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Need to know

Snook harvest seasonal closure in Atlantic began Dec. 15

The recreational harvest season for snook closes Dec. 15 in Atlantic state and federal waters, including Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River, and will remain closed through Jan. 31, 2014, reopening to harvest Feb. 1. Snook can continue to be caught and released during the closed season.

Gulf state and federal waters, including Monroe County and Everglades National Park closed Dec. 1 and will reopen to harvest March 1, 2014.

This and other regular season closures are designed to help protect the species during vulnerable times such as cold weather.

Visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater Fishing" and "Recreational Regulations" for more information on snook.

Residents urged to take housing survey

The St. Lucie County HOME Consortium is conducting an online survey in St. Lucie, Martin, and Indian River counties on Fair Housing issues now through Jan. 31. Results of the survey will be published in the St. Lucie County HOME Consortium's

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More than 100 Senior Stars still hoping for a Secret Santa to make their holidays brighter with small gifts — how you can help

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HELP!

What should you do when it seems the Internet isn't working?

WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday: Partly cloudy; high: 79; low: 66; high tide: 10:04 a.m.; low tide: 4:03 p.m.
Saturday: Partly cloudy, chance of rain; high: 81; low: 68; high tide: 10:41 a.m.; low tide: 4:40 p.m.
Sunday: Partly cloudy; high: 82; low: 66; high tide: 11:19 a.m.; low tide: 5:20 p.m.
 Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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County graduation rates rise

By Alisha McDarris
For Hometown News

Martin County school administrators celebrated last week as Martin County Schools were ranked third in the state in Florida Department of Education's Federal Graduation Rate report.

The graduation rate for the 2012-13 school year was 87.71 percent, up 2.82 percent from 2011-2012 and well over the Florida average of 75.57 percent. Their graduation rate trumps St. Lucie County by 20 percent and Palm Beach County by 11.4 percent.

"It's such a great thing to celebrate," said Ginger Featherstone, assistant superintendent.

Superintendent Laurie Gaylord congratulated teachers and students by visiting each Martin County high school with a bouquet of balloons.

"I'm personally elated," said Ms. Featherstone. "It's certainly telling of the dedication of the community, the administration, the teachers, the parents and the students."

But the rise in graduation percentages doesn't just happen; it takes much planning and hard work by dozens of individuals.

To ensure that every student is get-

ting the best chance at graduation, a team of administrators, guidance counselors, teachers and parents meet to develop a plan of attack for students at risk of not graduating on time.

They determine as the students enter ninth grade which of them might benefit from having a peer mentor, a tutor or an adult mentor to help them get the credits they need, keep their grades up, and

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Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!



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Leigha Wells of Jensen Beach watches as her 2-year old daughter Aleighna plays in the snow.

The 'Holidays Around the World' event, including holiday games and a snowball fight, was held at the Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast in Jensen Beach on Friday, December 13.

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Above: Eliannah Carbone, 13 months, watches as her sister, Alexa Cardis, 7, of Port St. Lucie, makes a snow angel.



Left: Two and a half year old Brian Rodriguez of Port St. Lucie prepares a snow ball.

Sevin Bullwinkle staff photographer

Area schools taking cyber safety seriously

By Alisha McDarris
For Hometown News

MARTIN COUNTY — Martin County Schools have been educating students about cyber safety for years, but this past week was the third annual Cyber Safety Week where students in every Martin County School was educated on how to be good digital citizens.

According to Marilyn Gavitt, coordinator of instructional technology for the Martin County School District, the dedicated week is all about awareness and ensuring students know how to protect themselves.

"As a school district we're obligated to make sure kids look at cyber safety," Ms. Gavitt said.

The week will be full of activities coordinated by

school media specialists that include instructional videos, pledges, public service announcements and more to ensure kids know how to protect their privacy.

Martin County Schools want to ensure their students are being responsible while surfing the web.

"A good digital citizen is someone who doesn't bully anyone online, doesn't give out personal information, doesn't meet people offline (that they met online), doesn't take creative property and claim it as their own," Ms. Gavitt said.

Ms. Gavitt's tips for safety include using kind words, never saying anything online or in a text message that they wouldn't say in person, and getting adults

involved if kids or teens see something online that is suspicious or makes them uncomfortable.

"By having a Cyber Safety Week we really bring it to the forefront ... and help our students be safe online," Ms. Gavitt said.

It's information the school district has offered for quite some time, but it was Ms. Gavitt's idea to combine it all into one concentrated week instead of an entire school year. She wanted to show that Martin County Schools were taking the topic seriously.

That's when she came up with the idea for an easy, concise way to get

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Medical center opens in Indiantown

By Alisha McDarris
For Hometown News

INDIANTOWN — Indiantown is finally getting a much-needed addition to the community in the form of a brand new medical center.

The iTown Medical Center is scheduled to open in January in the Indiantown Community Service Center thanks to Indiantown Non-Profit Housing, Dr. M. Kamal Syed and Muhammed Nooruddin, RPT who are running the operation.

INPHI is providing the space and funding the upfront costs for pricey equipment and waiving rent fees for the first year in order to get the clinic on its feet so it can accommodate the needs of the people of Indiantown.

"We're doing what we always do; we're reinvesting in our community," said

Donna Carman, executive director at INPHI.

Dr. Syed is a primary care physician on staff at Raulerson Hospital in Okeechobee, Martin Medical Center in Stuart and Tradition Medical Center in Port St. Lucie and Dr. Nooruddin has more than 20 years' experience as a physical therapist and has been working in a small Indiantown office on a part-time basis.

"I think they're going to do an excellent job," Ms. Carman said. "I've heard nothing but good things."

The iTown Medical Center will be the second health center in Indiantown, good news for the more than 10,000 residents who have had to manage with just one small practice or drive more than 20 minutes away to the next closest center in Stuart.

The iTown Medical Center

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Visually impaired students learn lessons while shopping

By Alisha McDarris
For Hometown News

MARTIN COUNTY — According to Curt Seeley, Team Leader for the Visually Impaired Program for Martin County Schools, there's only so much teaching that can be done in the classroom.

That's why he brought eight of his students from kindergarten to 12th grade to the Treasure Coast Mall last Friday to give them firsthand experience shopping independently and to help a family in need while doing it.

For 20 years, Mr. Seeley has organized the outing for his visually impaired students to teach them orientation and mobility and purchase gifts for a family that might not get any otherwise.

He asks area churches and schools to make recommendations for a family that could use a little extra cheer each year and takes the stu-

dents out to buy toys and clothes to brighten their holidays.

In class he teaches the kids to be independent travelers using canes, landmarks and special enlarged or tactile maps that they've created to help them navigate the mall. The tactile maps have raised symbols to represent stores and hallways.

Once there, they put to use what they've learned over the past days and weeks and head out to the stores to fill their baskets full of gifts for others.

"It helps me help them," Mr. Seeley said. "The end goal is to be independent."

And the mall is just the place to do it.

"It's a good environment," Mr. Seeley said. "It's safe and there's no traffic."

The Stuart Police Department even partners with the program, donating money for the gifts the students will buy, transporting them from



Lisa Garveric of Fort Pierce, P.A.R.A Professional, Brian Bassio of the Stuart Police Department, back, with Michael Tabor, 6, Jesus Garcia, 11, Stacy Fuhrman of Palm City, vision assistant, and Joshua O'Conner as they complete their shopping at J.C. Penney's toy department.

Sevin Bullwinkle
staff photographer

school to the mall in the morning, and even shopping with them.

At the mall they must put the skills they've learned in the classroom to good use as they recall the layout of the stores, pick out gifts, and make a purchase, all in the spirit of giving.

"We just want to do some good for the community," Mr. Seeley said. "They are visually impaired, but there are people in the community that are less fortunate than them."

Some of the students have low vision and some are blind, but all enjoy a day out of the classroom shopping for others.

"It's important because some kids don't get any toys for Christmas," said Josh O'Connor, a second grade student at Citrus Grove Elementary.

Josh and Jesus Garcia, a fourth grade student also from Citrus Grove, were both thrilled to pick out toys for other children and to sit down to lunch at Ruby Tuesday's afterward.

It warms Mr. Seeley's heart to see the students enjoying themselves as he shows them that even though they are visually impaired they can still do good for the community.



Captain Steven Graff of the Stuart Police Department helps Juana Andreas, 5, of Indiantown, shop at Claire's in the Treasure Coast Mall.

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Thirteen year old Hidden Oaks Middle School students Carly Witte and Maddie Reinhart shop for Christmas gifts for a needy family at Claire's.



