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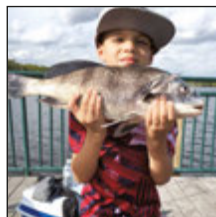


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FRIDAY, FEB. 16

• **Martin County Genealogical Society monthly meeting:** 1-3 p.m., third Friday each month, Blake Library, 2351 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart. Guest speaker is Rick Cray, who will give a talk with visuals about The Florida War, known today as the Second Seminole War. Free, public is welcome to attend. *For more information, visit the Genealogy Room at the Blake Library and speak with the volunteer on duty, or visit mccgensociety.org.*

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

• **"Mastering the Rules of the Road:"** Presented by St. Lucie River Power Squadron from 10 a.m. to noon, St. Joseph Parish Life Center, room 7, 1300 E. 10th Street, Stuart. Attendees will learn the difference between crossing and overtaking, as well as lights, shapes and sounds on vessels, the latest in distress signals and more. \$30 for non-members, \$20 for members. Cash or check made payable to SLRPS. *For information and registration, contact Paul Vallier at (772) 678-2468 or pavallier@aim.com. Visit the St. Lucie River Power Squadron website: www.slrps.org*

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Tea for three



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

Mason Lane, 4, with his sister Penelope, 2, and Jayda Naicisse, 3, riding the tea cups. The 59th annual Martin County Fair and Youth Livestock Show, held at the Martin County Fairgrounds in Stuart from Feb. 9-17, offers rides, livestock exhibit, music, the BMX Trickstars, Robocars, Mystic Magic Illusions, entertainment for the whole family. *For more information, visit www.martin-countyfair.com*

State bankrolls Caulkins Water Farm

Successful pilot project led to 3,200-acre operation breathing new life into dead citrus farm

By Donald Rodrigue
For Hometown News

INDIANTOWN -- When George Caulkins III first heard the term water farming, he found the concept to be illogical. After all, his father, George Caulkins II, began a real farming operation here

in earnest when he planted a 3,200-acre citrus grove in the sandy soil near the C-44 Canal in the 1960s.

"I don't know if anybody else has as much trouble describing it as I do," he said. "You can't really

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Activist's trial begins

Lake Point Restoration accuses Martin County environmental activist of tortious interference

By Donald Rodrigue
For Hometown News

STUART — Martin County environmental activist Maggie Hurchalla went on trial Feb. 5, accused by Lake Point Restoration of tortious interference for allegedly influencing two sitting county commissioners and a former commissioner to vote against the company's previously approved rock mining contract.

The first day consisted primarily in whittling down a potential jury pool of 40 members to a six-member jury of three men and two women plus two alternate jurors. Lake Point lead attorney Ethan Loeb began his persuasive arguments during the potential juror interviews, telling them "a small business was gravely harmed" by one person's dishonest interference.

"Hurchalla was not fighting for wetland protection as she claims, but purposefully tried to damage Lake Point," he said. "Mrs. Hurchalla falsely stated Lake Point would destroy -- had destroyed -- wetland. We believe the facts will show this isn't true."

The Lake Point rock mining and water conservation project on the 2,200-acre property near Port Mayaca dates back to January 2013, when the developer asked Martin County to convert a previously approved subdivision into the Lake Point Restoration stormwater

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Community notes

Third Saturday Gourmet road closures

On Saturday, Feb. 17, the Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a gourmet food truck expo. This event will result in the closure of SE Mars Street and SE Apollo Street between SE Old Post Office Alley and SE Dixie Highway Service Road between the hours of 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. Motorists and pedestrians are encouraged to exercise caution and seek alternate routes.

The Martin County Road Conditions Map is available on any mobile device or desktop with internet access: <https://cone-zone.martin.fl.us>

Apply to Martin CARES Program by Feb. 22 for next session

Martin CARES (Citizens Academy and

Resource Education Series) offers citizens a behind-the-scenes look at Martin County government. Over a five-week period, participants will enjoy a variety of field trips to various Martin County facilities such as parks and beaches, a historic one-room schoolhouse, senior center, and an inside look at our Emergency Operations Center.

