 22/July 22**

Sometimes the key to success is to know when to step back and recharge. This week, spend some time resting and relaxing, and you will have the energy needed to go forward.

**LEO - July 23/Aug. 23**

You may be looking for something new to occupy your time. Try learning a new sport or language. It will keep your brain sharp and pass the time in a productive way.

**VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22**

This week is a great time to stop procrastinating and to get back on track. Figure out a time when you have the most energy, and dive right into the task at hand.

**LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23**

Get behind a cause that will benefit your community. You have been interested in giving back to others, and this week presents a great opportunity to do just that.

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

You love to socialize with friends and family, but lately time has been hard to come by. Plan a get-together with friends and family.

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

You can handle difficult situations with ease and your loved ones know it. When such a situation presents itself this week, don't be

See **SCOPES, B5**

## Gourd-gathering gurus



Jessica Berger helps her daughter Alli, 8, to load another pumpkin into their cart at the pumpkin patch at First Methodist Church in Stuart on Friday, Oct. 25.

Sevin Bullwinkle  
staff photographer

## Seafood Festival to entertain, raise awareness

By Alisha McDarris  
For Hometown News

STUART — Foodies, music lovers and anyone with a passion for all things nautical unite for Stuart's first ever Seafood Festival!

The inaugural two-day event at Memorial Park in Stuart on Nov. 16-17 will offer hours of live music, vendors selling everything from ocean-inspired jewelry to clothing, and as much seafood as a heart could desire.

"I call it a nautical

extravaganza," said Lainey Ruskay, event coordinator.

According to Ms. Ruska and event manager Lindsay Nickerson it's about time for such a festival in Stuart considering the city is surrounded by water.

There will be live music by Brett Duff Acoustic, The Samantha Russell Band, The Long Run Eagles Tribute Band and The Dave Matthews Tribute Band on Saturday and the Killbills, Fresh Catch and the

See **SEAFOOD, B3**



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer  
Jack Scott, 4, of Stuart, finds just the right pumpkin at the First Methodist Church pumpkin patch in Stuart on Friday, Oct. 25.

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# Rock band taking stage at Sunrise

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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — Kansas, the legendary American Progressive Rock Band will be rocking the Sunrise Theatre for one night only, Saturday, Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. With their self-titled first album released in 1974, Kansas went on to become one of the decade's most popular rock acts — issuing classic rock albums such as 1976's Leftover and 1977's Point of Know Return, along with the hit singles Carry on Wayward Son, Dust In the Wind, and Point of Know Return.

The Band produced eight gold albums, three sextuple-Platinum Albums - Leftover-

ture, Point of Know Return, Best of Kansas, one platinum live album - Two for the Show and a million-selling gold single, Dust in the Wind. Kansas appeared on the billboard charts for over 200 weeks throughout the 70s and 80s and played to sold out arenas throughout North America, Europe and Japan. In fact, Carry On Wayward Son was the No. 2 most played track on classic rock radio in 1995 and went to No. 1 in 1997.

Along with touring, Kansas continues to remain a fixture of Classic Rock radio and has reached a whole new audience through their unmistakable presence on the popular video games Rock Band and Guitar Hero, and through their songs inclusion in vari-

ous television shows such as: Supernatural and South Park, and with films Old School and Anchorman. Get ready for an unforgettable live performance of Kansas!

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FRIDAY, NOV. 1 – SUNDAY, NOV. 3

• **Stuart Air Show,** Witham Field. Friday night twilight air show (from 5-10 p.m.) features twilight air performers, live music by the Nouveaux Honkies, balloon glow, amusement rides, and fireworks finale. Saturday (9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.) and Sunday

(9 a.m. to 5 p.m.), enjoy aircraft and military equipment displays, aerobic performances, helicopter rides, balloon rides, children's rides and activities, and vendor and community booths. For more information, visit [www.stuartairshow.com](http://www.stuartairshow.com).