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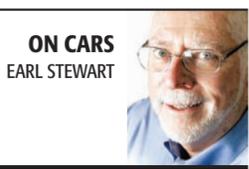
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If you look down at the bottom of virtually every car advertisement in your local newspaper, you will see some fine print. Sometimes you literally cannot read the print because it is so small. The disclaimers you read below were taken from a recent edition of a local paper. I didn't make any of these up. Basically what these disclaimers do is to totally negate the validity of all of the prices and payments the car dealers are advertising. The prices and payments are always much higher when you factor in the almost invisible fine print.

Combining a very short lease term with a high down payment. Nothing sells cars like low monthly payments. A car dealer can make a monthly lease payment as low as he wants by both reducing the number of months of the lease and increasing the down payment. I'm looking at an ad in the paper right now advertising an SUV for \$19,999 or just \$199 per month. In the fine print it says 27-month lease and \$3,000 down plus a \$799 dealer fee.

"Plus dealer installed options" The price you see advertised in the paper is not the full price. This loophole allows the dealer to tack on thousands of dollars in

overpriced accessories to the price that was advertised. Dealers often charge well over one thousand dollars for floor mats, adhesive pin stripes, and flimsy plastic door edge guards.

"Advertised offer good on select in-stock vehicles only" Dealers often advertise just one car at a price below their cost. They don't pay the salesman a commission if he sells that vehicle. The chances of that car being available for you to buy are "slim and none." Even if the car was still there, the salesman would do everything in his power to sell you a different car that he could earn a commission on.

"Owner Loyalty Rebate." Manufacturers offer special cash rebates to current owners of their car. These rebates are not available to you if you don't currently own that particular make of car. For example, if you own a Honda, and want to buy a Toyota, you don't qualify for a Toyota loyalty rebate. That price you see advertised won't be available. Other exclusionary rebates are College Graduate rebates and Military rebates. These are great for recent graduates and service men and women, but do not apply to the majority of consumers. It is also very common to see dealers combine all three: loyalty, college graduate and military rebates, making it virtually impossible for any

consumer to take advantage of.

"Price ... plus, tax, tag, and fees." The red flag word here is "fees." The fees these dealers refer to is a "dealer fee," which is synonymous for dealer profit. Most people think it's a federal or state tax of some kind. It's nothing more than more money for the dealer that is not disclosed in the price of the car.

"Offers expire date of publication or may be cancelled at any time without notice." This simply means that the prices, payments, etc. you have read have no validity whatsoever. The prices are not good tomorrow, but they aren't even any good today because the dealer can cancel the offer without notice.

"Not responsible for typographical errors." This is just one more way for a dealer to explain why they can't sell you the car for the advertised price... We don't have to honor that price because it was a "typographical error."

"Vehicle Art for illustrations only." This means that that car you are looking at with the really great looking wheels might not have those wheels on the one you buy. Or, maybe it doesn't even have those alloy wheels you see in the picture.

"Minimum trade based on dealer list price". The dealer list price

is not the same thing as the manufacturers suggest price. Dealers add markups to the Monroney label also known as MSRP or manufacturer's suggested retail price. They label this markup (often on a sticker designed to imitate the official federal Monroney label). Dealer markups of \$3,000 and much more are common on such "counterfeit Monroney" labels. In this case, the dealer has marked up the MSRP far enough so that he can offer a minimum \$10,000 trade-in allowance.

"\$4,000 Trade Equity Required." This is another deceptive way to advertise a super low car payment. How many of us have \$4,000 in equity in our trades? Certainly not the majority of consumers!

My advice to you is to ignore all car dealers' newspaper advertising. Most car ads are designed to "get you in the door" so that they can sell you some other car than the one advertised so that they can make more money. If you must respond to a dealer's newspaper ad, please be sure you break out your magnifying glass and carefully read the fine print.



Rates

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they graduate with their classmates.

"Every child is different and you have to create an action plan based on that child," Ms. Featherstone said.

She said they get better at identifying and encouraging at-risk students every year, using mainly FCAT scores, and evaluate what works and what doesn't based on data

collected. The schools monitor students' progress and follow up to make sure their efforts are not in vain.

Ms. Featherstone believes it's that work with at-risk students that has increased Martin County Schools' graduation rates, but she knows it's not those efforts alone; it's also about ensuring they are known, valued and inspired.

"When a student knows you care about their success, they strive to succeed," Ms. Featherstone said.

Because as much as she would love for Martin County Schools to be number one in the state for graduation rates, seeing 100 percent of her students graduate on time, it's also about touching students' lives and preparing them for the road ahead.

"Our hope is that we continue to provide our students with the best academic environment to be successful so they can earn their diploma and move on to the next step in their life," Ms. Feather-

stone said.

Administration plans to continue providing support to students, valuing them as individuals, and encouraging them to succeed so Martin County Schools remain tops in the state for graduation rates.

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Education Center reopens with more classes, hours

By Alisha McDarris
For Hometown News

INDIANTOWN — Indian River State College is continuing their mission of being an accessible and affordable option for education by re-opening their

Indiantown Education Center with more classes and set hours than ever before.

The facility has been used by IRSC since 2001, offering varied classes and even housing GED programs, but now it will be an improved resource for new and cur-

rent students.

The central Indiantown location is meant to offer easy access to Indiantown residents interested in furthering their education as full- or part-time students but who don't have the time or resources to travel to the Chastain Campus in Stuart several days a week.

"It's really just more convenient," said Elizabeth Gaskin, Provost of Martin County for IRSC. "The less (students) have to worry about travel and the time it takes to get to class the more time they'll have to devote to their studies."

Five classes will be offered at the new center including Spanish for daily

use I, college computing, child development and education, intermediate algebra and English composition I.

Some are basic classes required for a degree, others, such as Child development and Spanish, were requested by residents and business people in the area that IRSC surveyed in order to find out what classes would be most beneficial for them.

"We've really been trying to see what needs we could meet out there," Ms. Gaskin said. "We're trying to provide them with more resources."

The center will also operate under set hours. Where-

as before hours at the center varied depending on when a staff member was present, now the center will be open 20 hours a week, noon to 8 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays, for classes and the use of computers.

"Hopefully we can attract students for whom education has not been a convenient option," Ms. Gaskin said.

IRSC hosted a registration night on Dec. 16 to help potential and current students with the application and registration process, giving them a chance to ask questions and get all the information they required.

Ms. Gaskin said the goal for the new site is to meet the needs of the community and maybe expand the offerings list in the future to contribute to the local workforce and economy in a positive way.

Current and potential Indiantown students can apply and register online at www.irsc.edu or ask questions about the new center by calling Leticia Martinez, Indiantown Representative, at (772) 597-5130.

The IRSC Indiantown Education Center is located at 15655 S.W. Osceola St., Indiantown, and the last day to register for spring semester classes is Jan. 5.

Medical

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will offer medical, radiology

and rehabilitation services including primary care, lab services, x-rays, occupational therapy and more.

Ms. Carman said the current facility, Florida Community Health Center, is an excellent one, but their ability to serve everyone in the community is limited. Add in the fact that low-income

residents are given priority and a second medical center is all but necessary.

"We're trying to find a way to improve the availability of health care for the entire community," Ms. Carman said.

Residents won't be the only ones benefitting from the new full-service facility, however. Local business will also have a place to send their employees for physicals, drug tests and workers compensation related serv-

ices. Ms. Carman said it will also be a draw for potential employers looking for new locations for their businesses.

Fourteen full-time and fourteen part-time employees will staff the new location, including nurse practitioners, practical nurses, therapists and technicians.

The iTown Medical Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. five days per week at 15516 S.W. Osceola St., Indiantown.

Know

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report on Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. To take part in the survey, go to www.slchousing.org and click on "Fair Housing Survey."

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tion on Fair Housing, visit www.HUD.gov.

St. Lucie County has partnered with Indian River and Martin Counties to form the St. Lucie County HOME Consortium. The St. Lucie County HOME Consortium is a recipient of Federal HOME Investment Partnership Program funds. The objective of the HOME program is to provide decent and affordable housing opportunities for very low- and low-income households through activities such as: first-time homebuyer assistance and homeowner housing rehabilitation.

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 Dec 6-13.