Citizens will also visit recently completed infrastructure and water quality projects, will hear from departments under the Board of County Commissioners, as well as Martin County's Constitutional Officers.

The next 5-week class begins Thursday, Feb. 22. Pre-registration is required.

Each "class" is comprised of approximately 50 citizens (spouses welcome) participating in a series of sessions held once a week over a five-week period. Classes begin at 8 a.m. and conclude following a "working" lunch. There is no cost to participate and Coach transportation, snacks and lunch are provided.

To register for the CARES program, visit www.martin.fl.us/CARES and select the "Request Invitation to CARES" button, follow the steps and provide your contact information. Complete all fields entirely (specifically your mailing address), then submit your request. An invitation will then be sent to you by mail.

Career Academy Showcase will be held Feb. 21 at JBHS

The Martin County School District's Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs and Career and Professional Education (CAPE) academies will present their annual "Career Academy Showcase" on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

All high school Career Academy programs will be exhibited including Culinary Arts, Digital Photography, Nurse Assisting and Veterinary Assisting, to name a few.

CTE high school teachers and students will showcase the 25 CTE programs available to assist students and parents make informed decisions. Career Academy students may earn college credit hours at Indian River State College and have the opportunity to earn professional Industry Certifications while still in high school.

During the 2016-17 school year, 2,461 high school students participated in an academy, 425 students participated in multiple academies, and over 680 Industry Certifications were earned by Academy students.

The showcase will be held from 5-7 p.m. in the Jensen Beach High School Gymnasium. Jensen Beach High School is located at 2875 N.W. Goldenrod Road, Jensen Beach.

More information on Martin County School District's CAPE Academies can be found online at <http://bit.ly/CTEMCSD>. The site includes a downloadable guidebook and programs of study.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 17 – SUNDAY, FEB. 18

• Southeast Florida Honor Flight

Doubles Championship: Held at The Legacy Golf & Tennis Club, 9000 Clubhouse Drive, Port St. Lucie. Entry deadline is Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. Trophies for first place winners and finalists, plus silent auction and 50/50 raffle. Sponsorships available. Cost is \$45

per person (includes lunch on Saturday and an Honor Flight cap). 100 percent of proceeds will benefit Southeast Florida Honor Flight. For more information, call (772) 466-7888, Ext. 5.

TUESDAY, FEB. 20

• Spring Series Tuesday Morning Hike: 8

a.m., Green Cay Nature Center, 12800 Hagen Ranch Road, Boynton Beach. Explore local natural areas with the Hobe Sound Nature Center. Reservations are required, space is limited. Caravans and carpools may

be available. For reservations, call the Nature Center at (772) 546-2067 or visit hobesoundnaturecenter.com.

• UF/IFAS Extension Water

Ambassador: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Port Salerno Civic Center, 4950 S.E. Anchor Ave., Stuart. Educational program to help citizens understand how to protect and care for local waterways. Program, handouts and lunch included; fee is \$5. To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/WaterAmbassador2018>

• Seagrass Collection Workshop: 2-4 p.m., Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center, 890 N.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. Join Dr. Tiling for this small-group event to learn about

seagrass importance and the habitat restoration efforts happening at Florida Oceanographic Society. After a short classroom discussion, we will visit local shorelines to look for seagrass fragments, the first step in the restoration process. Please bring water. To RSVP, call Dr. Tiling at (772) 225-0505, ext. 120, or visit www.floridaocean.org.

• Celebrate Recovery: Each Tuesday at The Grace Place, 1550 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart. Meant for help in dealing with any type of hurts, hang-ups or habits. Dinner at 6

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Beach Bum Boutique offers the best in tropical chic

By Gaylon Parker

gparker@hometownnewsol.com

STUART – When people settle down on the Treasure Coast, they like to fit in, and there's no better way to do that than to drop by the Beach Bum Boutique. The store offers the best in tropical chic, from jewelry to clothing and everything in between.

The shop is owned by Jo and Roni Mabe, and she said she decided to open it based on the need for people to be able to enjoy what became a hobby for her and share it with customers. It has been open for 10 years, and Mrs. Mabe said she loves being able to meet people and offer style at an affordable cost.