FRIDAY, NOV. 1 – SUNDAY, NOV. 10

• **Martin County Senior Games:** 24th year. 13 sporting events – golf, basketball shooting, doubles tennis, singles tennis, track, field, horseshoes, swimming, a 5K run, bowling, cycling and table tennis – will take place at various locations and dates through Martin and St. Lucie counties. Fee to participate is \$10 (includes one sport); \$20 for bowling and \$25 for the golf tournament. Register from Oct. 1-31 on <http://econnect.martin.fl.us>. For more information, call (772) 221-1419 or email [jmoore@martin.fl.us](mailto:jmoore@martin.fl.us).

SATURDAY, NOV. 2

• **'Cool' Garage sale:** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Samaritan Center for Young Boys & Families campus, 1490 S.E. Cove Road, Stuart. Furniture, boys and girls clothing, household items, more. Benefits the Samaritan Center Scholarship Fund. For more information, visit [www.thesamaritancenter.org](http://www.thesamaritancenter.org).

• **Annual Scholarship Luncheon:** Indiantown Education Coalition's annual event. Noon to 1:30 p.m., Manero's Restaurant, 2851 S.W. High Meadows Ave., Palm City. \$20 per person. Features the IEC's gift basket prize drawing, \$2 per gift basket donation ticket. All proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund for Indiantown students. To RSVP, contact Debbie Banta at (772) 219-1200, Ext. 30290, or email [bantad@martin.k12.fl.us](mailto:bantad@martin.k12.fl.us).

• **OPUS golf tournament:** 19th annual tournament to benefit the OPUS 2014 choir. 7:30 a.m. check-in, continental breakfast and range warm up. Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Four-person scramble format. Lunch at 12:30 p.m., followed by an OPUS choir performance at 1 p.m. \$125 fee per player includes greens fee & cart, range balls, breakfast, buffet lunch, auction, concert. Additional guests can attend the luncheon and concert performance for \$40. Contact See OUT, B3

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**SATURDAY, NOV. 2**  
– **SUNDAY, NOV. 3**

• **St. Lucie County Gem and Jewelry Show:** 35th annual event. Held at the Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 S.E. Dixie Highway, Stuart. Silent auctions, hands-on demonstrations, children's table to identify gems and make beaded jewelry, displays by St. Lucie County Rock and Gem Club members. No entrance fee, but \$3 donation at the door suggested. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit [www.slrockandgem.org](http://www.slrockandgem.org).

**SUNDAY, NOV. 3**

• **Dance for Food performance:** 3 p.m., Lyric Theatre, 59 S.W. Flagler Ave., Stuart. Sponsored by Schmitt, Cambron & Reynolds, PL.

Dance for Food brings together many of South Florida's finest contemporary dancers to showcase their talents in front of an audience whose only admission fee is a bag of nonperishable goods. Visit [www.a4ac.org](http://www.a4ac.org).

• **Rock'n Riverwalk concert series:** Free concert on the Riverwalk Stage in downtown Stuart, 1-4 p.m. every Sunday, November through April. Live music – jazz, blues, rock, reggae and more – plus vendors. Free Sailfish Shuttle ride from easy parking areas (Osceola, Sailfish or Kiwanis Park). For more information, visit [facebook.com/RocknRiverwalk](http://facebook.com/RocknRiverwalk).

**TUESDAY, NOV. 5 – DEC. 7**

• **Season's Readings book drive:** Friends of the Martin County Library System hope to collect 300 books for children, ages 3-5, enrolled in a Martin County program with the Early Learning Coalition. Visit a local library and choose a paper gingerbread figure with a child's first name and age, list your name and phone number on the list at the circulation counter. Purchase age-appropriate, non-religious, hardcover book (there's a guide on the counter), then bring your book and the gingerbread figure to the library circulation desk by Dec. 7. Visit [www.library.martin.fl.us](http://www.library.martin.fl.us) or call (772) 221-1403.