Stuart Police Department

- Joseph Estrale, 18, of 8866 S.E. Parkway Drive, Hobe Sound, was charged with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence, and with cultivation of cannabis.
- Michael Rodrigo Lee, 30, of 6699 Second Street, Jupiter, was charged with possession of controlled substance with intent to sell/deliver, with possession of cannabis under 20 grams, with possession/use of drug paraphernalia, with driving while license suspended/revoked with knowledge, and with driving under the influence.
- Erick Green, 25, of 704 S.E. East Ave. Apt 11, Stuart, was charged with sale of controlled substance within 1,000 feet of public/private school, with possession of marijuana over 20 grams, and with possession/use of drug paraphernalia.

Martin County Sheriff's Office

- Branden Michael Corriveau, 27, of 1632 S.W. Lofgren Ave., Port St. Lucie, was charged with two counts of felony violation of probation.
- Awn Jafar Daas, 25, of 110 Spago Drive, Fort Pierce, was charged with unlawful use of personal identification information,

with two counts of unauthorized possession of driver license, and with two counts of driving while license suspended/revoked with knowledge.

- Koressa Danae Enterline, 20, of 6243 Rossman Road, Onondaga, Mich., was charged with grand theft.
- Matthew Kevin Gallagher, 44, of 805 S.E. Central Parkway #1, Stuart, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Richard Dennis Gwinn, 60, of P.O. Box 5500, Chillicothe, Ohio, was charged with two counts of sexual battery upon person 12 years of age or older - with deadly weapon.
- Crystal Lynn Jones, 32, of 1079 N.W. 16th Street, Stuart, was charged with possession, sale, manufacture or delivery of controlled substance - schedule II or III or IV, and with possession of controlled substance without valid prescription.
- Skyler Jordan Liggett, 18, of 4550 S.E. Graham Drive, Stuart, was charged with unarmed burglary of structure or conveyance without person inside.
- Brian Vincent Mastranzunio, 43, of unknown address, West Palm Beach, was charged with trafficking in illegal drugs - morphine/opium, and with resisting arrest without violence.
- Robert Samuel McLachlan, 51, of 1250 N.E. Railroad Street, Stuart, was charged with possession of controlled substance without valid prescription, with possession of marijuana over 20 grams, and with cultivation of cannabis.
- Lauren Broedell Phillips, 34, of 195 S.W. Walking Path, Stuart, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Edgardo Luis Quintero, 23, of 14798 S.W. 173rd Ave., Indiantown, was charged with

felony violation of probation.

- William Rosado Jr., 21, of 5893 Mango Road, West Palm Beach, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Venorris Smith Jr., 43, of 1633 N.W. 11th Circle Apt 79, Pompano Beach, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Anthony Vasquez, 21, of 4526 S.E. Graham Street, Stuart, was charged with burglary.
- Edward Joseph Watson, 51, of 2161 S.E. Airoso Blvd., Port St. Lucie, was charged with felony failure to appear.
- Stanley Eugene Baker, 34, of 4384 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach, was charged with aggravated battery and with battery.
- Kathryn Leigh Bell, 43, of 7776 S.E. Wren Ave., Hobe Sound, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- R. C. Bundrage, 38, of 969 W. Georgia Highway 49, Milledgeville, Ga., was charged with grand theft.
- Ricky C. Hill, 56, of 987 W. Georgia Highway 49, Milledgeville, Ga., was charged with grand theft and with fraudulent use of personal identification information.
- Nicole Elaine McCrory, 38, of 1765 N.W. Fork Road, Stuart, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Karrie Renee Waters, 46, of 105 S.W. Cabana Point Circle, Stuart, was charged with aggravated assault with deadly weapon without intent to kill.
- Annie Doris Williams, 54, of 1185 N.E. Charlotte Street, Jensen Beach, was charged with two counts of possession of controlled substance and with introduce/remove contraband into county detention facility.
- Meredith Leigh Ball, 25, of 4248 S.E. Cove Lake Circle Apt 103, Stuart, was charged with

dealing in stolen property.

- Amie Katherine Clark, 33, of 710 S.W. 31st Street, Palm City, was charged with two counts of dealing in stolen property and with two counts of giving false ownership information to a pawnbroker.
- Shellie Renee Griffin, 44, of 735 Central Ave., Stuart, was charged with uttering false/forged instrument, with obtaining goods through fraudulent use of credit card, and with forgery.
- Travis Breon Jackson, 28, of 822 N.W. 33rd Way, Fort Lauderdale, was charged with assault or battery on law enforcement officer/firefighter/intake officer.
- Philip Joseph Mandra, 24, of 67 S.W. Riverway Blvd., Palm City, was charged with driving while license suspended - habitual offender.
- Brandon Lawrence Schwartz, 19, of 5658 Tangerine Blvd., Stuart, was charged with two counts of possession, sale, manufacture or delivery of controlled substance - schedule II or III or IV, and with possession of controlled substance without valid prescription.
- Jessica Melissa Borysiewicz, 34, of 1370 N.E. Dixie Highway, Jensen Beach, was charged with felony failure to appear.
- Dominique Plain, 26, of 305 N. 31st Street, Fort Pierce, was charged with sale/delivery of buprenorphine within 1,000 feet of convenience business, with two counts of possession of controlled substance, with flee/attempt to elude a police officer, and with driving while license suspended/revoked with knowledge.
- Mark Luther Ramsey, 51, of 1037 N.W. 13th Street, Stuart, was charged with possession, sale, manufacture or delivery of controlled substance, and with rent of structure or conveyance for traf-

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ficking in or manufacturing a controlled substance.

- Michael Bryant Roland, 22, of 8475 S.E. Bayberry Terrace, Hobe Sound, was charged with attempt to solicit or conspire, and with possession of cannabis under 20 grams.
- Angela Voshay Brown, 31, of 1406 N. 17th Street, Fort Pierce, was charged with possession of antishiplifting control device countermeasure, with theft, with retail theft, with driving while license suspended - habitual offender, and with driving while license suspended/revoked with knowledge.
- Willie Dee Candis, 61, of 720 Fowler Ave., Tampa, was charged with battery on a detainee in detention facility.
- Marquisa Isamita Ford, 23, of 8605 S.E. Aurora Way, Hobe Sound, was charged with possession of antishiplifting control device countermeasure and with retail theft.
- Christopher M. Guynn, 52, of 2360 N.E. Rustic Way, Jensen Beach, was charged with felony violation of probation.
- Brent Harrison Jaffe, 27, of 1820 N.E. Dixie Highway, Jensen Beach, was charged with posses-

sion of controlled substance without valid prescription.

- Alexis Rieo, 29, of 804 N. 23rd Street, Fort Pierce, was charged with possession of antishiplifting control device countermeasure and with resisting merchant.
- Gerald Lenn Taylor, 47, of 801 S.E. Tarpon Ave., Stuart, was charged with possession of controlled substance, with possession of cannabis under 20 grams, with possession/use of drug paraphernalia, with trespass of occupied structure or conveyance, and with resisting arrest without violence.
- Najana Uthman, 21, of 802 N. 23rd Street, Fort Pierce, was charged with possession of antishiplifting control device countermeasure and with retail theft.
- Brittany Whittaker, 23, of 1607 N. 12th Street Apt B, Fort Pierce, was charged with possession of antishiplifting control device countermeasure and with retail theft.

Florida Highway Patrol

- Elrood Prudent, 55, of 1836 Concert Road, Deltona, was charged with driving while license suspended - third or subsequent offense.

Reduced adoption fees available

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PALM CITY — The Humane Society of the Treasure Coast's shelter is filled to capacity and the intake of cats and rabbits continues to climb.

To ease the overcrowding, the HSTC is offering cat, kitten and rabbit adoptions through Dec. 31 for \$10. Additionally, the shelter will waive the adoption fees for featured dogs.

Since 1955, the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast,

located at 4100 SW Leighton Farm Ave. in Palm City, has been the leading advocate for animal welfare in the Martin County area. A 501(c)3 private, nonprofit organization, the Humane Society relies on donations, wills and bequests to support its programs and services. As a local Humane Society, HSTC is independently run from any national welfare or humane organization with no financial assistance from these groups.

Adoption locations are: Main Shelter: 4100 S.W. Leighton Farm Ave, Palm City.

Phone: (772) 223-8822.

HSTC Thrift Store Central: 2585 S.E. Federal Highway, Stuart. Phone: (772) 286-6909.

HSTC Thrift Store North: 1099 N.W. 21st St., Stuart, Phone: (772) 232-4887.

Adoption hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Wednesday; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday.

To view the pets currently available for adoption, visit <http://www.hstc1.org>.

For more information, call (772) 223-8822.



Katie Alvarez shows off one of the many cats available to adopt at a reduced fee until the end of the year at the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast.

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Help, the internet is broken!