"It's great, we love it and it's great to see clients get a lot for their money," Mrs. Mabe said. "We have high-end resort wear, tunics, beach bags, dresses, nautical and fashion jewelry, sterling silver jewelry and it's all at affordable prices."

The shop is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Mrs. Mabe said she appreciates that the boutique has developed a terrific following. "They're thrilled when they can get three items as opposed to one, and the tunics typically retail for double and triple what other stores charge," she said.

Among the brands the store offers are KiKi Sol and Rock, Flower Paper, which retail for about \$60 to \$80, and Top It Off, Mudpie and All for Color. West Indians

Clothing also is on the rack, along with MacBeth, designed by Margaret Joseph.

But one of the best things about the location at B&A Flea Market is the laid-back atmosphere and huge assortment of stores there. It allows customers to stroll through at a leisurely pace and make a day of the shopping environment.

"I just think it has great energy and twice a week is not a full-time commitment," Mrs. Mabe said. "It's great for the clients, who get to walk around and have lunch if they want and do other things. We love it here and what's not to love? The weather is great and the beaches are wonderful."

The store used to be fenced-in, but now is a more outdoorsy environment that includes a comfortable dressing room, an outside and inside selection and friendly staff that are available to accommodate any customer. For clients who do not want to shop at big-box stores or the mall, Beach Bum Boutique helps them get away from the rush and hus-



tle and settle into their tropical style.

"We give great service to our clients and we're completely full-service atmosphere," Mrs. Mabe said. "We take care of the clients and we gift-bag everything. So, whether they get a gift or something for themselves we offer that, and everything is treated like it's in a high-end shop."

For anybody who references this story, Mrs. Mabe is offering a two-tunics-for \$45 deal.

For more about Beach Bum Boutique, located in the B&A Flea Market at 1234 S.E. Indian Street, please visit the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Beach-Bum-Boutique-951516018245318/> or call 212-858-9542.

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Prediction: Five years from now, 90 percent of all new cars will be purchased online. Currently, in 2018, it's less than 30 percent. The reason this percentage will balloon is simply that the online price is usually your lowest price. More and more car buyers are figuring that out every day. Dealers must give their best price to a prospect inquiring over the Internet because that dealer will have that one chance to sell the car. If they try "the old negotiating game" the Internet prospect will simply choose the lowest price from several other quotes he gets. When my friends ask me to advise them on how to get the best price on a new car, I always tell them to use the Internet.

I'm not suggesting that you don't visit your local dealer to see, touch, smell, and drive the new vehicles you're considering. This is very important. You can't make a valid, final decision on which new vehicle is best for you by solely reading data and looking at pictures on the Internet. Research of that nature is important, but you should finalize your decision with visits to the dealers to experience the vehicle.

Once you have made your final decision on the year, make, model, color, and accessories, you are ready to use your smartphone or PC, and choose the dealer from whom you will buy this specific

vehicle. If you're not handy with computers, ask a friend or relative who is.

First go to the car manufacturer's website. You will be able to type in your zip code to find all the dealers of that make within a given radius, usually about 40 miles, giving you three or four dealers. To expand the radius, choose another zip code further from yours. The dealers within your radius will show their Web site addresses. Click on their Web site and ask for a quote on the specific car you have selected. Most Web sites have a page for what is called a "quick quote". You type in the year, make, model, color, and accessories. It will also ask you for your name, telephone number, address, if you have a trade (always indicate you do not have a trade), whether you are ready to buy now (yes), and other questions. All you really need to fill out is year, make, model, and accessories and your email address. If you prefer not to be contacted by phone, don't fill in the phone number. If they require it before you can submit your request, type in any 10 digits so that the Web page will allow you to. If you can't find a "quick quote" link, just email your request to their Internet sales department.