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# Seafood

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Amber Leigh Band on Sunday.

In between musical acts, browse the vendors selling nautically-themed art and more and sample some of the freshest local seafood around. Area restaurants and catering companies will be preparing everything from oysters to shrimp, seafood paella to tacos for festival-goers' enjoyment.

There will be a kids zone filled with bounce houses and crafts and a full bar available for the adults.

"There's something for everybody," Ms. Ruska said.

"This is something not to be missed," said Ms. Nickerson.

But the festival will be more than just a good time at the park. It's also benefitting the Rivers Coalition and their mission to fight for a safe,

healthy and ecologically balanced St. Lucie River Estuary and Indian River Lagoon.

Ms. Ruska said \$2,500 of the proceeds from the event will go straight to the Rivers Coalition, an organization she, along with many others, gladly supports.

"It's near and dear to so many people's hearts right now," Ms. Ruska said about the contaminated waterways. "It's our livelihood around here."

"To see it like this really breaks my heart," said Ms. Nickerson, who grew up in Stuart.

Ms. Ruska and Ms. Nickerson both hope the festival raises awareness and that proceeds and donations from the event will help the Rivers Coalition stand up for local water-

ways in Tallahassee and beyond.

They also plan to make the Stuart Seafood Festival an annual event and aspire to raise more money for the Rivers Coalition every year.

Advanced tickets for the event are \$5 or \$7 at the gate. Kids under 12 are free. Advanced tickets can be purchased at Jenkins Landscape and Juno Shoe Girl in Hobe Sound, Kids Need More Art, Fresh Catch Seafood Grill, and Ocean Blue Yacht Sales in Stuart, Chillin the Most in Jensen Beach and Nickerson & Company at the Marriott on Hutchinson Island.

The Festivities kick off on Nov. 16 at 10 a.m. and run until 10 p.m. On Sunday fun can be had from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.



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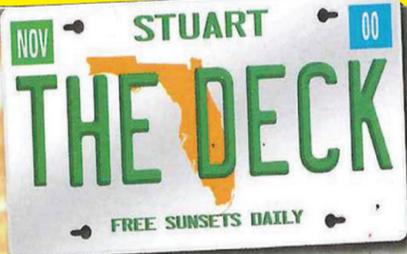
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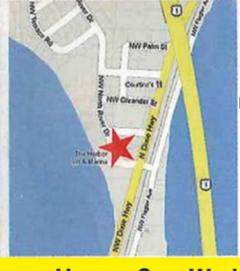
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# Cold mornings are back

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It is time for a change of season, cooler water and this will bring our winter species to the table. Red fish are the first to come to mind, we have resident red fish, but the cooler water will bring many more. We should start to see many over the slot.

Blues and Spanish Mackerels will also pick up in numbers along with the sought after pompano.

In Winter, I love this place. To the surf and the ever changing conditions, wind and then no wind, white water then calm all in the same day.

Mullet have moved on and with them went most of the tarpon. So in their place we have blue fish, macs, jacks, big croaker, whiting and yes small pompano.

As this month closes it will be time for the bigger pompano, I promise. Cooler temperatures seem to have awakened plenty of whiting and croaker and the best part is they are there all day, so no hurry, head out whenever you

are ready.

Blues and macs are biting for the early anglers but a high tide will put them at your feet. You have to sort through the pompano for the keepers. Best time for the pompano is early for the long caster, but pompano set the rules.

There were a few snook from the trough; they were up close having whiting for breakfast. DOA bait-buster is the lure getting the most attention. So if you are just looking to bend a rod come on down the surf is place.

There are so many little red fish and that is a good thing. They like the cooler water and if they are small that means the slot and bigger reds are not that far off. There are small reds throughout the area and I've heard about

some bigger fish in the Walton Road south area to County Line at low light.

Trout has been steady with top of the slot fish from Bear Point south the Power Plant. Again, early is best but they are here all day. Suspending lures this week have gotten most attention.