A complaint I hear often is "the internet is down." Every time someone says that to me I can't help but picture in my mind computers all over the world stopped in their tracks and displaying some type of error. Email messages no longer bouncing from node to node, Netflix accounts standing still with an hourglass spinning and turning, Google searches stalled and coming up empty.

"What exactly do you mean the internet is down?" I ask (usually while looking at a fully functioning internet connection at my desk). I know that people count on the internet for so much but when one facet off the internet stops working does it really mean that the whole internet is "down"? No, not quite. I imagine it's kind of like dialing a phone number and getting a fast busy signal or a message saying that the number you are trying to reach is not available. Does that mean the phone system is down? No, it's just a problem connecting to that phone number. Or another way to look at it is seeing a "Road Closed" sign at the end of the street. Does that mean the entire highway system is down? No, not quite.

When someone calls me and says that the internet is down I know I have to do some question asking to determine exactly what they mean by that statement. Just what problem do they have exactly to lead them to believe that the internet is "down"? Most of the time, after asking a few simple questions and listening closely to the answers, the problem is one website that the caller is trying to access. They click a shortcut and the hourglass starts to twirl until it finally "times out" and displays an error message that the page cannot be displayed but does this mean that the internet is really down?

I usually ask them to try accessing another site – if



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they were trying to access Yahoo.com and got that message I ask them to try Google. If they were trying to access Google then I ask them to try Yahoo. Usually they are unable to access one page but are able to access the other working clearly that the internet is indeed "up." Or maybe it's an email problem – they try to access email but get an error message. Sure I know it's frustrating when something people rely on every day suddenly stops working but to declare that the "internet is down" goes a little overboard as the problem is usually not as severe.

So, how does one figure out what is really going on? Well there are a lot of tools and techniques out there that can be used to discover the extent of the problem and one of my favorite tools can be used to check the status of a particular site and that tool is called "Down-ForEveryoneOrJustMe.com."

The idea behind the site is that it is sometimes difficult to determine if a problem accessing a particular web address is a "local" problem (that is a problem with the "local" computer from which you are trying to access the site) or a problem with the web address you are trying to reach.

When you have a problem accessing a web address try going to www.DownForEveryoneOrJustMe.com. If the site opens then you know right off the bat that the internet is not "down" but rather you are having a problem accessing a site (kind of like dialing a phone number and getting a fast busy signal). If DownForEveryoneOrJustMe.com does open then type in the web address you are trying to

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Ready for the snowball fight



Alexandra Pettit, 8, of Palm City, makes a snowball during the 'Holidays Around the World' party at the Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast on Dec. 13. Along with the snow and holiday games, the event featured hay rides around Indian RiverSide Park, holiday carols, and a chance to experience how other cultures around the world celebrate their holidays.

Sevin Bullwinkle
staff photographer

Rants & raves

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offenses arrest the parents too for child neglect. They neglected to discipline the kid or kids that they had. Hold the kid and the parent accountable for the crime. Fort Pierce is a nice place but has a long way to go. People want jobs here, but they need to clean up the neighborhoods. Shame on them for just accepting the government as their only recourse. There's nothing someone can't attain in life to better themselves, they just have to apply themselves. Go to a park where there's wildlife and you'll see signs posted that say, "Don't feed the animals." Why? Because they become dependent on being fed. And, just like welfare recipients, they become dependent on the government to take care of them. Having and using kids to create an income is slavery.

Thanks for voting for Obama

I would just like to thank all those from the treasure coast who voted for Obama. With the mentality that he would deliver you a much better life, now you have a deficit which is off the charts and a European nation that can't stand us, all brought to you by the people who want something for nothing. So much for your socialization... Here's an idea: take care of your own selves, create your own destiny by way of getting an education, not have more babies to be on welfare and creating more poverty. Heck most of you can't read. By the way instead of sending the country further into the toilet, do those of us a favor that value genuine hard work: don't vote if you don't know what you're really voting for. If you're just seeing what you can get out of other people, go jump in lake. I guess I had to keep it clean. Yes, I would really like to see all these young single mothers take care of themselves and not at the expense of others. Eliminate socialism. There are many people who became wealthy due to learning and creating and it wasn't from welfare.

Back to the snowbirds

I must admit that many of the so-called citizens that call themselves southerners and true Floridians should read a bit better. You see, Florida was never one of the 13 colonies, so unless everyone who lives here is true Native American, your heritage is all from the so-called snowbirds. It was the influx of northerners in the late 1800s who came here as tourists and then decided to stay and start businesses and pump money into the Florida region. So before you start bad mouthing snowbirds, look to your history and learn something besides blaming your own faults on the northerners. When the snowbirds go home it's still is the so called southerners that are rude, believe traffic laws don't apply to them and complain when they close up their shop. Yet when was the last time you passed the big box stores and patronized those mom and pop shops that built Florida, the so called state you call home? Personally, I have yet to see a southerner that can work as hard as a northerner or as quick. Don't take me wrong, I have met a few fine people from the so-called south. But otherwise, a six-pack and thinking my vehicle is in the next race at Daytona just doesn't appeal to me. Case in point if not for the Northerners Florida would still be a swamp-land.

No amnesty

With Obamacare threatening to increase prices for all of us, it is unbelievable that some politicians still want to grant amnesty to illegal immigrants. If we allow 11 or 12 million illegals to stay here, the cost would be astronomical, not just for health care, but for food stamps, public housing, education, and a long list of other taxpayer provided benefits. Fortunately, Marco Rubio has finally changed his mind and come to his senses.

The term "earned path to citizenship" is foolish code for undeserved amnesty.

Love instead of hate

Love can build many bridges between us all, and hate can only destroy them.

Let us always remember the love instead of the hate, for hate will destroy us all.

Let us keep in our hearts that men are men, and women are women no matter where you are from or what you look like.

Let it be remembered that we are one race, the human race, and we should learn more about love and less about hate.

What's the big deal?

I don't know why there's such an issue made with people saying "happy holidays" to one another. How in the world is that offensive? Do those who are up in arms about not hearing "Merry Christmas" really that darn self-centered and shallow that they are making T-shirts, taking to the air-waves and demanding that they are told one thing instead of another? How about they should just be happy their grumpy rump is told to be happy, merry or whatever the case may be. Who cares... is the "season" really about the greeting or is about being kind to one another? It's so sad.

What's in a word?

Let's keep Christ in Christmas.

Happy holidays?

Business plays a major role in determining the direction of a nation. At Christmas time, we are all too often greeted by "Happy Holidays." But, we can push back using our purchasing power. The next time we hear this politically correct nonsense, we are out-of-here. We don't have to accept it.

What is marriage equality?

Does marriage equality include brother and sister, or mother and son or father and daughter? And what about my dog? Do leftists believe I have the right to marry my dog?

Ignorance abounds

After reading all the rants that are aimed toward the recipients of welfare, it's quite obvious that ignorance is everywhere. Why doesn't this idiot just move? Find that republican utopia with no crime, no welfare, educated souls who feel the same way you do. Well, never mind the educated part... it's obvious you fell short of a full education. If you did have one, you'd understand a little more about "your" society. God help you if you fall on hard times and lose a job or have to bow your head for help. There has to be something more important to take up the valuable space in the paper like, a cartoon or a Sudoku puzzle.

Welfare is child slavery

Well, kudos to those who have helped suppress the violence in the area. However, has anyone taken notice of the police blotter? It's a half-page young adults being arrested for dealing drugs. Now, this is just speculation but I'm betting that some of these kids come from welfare homes where the kids had no family guidance, but a young parent who had multiple kids just to get a welfare check. Now they're grown up and have a lack of education because their parents had no education. And all of this is brought to you from the federal government. Yes, many people I talk to, where ever I go can't stand this: when a young woman has a kid and she never even went to school, and then she has another, is most definitely wrong. Welfare should have been fixed as well but not by our current president because he wants socialism. I heard a local politician, a democrat, make the most sense by telling people to quit relying on the government so much. Well here's an idea: with these young kids that get busted for repeat

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Housing program encourages public to participate in survey

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MARTIN COUNTY — The Martin County Housing Program encourages the public to participate in a regional housing survey. The survey on fair housing issues in St. Lucie, Martin, and Indian River Counties is being conducted by the St. Lucie County HOME Consortium. Results of the survey will be

published in the St. Lucie County HOME Consortium's report on Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

Fair Housing is a right protected by Federal and State laws ensuring each resident is entitled equal access to housing opportunities regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, familial status, marital status, age,

ancestry, sexual orientation, or source of income.

Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties make up the St. Lucie County HOME Consortium. The St. Lucie County HOME Consortium is a recipient of Federal HOME Investment Partnership Program funds. The objective of the HOME program is to provide decent and affordable housing opportunities for very low

and low income households through activities such as; first time homebuyer assistance and homeowner housing rehabilitation.

To take part in the survey, go to www.slchousing.org and click on "Fair Housing Survey". The survey will be available until January 31, 2014.

For more information on Fair Housing, visit www.HUD.gov.

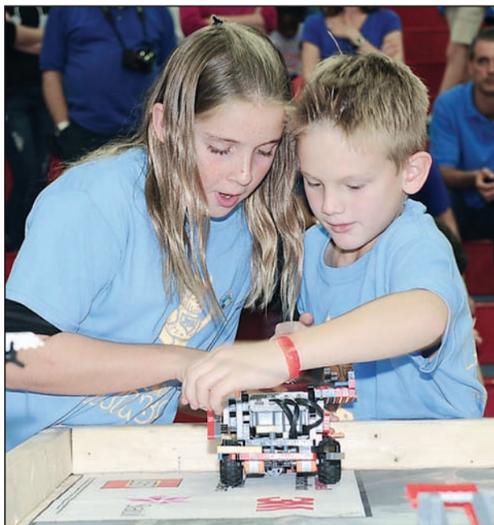
Robots compete



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Port Salerno Elementary Team Stingray roboengineers Luke Sexton, 8, and Rohan Sakhete, 10, cheer after completing their tasks ahead of the deadline.



The S.P.A.M First Lego League Qualifying Tournament was held at South Fork High School in Stuart on Saturday. The event featured 24 teams of elementary and middle school students ages 8-13. Each team's mission was to program their robot to accomplish a task.



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Above: Blair Stoneburg, 9, and Kav Brill, 8, with the Jensen Beach Elementary Vikings, compete against other roboengineers at Citrus Grove Elementary.
Left: Students Mahdi Hussein, 15, of Martin County High School, Shantanu Jakhete, of South Fork High School, and Chris Kolaci and Lily Pawlak, 16, both of Jensen Beach High School, demonstrate their NO.SKI Robot.



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Red Cross issues safety tips to prevent holiday home fires

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The American Red Cross urges residents to take extra precautions with cooking and decorating around the holidays.

"Cooking is the leading cause of home fires, and as people are cooking, entertaining, and stringing lights this holiday season,

we're urging that they take safety measures to ensure that their homes and loved ones are safe from the threat of fire," said Carlos Castillo, Regional Disaster Program Officer.

Christmas Day, Christmas Eve and Thanksgiving are the top three days for cooking fires, according to the National Fire Prevention Association. National-

ly, the Red Cross responds to a disaster on average every eight minutes, and the vast majority of them are home fires.

The Red Cross has some simple steps everyone can follow to prevent home fires around the holidays:

Holiday entertaining

- Test your smoke alarms.
- Check food regularly while cooking and remain in the home while cooking. Use a timer as a reminder that the stove or oven is on.
- Enforce a "kid-free zone" in the cooking area and make children stay at least three feet away from

the stove.

- Keep anything that can catch fire away from the stove, oven or any appliance in the kitchen that generates heat.

- Clean cooking surfaces on a regular basis to prevent grease buildup.

- Purchase a fire extinguisher to keep in the kitchen. Contact the local fire department to receive training on the proper use of extinguishers.

Holiday decorating

- Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.

- Keep children, pets and

decorations away from lit candles.

- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.

- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of LED strands to connect. Some strings of lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.

- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.

- Keep decorations away

from windows and doors.

People should also download the free American Red Cross First Aid app, which provides instant access to information on handling the most common first aid emergencies. The apps can be downloaded from the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store for Android by searching for American Red Cross or by [visiting www.redcross.org/mobileapps](http://www.redcross.org/mobileapps).

People can test their knowledge on how to prevent home fires by taking the Fire Safety Quiz and can learn more about fire prevention by visiting redcross.org.

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Seniors still in need of gifts

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MARTIN COUNTY — With less than a week to go before Christmas, the tree at Dr. Ronald Frenkel's office is still adorned with more than 100 deserving Senior Stars waiting for a Secret Santa to pick them.

For the third year, Dr. Frenkel and staff at the East Florida Eye Institute have partnered with the Adult Day Care Center at the Martin County Council on Aging to provide small gifts to needy seniors throughout the county who may otherwise have nothing.

From seven seniors three years ago, the program has grown to providing for more than 130 seniors this year. They are in desperate need of tote bags, hand towels, blankets and small personal care items. Everything collected will be brought to the Kane Center prior to Christmas so that the gifts can be distributed.

These gifts may be the only ones some seniors receive.

New, unwrapped gifts may be brought to East Florida Eye Institute, 509 Riverside Dr., Ste. 302, Stuart, FL 34994, on the grounds of the North Martin Memorial Hospital Campus.

Bring a pet 'Home for the Howlidays'

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MARTIN COUNTY — The Humane Society of the Treasure Coast is counting on the public to bring some joy to their shelter pets this holiday season.

The goal is to place all of the available animals in a foster home Dec. 21-Jan. 5, 2014.

Individuals must complete the appropriate foster paperwork and requirements before taking a pet home.

Starting at 10 a.m., Dec. 21, approved foster families may come

to the shelter and choose an animal in the adoption area. The animals must be picked up no later than 2 p.m., Tues., Dec. 24. The foster parents, or "guardian angels," will be encouraged to help the HSTC find a permanent home for their foster pet. All animals need to be adopted or returned back to the shelter by Sun., Jan. 5, 2014.

The HSTC prefers that participants provide food bowls, bedding and toys for their foster pet, but the shelter will assist if needed. Through last year's program, the HSTC fostered 22 animals and all were adopted. The HSTC is hoping to double that this year. Eventually, all the animals that

were included in this program were adopted.

"No pets will be placed on hold so it is a first come, first served basis," said Candice Veach, HSTC operations manager.

To view the pets currently available for adoption, visit <http://www.hstc1.org>.

The shelter is located at 4100 S.W. Leighton Farm Ave., Palm City. Adoption hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Sat.; 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Wed.; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun.

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Stuart Middle School Holiday Concert



Sophia Bracken, Ryan Dailey, Cassandra Collins and Carissa Clark perform with the beginning band at Stuart Middle School's Holiday Concert on Tuesday, Dec. 10.

Sevin Bullwinkle staff photographer

Registration for spring classes now available

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TREASURE COAST — Indian River State College has launched the Virtual Campus with expanded opportunities and flexibility to earn a college degree. IRSC offers four degree programs entirely online: the Associate in Arts Degree, Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Management, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. The Virtual Campus also encompasses hundreds of other online courses and a wide array of online student services. The deadline to register and pay in-person for Spring 2014 classes is Friday, Dec. 20, and the online deadline is Sunday, Jan. 5. "The online programs reflect the College's emphasis on quality and affordability combined with the convenience of online

learning," said Kendall St. Hilaire, Director of the Virtual Campus. "With most IRSC students working, juggling family responsibilities, and attending college at the same time, this expansion of online learning provides increased flexibility for them, while opening up educational opportunities for other students regardless of their location."

Courses within the Virtual Campus degree programs have been designed by experienced IRSC faculty members using the nationally recognized Quality Matters (QM) instructional design system. The courses are created with a consistent format, so students can easily find the materials they need and spend their time focused on learning. Those interested should apply to Indian River State College, following the Ten Steps to Apply at the top



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer
Sean Richardson performs with the beginning band during the Holiday Concert at Stuart Middle School on Tuesday, Dec. 10.

right hand side of the IRSC Home Page at www.irsc.edu.

Students applying for the Bachelor's Degree in Nursing program must hold the Registered Nurse credential.

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Firefighters make teddy bears for patients

For Hometown News
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PALM BEACH GARDENS – While children everywhere on Christmas morning jump from bed to see what's under the tree, the ones at St. Mary's Hospital will wake up in a setting far from the comforts of home.

"Although we can't give them a cure for Christmas, we can still give them the gift of happiness and take their minds off of their conditions, even if it's just for a short time."

John Davidson, president of the Martin County Firefighter's Association.

Fortunately, they'll have

comfy teddy bears to cuddle themselves to sleep thanks to Martin County Firefighters.

On Dec. 11, more than a dozen Martin County Firefighters arrived at the Build-A-Bear Workshop in the Gardens Mall in West Palm Beach to stuff, stitch and accessorize more than 70 toy bears for sick children this holiday season.