Depending on your computer skills, this whole process should take less than half an hour. Think of all the time, gasoline, shoe leather, and especially aggravation you are

saving compared to visiting several dealerships in person. The time it will take to get back quotes varies from dealership to dealership. You may get some back within a few minutes, some will take a few hours, and some may take a day or two. Believe it or not, some might not respond at all. There are even a few dealers who will not quote a price on the Internet, but try to lure you into their store with false promises. Ignore them. I recommend that you get a minimum of three valid price quotes on your specific vehicle. It's so easy to get quotes, why not get a half dozen or so? You are not necessarily even limited by driving distances. If the best price is from a dealer who is too far away, show that quote to a dealer nearer you and ask him if he will match it.

There are some things that you must be careful about. Be sure that that the price you get is an "out the door" price. That is a price which excludes only federal, state, and local fees and taxes which are usually just for tax and tag. Most dealers in Florida tack on fees of their own which are variously referred to as "dealer fee," "delivery fee," "electronic filing fee," etc. Typically, there are more than one of these phony fees. This is illegal or highly regulated and enforced in many states, but not in Florida. These fees vary from around \$700 to over \$3,000. Be sure that this fee (which is just profit to the dealer) is included in your "out the door" price. Also, be certain that you're compar-



ing "apples and apples". When you select your low bid, double check that this dealer is quoting you on the same year, make, model, and accessories as the other dealers. A good double-check is to compare the MSRP. The MSRP, manufacturer's suggested retail price, will be identical on identically equipped cars of the same model and year. Also, be sure that the car you are considering will actually be there when you come in. Give them a deposit on your credit card to hold the car for you. If they try any "flim-flam," you can always stop payment on your credit card.

One "trick" you can use on a car dealer who is reluctant to quote you his real out-the-door price is to tell him your bank or credit union requires a signed buyer's order from the car dealer with total (itemized) out-the-door price. Tell the dealer that gives you the lowest online price to email or fax you a copy of this buyer's order so that you can take it to your credit union or bank, pick up the check, and bring it to the dealer. If he refuses to do this, you know he's lying to you about his price. I mystery shopped a dealer last week that gave me an impossible low price on line. I emailed him that I liked the price, would come in the next day to buy the car, but he wouldn't send me a copy of the buyer's order. I asked him three times and he would not respond.

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

Arrests listed were made Feb. 1 through Feb. 8.

Stuart Police Department

- Jacob Matthew Justice, 29, of 2577 S.W. Savage Blvd., Port St. Lucie, was charged with possession of controlled substance.

Martin County Sheriff's Office

- Christopher Taylor Andrews, 25, of 1057 S.W. Castaneda Lane, Port St. Lucie, was charged with four counts of dealing in stolen property and with four counts of giving false ownership information to pawn items.

- Robert Castillo, 35, of 4840 S.E. Salvatore Road, Stuart, was charged with possession

Police report

of controlled substance.

- Logan Potter Dodd, 26, of 1947 S.E. Hillmoor Drive, Port St. Lucie, was charged with possession of marijuana - more than 20 grams, and with possession or use of drug paraphernalia.

- David Hernandez, 19, of 3364 S.E. Ellendale Street, Stuart, was charged with sexual battery - victim aged between 12 and 18, offender over age 18.

- Susan Lynn Mack, 41, of 2341 S.W. Cavallero Street, Port St. Lucie, was charged with possession of controlled substance, with possession of cannabis - under 20 grams, and with possession or use of drug paraphernalia.

- Michael Paul Mirucki, 43, of 1389 S.W. Axtell Ave., Port St. Lucie, was charged with grand theft - property valued \$300-\$5,000, and with burglary of unoccupied dwelling.

- Gregory Scott Swanson, 23, of 200 S.W. Eighth Ave., Boca Raton, was charged with two counts of possession of controlled substance and with possession or use of drug paraphernalia.

- Correy Eugene Warren, 40, of 13680 N.W. Second Ave., Miami, was charged with purchase or possession of controlled substance.

- Lawrence Jackson Lockett, 40, of 1192 S.W. Galvin Road, Port St. Lucie, was charged with grand theft.

- Jason Timothy Mayes, 41, of 8754 S.E. Keathley Court, Hobe Sound, was charged with arson in the first degree and with assault.