There are lots of fish at the bridges, blues, macs, jacks, mangroves, drum and list goes on. It depends on your fishing time as to who is home, but the bites have been there most of the day.

After sun down, the snook are feeding on most anything. Mullet have moved on so they are not picky eaters. Small swimming baits and live shrimp are preferred. Sorry, there's not enough wind for a Flair Hawk. Keep watch for activity in the river, what looks like a school of mullet could be reds, blues or jacks a plenty from all locations.

Henry Caimatto is the owner of the Snook Nook Bait and Tackle shop in Jensen Beach.

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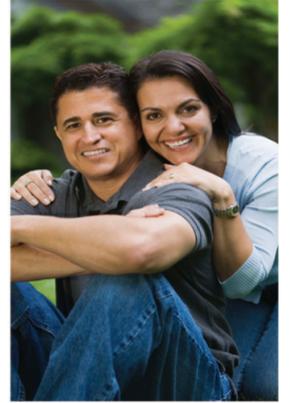


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the first time. The StarStruck production is the regional premier of the musical that hasn't played anywhere else on the Treasure Coast since its U.S. debut on Broadway in 2006.

In addition, two of the TeenStars performing in "The Drowsy Chaperone," Talia Suskauer and Kevin Paul, are also among the finalists for Junior Achievement of the Palm Beaches' Watch a Rising Star competition that takes place in January and highlights the best musical talent in the area.

"They're so professional and they're such strong actors," Ms. Jones said.

But she's proud of all of her cast members who are excelling in their character roles and really bringing the show to life. This show in particular gives more students than usual their turn in the spotlight; it features 13 leading characters.

"It's going to showcase so much talent," Ms. Jones said.

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**CHAMBER EVENTS**

**Council of Chambers Breakfast with Cong. Patrick Murphy**  
 Monday, November 4th  
 7:45 AM  
 Hosted by  
**Martin Downs Golf Club**  
 3801 S.W. Greenwood Way  
 Palm City  
 Reservations are required

**Operation Thank You Breakfast**  
 Tuesday, November 5th  
 7:45 AM  
 Sponsored by  
**Seacoast National Bank**  
 at Chamber Office

**Networking Luncheon**  
 Wednesday, November 6th  
 11:45 AM  
 Sponsored by  
**Century 21 IRP Realty/ Norman Page Team**  
 Hosted by  
**Bonefish Grill**  
 2283 S.E. Federal Hwy., Stuart  
 Reservations are required

**Holiday Trade Show/ Mini Taste Business After Hours**  
 Wednesday, November 13th  
 5:30 - 8:00 PM  
 Hosted by  
**The Kane Center**  
 900 S.E. Salerno Rd., Stuart

**Networking Breakfasts**  
 Tuesday, November 19th  
 7:45 AM  
 Hosted & Sponsored by  
**Florida Arts & Dance Co.**  
 938 S.E. Central Parkway., Stuart

**Thursday, November 21st**  
 7:45 AM  
 Sponsored by  
**Tykes & Teens**  
 Hosted by  
**Arts Council**  
**Courthouse Cultural Center**  
 80 E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart

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**Officers Inducted at Chamber Installation Gala on October 5th**



The Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce 2013/14 Board of Directors was introduced at the Installation Gala held at Mariner Sands Country Club on October 5th. Shown here are (seated from left): Linda Weiksnar, Crary Buchanan P.A.; Stacy Ranieri, The Firefly Group; Robin Hicks-Connors, RHC Fundraising Consultants, LLC; Vice Chairman Janice Norman, Century 21 IRP Realty/Norman Page Team; Lynne Barletta, Visionary School of Arts; (standing from left): Laurie Gaylord, Superintendent Martin County Schools; William G. Carson, Forward Electric & Air Conditioning; Vice Chairman Ryan Strom, Team Parks, Inc.; Past Chairman Michael Dadko, UBS/Sailfish Wealth Management Group; David Smith, Galaxy Aviation of Stuart; Chairman John O'Brien, Gulfstream Aluminum & Shutter Corp; Elliot Paul, Elliot Paul & Company; President/CEO Joe Catrambone; Gordon Proctor, Proctor, Crook, Crowder & Fogal CPAs; Chair Elect Pete Lashenka, Seacoast National Bank; Rob Gluckman, Esq., Treasure Coast Urgent & Family Care and James Vojcsik, United Way of Martin County. NOT SHOWN: David Armellini, Armellini Express Lines, Inc.; Miguel Coty, Martin Health System; Donald Mader, Southeastern Printing; Paul Nicoletti, Stuart City Manager; Doug Smith, Martin County Commissioner and Beth Gaskin, Indian River State College.



Nick Blount, FPL (2nd from right) won the prestigious "Toots" Armellini Business Person of the Year Award. Shown with Blount are (from left) Chamber President/CEO Joe Catrambone; Judy Dusharm; Richard and Sarah Armellini and Chairman Michael Dadko, UBS/Sailfish Wealth Management Group.



Chamber Chairman Michael Dadko, UBS/Sailfish Wealth Management Group (right) presented (from left) Past Chamber Chairman Tom Vokoun, AECOM; Kevin Powers, Indiantown Realty and Shaun Plymale, Chapman & Plymale Law, P.A. awards for their years of service on the Chamber board.



Chamber Ambassador Co-Chair Lisa Satur, Harbor Community Bank, was presented the Ambassador of the Year Award by Chairman Michael Dadko, UBS/Sailfish Wealth Mgt. Group.



After years of service and dedication to the Stuart/Martin County Chamber, Bill Barrett, Gator PC earned the President's Award presented by President/CEO Joe Catrambone.



In-coming Chamber Chairman John O'Brien, Gulfstream Aluminum & Shutter Corp (left) and President/CEO Joe Catrambone (right) present Michael Dadko, UBS/Sailfish Wealth Management Group an award for his outstanding job as 2012-13 Chairman.



**LEFT:** Elliot Paul, Elliot Paul & Company (center), shown with Chamber President/CEO Joe Catrambone and Chairman Michael Dadko, UBS/Sailfish Wealth Management Group, was overjoyed to win the Chairman's Award.



**RIGHT:** Retired CEO and Chamber Small Business Services counselor Ken Ferguson (center) was joined by Chamber President/CEO Joe Catrambone and Chairman Michael Dadko, UBS/Sailfish Wealth Management Group as he accepted his Life-time Achievement Award.



Chamber Chairman John O'Brien, Gulfstream Aluminum & Shutter Corp. (left) and President/CEO Joe Catrambone (right) thank the owners of Stuart Bowl, Michael Rechter and Dave Romano for sponsoring and hosting the October Business After Hours at their newly remodeled bowling and entertainment center.



The Humane Society of the Treasure Coast, sponsors of the Chamber's October Luncheon at Piper's Landing, presented information on upcoming events including the annual Mutt March and opportunities for members and their pets to become involved in the organization. Shown from left are: Cheryl Boyce, Bitsy McKay, Candice Veach, President/CEO Frank Valente, Christine Hearn and Jayme Uteschill.

**OPERATION THANK YOU**  
**November 5-8, 2013**  
 Kick-Off Breakfast - Tuesday, Nov. 5th  
 7:45 AM - Chamber Conference Room  
 Join us in this annual "celebration of appreciation" thanking our Chamber members!  
 It's a great opportunity to promote your business and meet potential customers.  
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**HOLIDAY TRADESHOW**  
**BUSINESS AFTER HOURS & MINI HOLIDAY TASTE**  
**Wednesday, November 13th**  
**5:30-8:00 PM**  
**The Kane Center**  
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**For Information on these and other Chamber events, contact Lisa Teetor at 287-1088, ext. 111 or lisat@stuartmartinchamber.org**

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