"Although we can't give them a cure for Christmas, we can still give them the gift of happiness and take their minds off of their



Photo courtesy of Ike Crumpler

Martin County Firefighters built teddy bears at Build-A-Bear Workshops for children who are spending time at St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach during the holidays.

conditions, even if it's just for a short time," says John Davidson, president of the Martin County Firefighter's Association. "They deserve to feel as special as they truly are, and we'll do anything in our power to make sure that happens."

Sisters and Stuart residents Destiny and Jade Neumann were only 9 and 11, respectively, when they first got involved in donating several teddy bears to the children at St. Mary's Hospital. Now teenagers, they helped involve Martin

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Classic carols, anthems, choir, brass and organ (No incense)

11:00 p.m. – Midnight Mass
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Chiropractor uses conventional techniques to eliminate pain

By Alisha McDarris
For Hometown News

MARTIN COUNTY — It's Dr. Michael Henning's mission to eliminate pain and bring smiles back to his patients' faces in as little time as possible using so much more than conventional chiropractic techniques.

He's one of as few as 100 chiropractors in the nation that can also say they're board certified neurologists and he specializes in treating nerve-related problems at his Palm City practice that opened in July.

Mr. Henning grew up in Palm City and received his

doctorate in 2010 then went on to practice as an associate with other doctors as he worked toward his post-doctorate in neurology.

"That training makes me that much more capable to treat the problems people come in with," Mr. Henning said.

Now it's his pleasure to make people feel better faster using advanced diagnostic testing to pinpoint issues so he can offer solutions.

"My area of expertise is between where conservative care stops and surgery begins," Mr. Henning said.

Nerve-related problems are an area not often covered

by traditional chiropractic care and he wants to fill the gap in treatment.

He treats headaches, vertigo, numbness in the hands and feet, sciatica, even disc herniations that many don't realize are treatable. He also offers massage and physical and spinal decompression therapies as part of his regimen, whatever it takes to make his patients better.



Dr. Henning

He uses many advanced testing procedures that assess the health of nerves and muscles to identify underlying causes of pain and discomfort, procedures that offer vital information to remedy problems quicker than trial and error.

"We're able to make people feel better faster than the traditional chiropractor," Mr. Henning said. "We make people feel better when others can't."

That's what gets him out of bed in the morning and he invites anyone with back or neck pain, headaches, pinched nerves or any other discomfort to come in for a

free consultation and initial exam and x-rays.

He'll use his wealth of wisdom and training to devise solutions that get patients back to feeling themselves

in as few visits as possible.

Henning's Chiropractic Neurology is located at 3662 SW 36th Ave, Suite 2, Palm City and can be reached at (772) 220-5880.

Salon community welcomes new addition

For Hometown News
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

STUART — Great Clips is opening of its newest store in Stuart, located at 2406 Federal Highway, at the corner of Britt Road in the Bed Bath and Beyond Shopping Plaza.

The salon, owned by Sal and Robin Schifilliti and Krinda Lull, joins a network of more than 3,500 Great Clips salons across North America.

"After six years of meeting our customers' needs in St. Lucie West and Tradition, we are excited to open our newest salon in Vista Plaza to extend the same quality and value of services

to our neighbors in Jensen Beach and Stuart," said Sal Schifilliti.

Great Clips offers the latest styles at unbeatable prices. Although prices vary from salon to salon, the regular haircut price for this new salon will be \$13 for adults and \$11 for seniors and children. Active military, police and firefighters with a valid ID enjoy a \$5 discount. For a limited time only, the new Great Clips in Stuart is offering haircuts for only \$2.99.

Not only can guests save money by visiting Great Clips, but now they can save time as well by using its revolutionary Online Check-In app, the first of its kind. Stop in at the Vista Plaza

Great Clips salon or check in online and see what this new salon has to offer.

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reach and hit enter, *DownForEveryoneOrJustMe.com* will try to access that site and display either "It's just you..." if the site is able to access the site or it will display "It's not just you..." if it can't access the site. That little bit of information is invaluable when it comes to troubleshooting a connectivity issue with a web address. *DownForEveryoneOrJustMe.com* acts like a

friend you can call to ask if they can access a particular web site. If it says the problem is "just you" then you can aim your troubleshooting efforts in the direction of your machine.

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Cyber

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the point across with simple, hands on activities that would get students interested.

"It's an energizing week," Ms. Gavitt said.

But cyber safety week doesn't end when the school bell rings Friday afternoon. Ms. Gavitt urges parents to get involved, too, by overseeing how their children behave online.

"Talk to your children about how to be safe," Ms. Gavitt said.

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Out & about

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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. Parents can drop kids off at the museum for a night of pizza, drinks, popcorn, a movie, and time to explore the museum. \$10 for members; \$12 for non-members. Space is limited, so register early to secure a spot. Call the museum at (772) 225-7575 to register.

• **Port St. Lucie Christmas House:** Features 50 fully decorated Christmas trees indoors, more than 35,000 lights and displays outdoors, and a recreation of the Walt Disney World complex (complete with working monorails and Cinderella's Castle). The house, located at 273 S.W. Starflower Ave., Port St. Lucie, will open for the last time ever, to benefit the Hibiscus Children's Center of St. Lucie County. Patient waiting in line outside the home is requested.

FRIDAY, DEC. 20 – SATURDAY, DEC. 21

• **'Welcome to Manhattan!'** Enjoy musical favorites from the golden age of Broadway to holiday music to memories of the '40s and '50s, including Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and Dean Martin. Shows are at 7 p.m., Dec. 20, and 2 p.m., Dec. 21, at the Barn Theatre, 2400 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. Tickets are \$15 and available by calling (772) 287-4884 or online at barn-theatre.com

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

• **'Sittin' with Santa'** holiday event: 9 a.m. to noon, Flagler Place, 201 S.W. Flagler Ave., downtown Stuart. All ages are welcome. Features professional photos with Santa, holiday crafts for children, and holiday music. Cost is \$15 per person or \$10 with a toy donation. This includes a take-home photo. Breakfast is available from Chick-fil-A catering, as are mimosas for adults over 21. Event benefits Hibiscus Children's Center, which provides safety for abused, See **OUT, B2**

'Mulan Jr.' takes StarStruck stage



Neddy Reagan front and center as Captain Shang. The StarStruck Performing Art Center presented two sold-out performances of Disney's *Mulan Jr.* in Stuart on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14.

Sevin Bullwinkle staff photographer



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer
Joie Athos as Grandmother Fa Li, left, with Angela Charles as Mulan's Mother as they prepare Mulan, played by Elisa Levy, center, to meet the match maker.



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer
Frankie DeCesare, cast as Mushu, is awakened.

Photography contest mixes with wildlife event

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MARTIN COUNTY — For more than 55 years, Audubon of Martin County has been well-regarded as a protector of birds and wildlife habitat in the community. The organization strives to achieve its mission to conserve and restore natural ecosystems through education, advocacy and public awareness.

Last year, Audubon of Martin coordinated the inaugural Bird's-Eye View Photography Contest as an opportunity for photographers to showcase Florida's biological diversity through the art of photography. The event was successful, with

more than 160 submissions from both novice and seasoned photographers throughout Florida.

Contest categories include Birds; Wilderness Landscapes; Flora and Fauna; Cell Phone Photography; and Student Entries. Photographers of all ages and skill levels are welcome to participate. Entry fees are \$10 per entry for Audubon Chapter members and students and \$15 per entry for all others. Entries can be submitted from Jan. 1, 2014 to Jan. 31, 2014 at www.birdhero.com.

This year, Audubon of Martin County is also partnering with neighboring wildlife organizations and community leaders to participate in the Walk on The Wild Side

event to be held in Memorial Park on Feb. 15, 2014. The event will feature an awards ceremony and exhibit display of the Bird's Eye View Photography Contest in addition to a speed-walk relay race, live music, refreshments and other entertainment.

The event is free to the general public and the relay race entry fee is \$30 per person. Funds raised from the Walk on the Wild Side event will benefit Audubon of Martin County, Treasure Coast Wildlife Center, St. Lucie Audubon, and Pelican Island Audubon Society.

For more information on both events visit www.AudubonMartinCounty.org or www.BirdHero.com.



Week of 12-20-2013

ARIES - March 21/April 20
Thanks to the holiday stress, a vacation beckons you, Aries. Start planning an excursion to a warm locale that allows you to escape the daily grind.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21
A sporting event or something that draws a large crowd is just where you need to be this week, Taurus. Surround yourself with people who share your interests.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
Give an issue in your relationship the consideration it merits, Gemini. Though it might not seem like it now, taking time to work this out will ultimately strengthen your relationship.