- Andrew George McFatter, 29, of 41 N. Perry Ave., Jupiter, was charged with unarmed burglary of a dwelling.

- Corey William Strunk, 27, of 2118 S.E. Harrison Street, Stuart, was charged with unarmed burglary of a dwelling and with criminal mischief.

- Isaac Nolasco Gaspar-Gonzalez, 18, of 15126 S.W. Tiger Tail Court, Indiantown, charged with unarmed burglary of dwelling.

- Barbara Cathy Israels, 65, of 9443 S.E. Saturn Street, Hobe Sound, was charged with battery on person age 65 or older.

- Ryan Ethan Rawlinson, 19, of 15051 S.W. Indian Ave., Indiantown, was charged with unarmed burglary of dwelling.

- Steven Daniel Firestone, 53, of 4362 S.E. Commerce Ave., Stuart, was charged with grand theft and with organized fraud - property under \$20,000.

- Tina Louise Freeman, 35, of 451 N.E. Highway Alt. 27, Chiefland, was charged with burglary.

- Elora Ann Hefferman, 28, of 2417 Victor Road, Cocoa, was charged with grand theft of motor vehicle.

- Austin Patrick Loshe, 21, of 10410 S. Ocean Drive, Jensen Beach, was charged with unlawful distribution of nitrous oxide.

- Patrick Polycarpe, 29, of 715 Avenue B, Fort Pierce, was charged with grand theft and with burglary of conveyance.

- Felicia Ann Saba, 31, of 180 Appleby Street, Palm Bay, was charged with two counts of retail theft.

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- Robert Jay Maffia, 21, of 1201 S.W. Addie Street, Port St. Lucie, was charged with possession of marijuana - more than 20 grams, and with possession or use of drug paraphernalia.

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Crazy driving

After living here for over 35 years I wonder about the crazy driving that has occurred in the last few years. Years ago if you traveled 50 mph on US 1 you flowed with the traffic. Now you are run off the road. I know the traffic has increased but that's not the reason. Drivers cut in front and force in front of you and many go over 55 mph. Why? Because they get away with it. And why? Because there is no road patrol by the police or sheriff. It is almost non-existent and about the only time you see patrol cars is when they are traveling back and forth to headquarters. Call the chief and sheriff and tell them about this. They could pay for the patrols with the fines.

Someone should be held responsible for the deaths of Santia and Britney on Feb. 6th. Would the doctors have approved of a 1,000+ mile trip to Florida in the tourist season? Was the RV inspected? Does the 98-year-old driver have close relatives who should have taken his keys away from him years ago? Don't say he needed to get around. There are lots of cabs, buses, and private individuals who would drive him for gas money, etc. Money saved on insurance and gas would cover lots of shopping trips. Driving an RV at his age - a catastrophe waiting to happen, and it did!

Check writing

Referring to the rant 'mentally challenged or inconsiderate check writers'. Amazing in our society that someone can get so annoyed at an individual inconvenience as to label that person as possibly mentally challenged. What a superiority complex. At least (in public forum) the thoughtmaster has updated his terminology from the old "what a

r*tard!" Real nice.

Traffic control - really?

In recent months PSL West installed a new traffic control system along SLW Blvd. The intent was to afford the public a better traffic flow on this overcrowded artery.

I have no idea how much the city spent for this new system. The results to the average driver have been suspect. I do believe that there has been changes in the way that the traffic is being controlled. Personally I have not experienced enough positive results to say that this investment was worthwhile. Having a thoroughfare that is handling multiple times the amount of traffic which it can handle efficiently is more than new timing of traffic lights can resolve. There are simply too many cars and what is needed to truly improve the flow simply cannot be done either financially or otherwise. If the cameras at the various cross-street intersections are still playing a role in the timing of the lights then I stand to be convinced. I have seen far too many situations where the left turn leads allow 4 or 5 cars to go through leaving an additional 10 or more to wait in line. I have also seen situations where there were no cars on either side of the cross street and the light turned green for this street and went through a very long cycle with still no cars. Drivers are accustomed to having the left turn leads come on immediately after the cross traffic has stopped. The new system apparently has been developed to alter that procure from one light cycle to another. I'm sure the engineers can explain how this is a much better system but the results have not met the claims. One factor is potentially dangerous since the drivers awaiting the left turn lead to come on will sometimes anticipate that it will do so as it always has done and start their turn prior to the lead actually activating. This I, of course, wrong, but I have seen this happen several times. I don't know if

ArtsFest in the air



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer
Eleven-year-old Tatiana Nelson from Florida Aerial Dance and Circus Arts demonstrates her skills in aerial dancing during ArtsFest. See more photos, page 10.

this is a case of "the road to hell..." but the expected results are simply not there.

At this time of year when the kids are in school and the snow birds are with us the amount of traffic on SLW Blvd can be terrible, in particular during the two rush hours and around lunch time. The city can do little to alleviate this situation, although I am in the hopes the Crosstown Parkway extension, when completed, will help.

I would question the due diligence given to purchasing the new control system. Was

this a realistic attempt to actually help the situation or a "normal" procedure where our decision-makers were simply placating to the masses? It is easy for me to make comments based on hindsight but I would have thought the city engineers could have provided a realistic projection of how much assistance this new control system would actually be able to provide. Adding another traffic lane to the eastbound and westbound lanes would be the best resolution but I don't see that happening for a lot of reasons.

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Looking for a home



At 9 years old, Phoenix is quite the elder bun. He is looking for a calm, quiet household to live out what time is left to him as a pampered house bunny. Phoenix does have some pre-existing age related medical concerns that will need care in the future.

To tug at your heartstrings a little more, Phoenix has a sad, sad story. During Hurricane Irma he was found in the rain off to the side of the road. A good Samaritan stopped, thinking he was some child's lost but loved toy! He was quite surprised when the toy turned out to be a living bunny. He held onto Phoenix for a few weeks but was unable to provide adequate care for this precious bun and brought him to us. When Phoenix arrived he was very underweight, matted, with a few masses, and with a nasty case of ear mites. Now Phoenix has risen from the ashes of his past and is ready for his new life!

To meet Phoenix and all of his bunny friends, stop by the HSTC main shelter in Palm City. You can view all available pets online at hstc1.org.

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p.m., large group meeting at 7 p.m., open share groups at 8 p.m., Cross Talk Cafe at 9 p.m. For more information, call (772) 288-3593.

• **Overeaters Anonymous meeting:** Tuesdays, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 623 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart, in Smith Hall next to the Cracker Barrel Thrift Shop. No dues, fees or weigh-in. For more information, call (772) 263-2109 or visit oa.org.

• **Tuesday Night Car Show:** 6:30-8:30 p.m., each Tuesday, weather permitting, in the Lowe's parking lot, 3620 S.E. Federal Highway, Stuart. Antique, collector and classic cars, plus raffles and 50/50 drawing, and music from the '50s and '60s. Food and drinks also available. Show is free to spectators, \$3 for car owners. For more information, contact Jim Serra at (772) 285-3320 or jimserra117@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

• **Town Hall Lecture Series:** This lecture series for elected and appointed officials, practicing professionals, residents and visitors, focuses on town planning, urban design, and changing trends that affect the long-term health and resilience of communities. Ellen Dunham-Jones will speak about retrofitting suburbia for 21st Century challenges. Presented by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council at the Historic Jensen Beach Community Center, 1912 N.E. Jensen Beach Blvd., Jensen Beach. Reception from 5:30-6:30 p.m., lecture is from 6:30-8 p.m. To RSVP or for more information, call (772) 221-4060 or email

lgulick@tcrpc.org.

• **Faith and Book Discussion Group:** 10 a.m. every Wednesday, Unitarian Universalists of the Treasure Coast, 21 S.E. Central Parkway, Stuart. Non-denominational group. Books are available at a discount through the group. Free, public is welcome. For more information, visit www.tcuuc.com.