CANCER - June 22/July 22
Cancer, the final stages of a project you have been working on are ready to begin. Don't be afraid to take credit when all of your hard work pays off in a big way.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23
Obligations to work and family leave you short on personal time, Leo. Though your schedule is hectic, make time to unwind and you will be glad for having done so.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22
It may take a while to convince someone to go along with your idea, Virgo. Yet once you have this person's support, they will be fully on board.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23
You may have been bouncing around aimlessly for some time, Libra. But now is the week to get all of your affairs together and put your plan for the future in motion.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22
Restlessness can sometimes be a dangerous thing for you, Scorpio. Channel any rest-

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FORT PIERCE — Go on safari with Jack Hanna Into the Wild, America's favorite zookeeper and some of his

favorite four-legged friends at the Historic Sunrise Theatre on Dec. 29 at 3 p.m., sponsored by Nationwide Insurance & Animal Emergency & Referral Center. Mr. Hanna's Into the Wild

is unscripted and action-packed as Jack and his family explores the corners of the globe discovering amazing animals and cultures. "Jungle Jack" brings live exotic animals to the Sun-

rise Theatre stage along with humorous stories, video clips, and lots of audience interaction. Lions and tigers and bears, Oh my!

Facing down dangerous animals and persnickety late-night hosts, the congenial wildlife expert and dedicated conservationist in the trademark khaki uniform, has been a television fixture for the last 30 years.

Mr. Hanna has made countless television appearances since 1983 on shows such as Good Morning America, CNN's Larry King Live, The Ellen DeGeneres Show, Fox News Programs, and the Late Show with David Letterman. In its first season, Into the Wild won an Emmy for Outstanding Children's Series.

Mr. Hanna took his infectious energy to the airwaves by creating two of his own

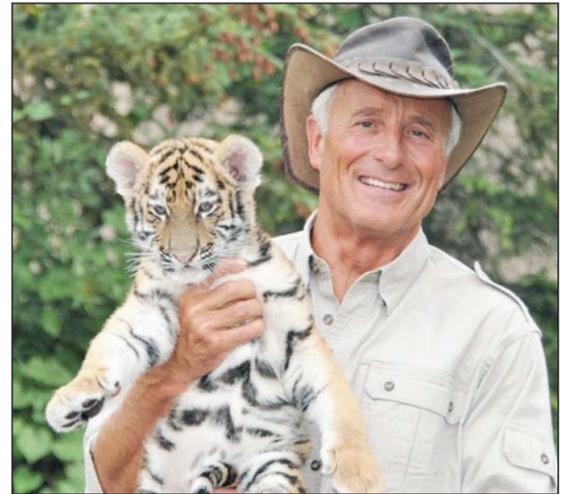


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Jack Hanna will bring his wild and exciting show to The Sunrise Theatre Dec. 29.

nationally syndicated television programs Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures and most recently Jack Hanna's Into the Wild. Audiences give Jack rave reviews — everyone from the youngest child to the oldest adult is entertained and

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- 'A Christmas Carol:'** Presented by South Florida Dance Company at Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. Second Street, Fort Pierce. Full length contemporary ballet tells the story of Ebenezer Scrooge and his realization that giving is better than getting. Show is at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25-35 (student tickets are \$15). Call the box office at (772) 461-4775 or visit sunrisetheatre.com.
- DEC. 23 - JAN. 3**
- One Day Fun Day Camp:** Held only on certain dates: Dec. 23, Dec. 26, Dec. 27, Dec. 30, and Jan. 2-3. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast, 1707 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach. Not sure what to do with the children during their winter holidays? Drop them off at the museum for their Fun One Day camps. Holiday themes, camp activities and museum exploration time. Full day and half day camp options available. Registration required. Call the museum at (772) 225-7575 for more information.
- WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25**
- LAHIA:** The Love and Hope in Action ministry will be serving continental breakfast (8-9 a.m.), lunch (at noon) and dinner (at 4 p.m.) on Christmas day. LAHIA's ministry is to serve the

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Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer Cassidy Daves, 11, as the Christmas Spirit, rides in front of Kiel Peterson as Prince and Tessa Hogge as Clara during the dress rehearsal at Sunrise Theatre in Fort Pierce on Thursday, Dec. 12. There will be one more performance at the Lyric Theatre in Stuart on Dec. 26. For more information, visit www.st-lucie-ballet.com.

Theatre hosts Christmas stage production

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'Welcome to Manhattan' transports you back to a simpler time with musical favorites from the golden age of Broadway to memories of the 40s and 50s including Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and Dean Martin.

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New York" to "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

This charming cavalcade features Barn Theatre favorites, Nicky Wood, Dante Marelli, Arlette Eulo, Betty Dallas, Claudia Paonessi, and newcomer, Erin Howard.

Performances at The Barn Theatre are at 7 p.m., on Friday Dec. 20, and at 2 p.m. on Saturday December 21. Tickets may be purchased online or at the box office. Reserved seating. Ticket price is \$15.

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Lunch to raise money for hospice programs

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MARTIN COUNTY — Join the Founding Friends of Treasure Coast Hospice on Monday, Jan. 27, 2014, for a fun and festive tribute to the roaring 20s.

All proceeds from the luncheon, which will be held at Harbour Ridge Yacht and Country Club, will benefit the grief counseling programs at Treasure Coast Hospice.

In addition to raising money for critical hospice programs, lunch guests will be able to bid on a variety of silent auction items ranging from week-long vacations in the Virgin Islands and Cabo San Lucas to lunch and cocktail cruises on the St. Lucie River and private catered dinners. This year's raffle table includes gift certificates from popular local restaurants, retail stores and salons as well as a selection of wine, jewelry and accessories.

The talented John Byrne will provide a "jazzy" musical background and Steve and Ronda Kaplan of the celebrated Street Talk Orchestra will entertain guests during lunch.

Mark your calendars, get out your inner flapper and come join the



'All That Jazz' luncheon co-chairs Lois Fraser, left, and Diane Spencer pose in front of a 1930 Ford Model A Standard Phaeton Police Car courtesy of the Elliott Museum. All proceeds from the Jan. 27 event will benefit grief counseling programs of Treasure Coast Hospice. Photo courtesy of Bob Dobens

Founding Friends to celebrate the syncopated beat of 'All That Jazz'. For more information on tickets, sponsorships or other donation opportunities, contact Jennifer Ferrari at (772) 486-8378.

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homeless and those in need and welcomes the community to take part in this fellowship. LAHIA is located at 1760 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart, just west of Martin Memorial hospital. For more information, contact LAHIA at (772) 781-7002 or email loveandhopeinaction@gmail.com.

Tickets are \$22. For more information, call the box office at (772) 286-7827.

SUNDAY, DEC. 29

• **Christmas Bird Count:** The Hobe Sound Nature Center seeks volunteers to participate in the annual bird count at Jonathan Dickinson State Park. Experienced and amateur birders are all welcomed, with assignments available from Juno Beach to Hobe Sound. Any commitment of time is appreciated. This count is a part of the National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count, which began over a century ago and is held throughout the western hemisphere. To volunteer, contact the Hobe Sound Nature Center at (772) 546-2067 or visit www.hobesoundnaturecenter.com.

THURSDAY, DEC. 26

• **The Nureyev State Ballet Theatre presents "The Nutcracker"** at Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. Second Street, Fort Pierce. 7 p.m. Adult tickets start at \$45; children's tickets are \$20. For more information, call (772) 461-4775 or visit www.sunrisetheatre.com.

SATURDAY, DEC. 28

• **The Pure Led Zeppelin Experience** at the Lyric Theatre, 59 S.W. Flagler Ave., Stuart. Presented by Artists for Multiple Sclerosis. 8 p.m.

• **'Jack Hanna's Into the Wild Live,'** presented by Animal Emergency & Referral Center, at Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. Second Street, Fort Pierce. 3 p.m. Adult tickets start at \$29; children's tickets See **OUT, B5**

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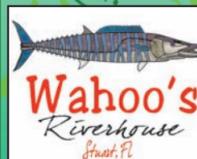
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Holiday cleanup, poinsettia care

I hope you and your family is enjoying the 2013 holiday season. Once the holiday season comes to a close, many of us will have an abundance of holiday plants to nurture for an entire year so we can enjoy them again next year. One of the most popular gifts of the holiday season are Amaryllis bulbs.

Amaryllis bulbs are relatively easy to take of. If you give them adequate water and bright light they should bloom in about six weeks. The best way to water is to keep the plants evenly moist. Do not water so much that the plants are sitting in standing water. Keep the plants on a windowsill or on a protected porch for the best results. If your bulbs are too small in size, you may have to wait till next year before you get blooms to form.

If you received a Norfolk Pine as a gift or bought one for yourself, you can successfully grow them indoors. As a matter of fact, I recommend that you either grow them indoors or plant them in a container. I do not recommend planting them outdoors. These trees do not fare well in hurricane force winds and they grow extremely large.

With that said, Norfolk Pines will do extremely well in an indoor environment as long as there is ample light. Position your plant near a window sill so it will receive a bit of sun daily. These plants will do best if they are watered on a regular schedule. Keep the plants evenly moist but not dripping wet. Do not allow the plants to sit



GARDEN NOOK
JOE ZELENAK

in standing water. Norfolk Pines also enjoy a humid environment so if the plant is indoors, you may find it beneficial to lightly mist the plant from time to time to help increase the humidity around the plant. Improper watering can result in needle loss that will not regenerate itself. In addition, never try to prune the tree to shape it. The only pruning that should be done on this plant is for basic maintenance such as trimming off dead or yellow lower branches.

In the past I have discussed about how to choose and nurture Poinsettia plants during the holidays. These delicate plants can also be planted outdoors when the season is over.

First, choose a location that is sheltered away from strong winds and the full direct rays of the summer sun. Also, choose an area where you can control the artificial light at night so you can get your plants to bloom next season with minimal effort. Use a good quality potting mix to place your plants in the ground and be sure it is a well-drained location. It might be wise to repot your plant in a large pot until all danger of frost and cold weather has past. March would be a great transition month to place your prize in the ground. Once the plant is

planted and established, be sure to trim off all the old red bracts. You will need to do this in order to get blooms next season.

Now comes the tricky part. Starting around November or sooner, the plant is going to need long nights in order to re-bloom. During this two-month period you will need to eliminate as much as possible all signs of artificial lighting at night. Keep the area as dark as possible. This is the key to getting new blooms for the holidays.

One of the biggest problems you might encounter with a poinsettia plant is root rot. Often times, you will see poinsettia plants wilting as if they were not watered in days. You go to check the soil and it is still moist. So why is the plant wilting? Actually, the poinsettia most likely has a root fungus or disease that is preventing the plant from taking on water. That explains the wilted condition. This is usually caused from the plant being in soil that overly moist. This condition will almost always lead to a dead plant. In addition, you must also keep watchful eye out for whiteflies. Treat them at the very first indication with Orthene. With a little luck and some skill, you should be rewarded with some great holiday color in your garden next season.

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

Obituaries

Robert J. Moseley

Robert J. Moseley, 87, of Stuart, died Nov. 30, 2013. Arrangements by All County Funeral Home & Crematory.

Nancy Ann Martin

Nancy Ann Martin, 85, of Stuart, died Dec. 1, 2013. Arrangements by All

County Funeral Home & Crematory.

William Lambrecht

William Lambrecht, 82, of Hobe Sound, died Dec. 12, 2013. Arrangements by All County Funeral Home & Crematory.

James E. Fletcher

James E. Fletcher, 71, of Stuart, died Dec. 11, 2013. Arrangements by All County Funeral Home.

William DeVaughn

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JAN. 1 - JAN. 31

• **'Bird's Eye View' photography contest:** Hosted by Audubon of Martin County. Open to photographers of all ages and skill levels, with categories including birds, wilderness landscapes, flora & fauna, cell phone photography, and student entries. Entry fees are \$10 per entry for Audubon Chapter members and students; \$15 per entry for all others. Entries may be submitted through Jan. 31 at www.birdhero.com.

THURSDAY, JAN. 2

• **Guided Hike at Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge:** Held each Thursday at 9:30 a.m., beginning Jan. 2 and running through March 27. Explore the banks of the Indian River Lagoon and walk through a coastal hammock to the sand pine scrub, home of native wildlife. Meet in the exhibit hall at the Hobe Sound Nature Center. No reservations required to attend. For more information, call (772) 546-2067 or visit hobesoundnaturecenter.com.

• **Clapping Monkey's Improvicon:** 7-9 p.m. on the first Thursday each month, at Lyric's Flagler Center, 201 S.W. Flagler Ave., Stuart. Live improvised comedy show loaded with audience participation and interaction. Almost

anything can happen in this script-free show, modeled after popular TV shows 'Whose Line is it Anyway' and 'Improvaganza'. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door; students with ID are \$10. Call (772) 286-7827 for more information or visit www.lyrictheatre.com.

• **First Thursday gallery nights, 5-8 p.m.** at Martin County galleries, October through April. For a list of participating galleries, visit www.MartinArts.org.

FRIDAY, JAN. 3

• **Movie Night:** 6-9:30 p.m., Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast, 1707 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach. Parents can drop kids off at the museum for a night of pizza, drinks, popcorn, a movie, and time to explore the museum. \$10 for members; \$12 for non-members. Space is limited, so register early to secure a spot. Call the museum at (772) 225-7575 to register.

• **Focus on Foreign Film Series:** 2 p.m., Peter & Julie Cummings Library, 2551 S.W. Matheson Ave., Palm City. For more information, call (772) 221-1403 or visit www.library.martin.fl.us.

• **An Evening with Neil Sedaka** at Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. Second Street, Fort Pierce. 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$59. For more information, call (772) 461-4775 or visit www.sunrisetheatre.com.

SATURDAY, JAN. 4

• **New Year Celebration:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Children's

Museum of the Treasure Coast, 1707 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach. Ring in the New Year with a countdown and ball drop, followed by family fun. Call the museum at (772) 225-7575 for more information.

SUNDAYS IN JANUARY

• **Sunday Morning Beach Walks:** 8:30-10 a.m., Jan. 5, 12, 19, and 26. Take a guided walk on the Stuart beachfront with Florida Oceanographic's education staff and volunteers to learn about beach dynamics, biology and oceanography. Stuart Beach, 889 N.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. To RSVP, call (772) 225-0505 or visit FloridaOcean.org.

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SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21 Sagittarius, make the best of a situation that needs changing. You might not be able to affect change, but that does not mean you can't improve the situation with a positive attitude.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20 Perceptions vary, Capricorn. Just because you feel strongly about something doesn't mean another will view it the same way. Accept that your passion will not always be reciprocated.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18 Aquarius, even though it will be a busy week, you aren't likely to feel wiped out. There

will still be time for fun. Figure out a day to do something enjoyable.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20 Pisces, you are torn between being creative and following convention at work. Ask a colleague for some input.



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GOLF JAMES STAMMER

moment to give something back. We can all be heroes, even if all we give someone is a smile.

Times may be tough, but there is still much to be thankful for. No matter how difficult things are, we still have each other. If even for just a day, take a moment to think only of the wonderful gifts you have in life.

At this time of year we all tend to be more humane, kind and caring. My wish is that we would keep and share this feeling for 12 months instead of only one.

With that said, I now present you the Twelve Days of Christmas, golf style.

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James Stammer has been an avid golfer and golf enthusiast for nearly 40 years. He hosts the Thursday Night Golf Show on WSTU 1450-AM. Contact him at stammerngolf@yahoo.com.

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**5020 Notice
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IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT FOR MARTIN
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PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF
ELEANOR M.
LECOLLIER, Deceased.
FILE NO. 13-809CP
NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
The administration of the
estate of Eleanor M.
Lecollier, deceased,
whose date of death was
July 23, 2013, is pending
in the Circuit Court for
Martin County, Florida,
Probate Division, the
address of which is 100
E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart,
FL 34994. The names
and addresses of the
personal representative
and the personal
representative's attorney
are set forth below.
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decedent and other
persons having claims or
demands against
decedent's estate on
whom a copy of this
notice is required to be
served must file their
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THE TIME PERIOD SET
FORTH ABOVE, ANY
CLAIM FILED TWO (2)
YEARS OR MORE
AFTER THE
DECEDENT'S DATE OF
DEATH IS BARRED. The
date of first publication of
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13, 2013.
Personal Representative:
James A. Lecollier 955
Cornwells Avenue
Bensalem, PA 19020
Attorney for Personal
Representative:
Mary K. Gilmour,
Attorney for James A.
Lecollier, Florida Bar No.
0699322 P.O. Box 2761,
Stuart, Florida 34995,
Telephone: (772) 781-
4450 Fax: (772) 781-
4850 E-Mail: gilmourlaw
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