• **Ocean Science Lecture Series:** Julie Huber of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution will present "Microbes, Fluids and Rocks: Life Beneath the Seafloor" at 4 p.m., Johnson Education Center, Harbor Branch campus, 5600 U.S. 1 North, Fort Pierce. Free. For more information, contact Jill Sunderland at (772) 242-2506 or email education@fau.edu.

• **Care for Caregivers support group:** 6:30-8 p.m., third Wednesday each month, Suncoast Mental Health Center, 2814 S. U.S. 1, Suite D4, Fort Pierce. A support group for individuals, family members and others who play the role of caregiver to a person who struggles with a mental illness. The group's facilitator is volunteer mental health advocate Diego Gonzalez. For more information, contact Diego Gonzalez at (772) 577-4024, dgonz17820@aol.com, or visit <http://suncoastmentalhealth.org>

THURSDAY, FEB. 22

• **Naturalist Guided Trail Hikes:** Held every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. from Jan. 4 through March 29, Hobe Sound Nature Center, 13640 U.S. 1, Hobe Sound. No reservations required to explore native habitats at the refuge with the naturalist. Meet in the exhibit hall to learn about the flora and fauna that call the Indian River Lagoon, coastal hammock, and sand pine scrub their home. Free, reservations are

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project, effectively giving the South Florida Water Management District sole oversight. Lake Point also began formulating plans to use the site to clean up water from Lake Okeechobee for resale as drinking water to the city of West Palm Beach. Shortly afterward, Commissioners Ed Fielding and Sarah Heard, along with former Commissioner Anne Scott, publicly criticized the project and cited the company for violations. That led to the current civil breach-of-contract lawsuit and another filed against the county, which was settled Nov. 14 for \$12 million, in addition to the \$5.7 million already incurred in legal expenses.

Ms. Hurchalla, 77, addressed reporters outside before the onset of the trial but did not speak during the first day's proceedings. During the second day of the trial Jan. 6., Mr. Loeb emphasized the company was seeking \$4 million in damages from Ms. Hurchalla for her role in convincing the commissioners through email and other means to discredit the rock mining firm.

Her legal representative, Stuart attorney Virginia Sherlock, told jurors that day those communications were protected by the First Amendment and were innocent inquiries into the potential effect of the project on the property's wetlands.

"Maggy Hurchalla contacted public officials to get information, to provide facts, to ask questions, to see whether the Lake Point project was working and — if it wasn't — how to fix it," she said. "You will learn that Maggy acted out of concern for the environment [and] for Martin County and that her concerns were genuine."

Mr. Loeb, however showed jurors emails Ms. Hurchalla sent to the aforementioned commissioners, with one in particular directed to Commissioner Sarah Heard signed "Deep Rockpit."

"She [Commissioner Heard] took what Maggy Hurchalla said to her and ran with it," he said.

Mr. Loeb then called Deputy County Administrator Don Donaldson to the stand, who had previously served as county engineer during the early stages of the operation. His testimony refuted Ms. Hurchalla's environmental damage claims.

"No wetlands were destroyed or impacted as a result of the project," he said.

Lake Point Restoration General Manager Jamie Rusbridge, who helped develop the limestone mining project, also began testimony that afternoon that continued into the next day. He said Jan. 7 the company "had to take extraordinary steps" to keep the operation afloat after accusations by the Martin County Commission majority began to negatively affect client relationships.

"We started to hear concerns from customers who wanted to know if we'd still be in business to fulfill long-term rock-supply agreements," he said. "We're trying to say we're the vendor that's going to be there when you need us, but statements and actions by the County Commission instead indicated that we won't be here tomorrow."

Mr. Rusbridge was referring to comments made by the former Commission majority in public meetings indicating the company would face delays in the resolution of code enforcement violations and the issuance of building permits, all of which he insisted resulted from Ms. Hurchalla's undue influence. As a result Lake Point found itself forced to lower prices, renegotiate financing

terms and prove to its customers it had sufficient limestone on hand to meet their needs.

"Such steps were unusual and expensive," Mr. Rusbridge explained. "We were wronged."

That same afternoon, Ms. Sherlock asked Judge William Roby to declare a mistrial and to recuse himself from the case due to partiality, according to court documents. The judge refused to declare a mistrial, and said he would take the latter under advisement.

Both Commissioners Fielding and Heard declined to testify in person, citing Fifth Amendment concerns due to their own upcoming public records trials. The court was expected to play their videotaped depositions as of press time, and the trial is expected to last several more days. Commissioner Fielding was arrested last November and charged with two counts of public-records violations, while Commissioner Heard was arrested and charged with two criminal misdemeanor counts of public-records violations. Ms. Heard also faces a non-criminal infraction related to the alleged mishandling of public records.

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required. For more information, call (772) 546-2067 or visit <http://hobesoundnaturecenter.com>

• **Brain Fitness:** 3-4 p.m., Anderson Community Room at the Morgade Library, 5851 S.E. Community Drive, Stuart. Join Ute

Schwartz in February for a 4 week session on activities to stimulate your brain. This fun and educational workshop for adults will include word games, memory games, puzzles, art projects, and take-home exercises. It is most beneficial to attend all sessions, but not a requirement. Free, sponsored by Friends of the Martin County Library System, Inc. For more information, call (772) 463-3245 or email mid_cty@martin.fl.us

• **Jammin' Jensen:** 6-9:30 p.m., every Thursday night in downtown Jensen Beach except for Thanksgiving. For more information, visit www.jensenbeach.biz.

FRIDAY, FEB. 23

• **Oyster Shell Bagging:** 9 a.m. to noon, Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center, 890

N.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. Help to bag oyster shells that will eventually be deployed into the Indian River Lagoon for restoration. Please wear closed-toe shoes, appropriate clothing and bring a reusable water bottle. Gloves will be provided. Participants not wearing closed toe shoes will not be allowed to participate for liability/safety reasons. To

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Art, music, and food

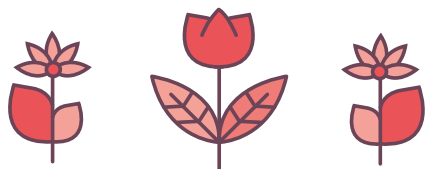
The 30th anniversary of ArtsFest, organized by the Arts Council of Martin County, offered kid's activities, fine art and demonstrations, a literary village, a green market, live music, live animals from the Treasure Coast Wildlife Center, and the 'Chopped Culinary Challenge' at Memorial Park in downtown Stuart, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 10-11.



Above: Sculptor Edwardo Gomez sculpts a bust of Mallo Bisset.
Right: Three-year-old David Allison of Palm City glues a googly eye on his hand puppet.
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Above: Dana Sardano of Ubuntu Art By Dana paints as Sunny Walker looks on.
Left: Allison Boham entertains her two-year-old son Asher with a sock puppet.



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Water

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farm water unless you grow shrimp in it or something.”

Like many other citrus operations in Southeast Florida, however, the Caulkins groves fell victim to the plague of citrus greening that subsequently left the land idle after 2012. Last October, Mr. Caulkins unveiled his latest project -- the Caulkins Water Farm -- orchestrated in cooperation with the South Florida Water Management District, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Florida Senate President Joe Negron. Prior to this latest public/private partnership endeavor, the landowner had planned to subdivide his property in 20-acre ranchettes. Instead, the land will soon be under-water.

“We found a way to re-purpose this land and figure out a way to take lemons and make lemonade for the citizens of Martin County and the St. Lucie Estuary,” Mr. Caulkins said. “We are happy to be part of the solution.”

Located on Citrus Boulevard along the banks of the C-44 Canal, Caulkins Water Farm grew out of a \$4.2 million pilot project that included a 413-acre test section of the land, along with a 1,622-acre water storage area on the Spur Land & Cattle/Bull Hammock Ranch in Martin County and Evans Ideal 1000 in St. Lucie County. Ansley Marr, the SFWMD Section Administrator for the Northern Everglades, said of those three, FDEP chose only Caulkins to receive part of the \$47 million in funding for six large-scale projects under the Northern Everglades

Public Private Partnership Program. The state then awarded the farm a 10-year, \$62.5 million contract for the expansion.

“Caulkins was expanded from its original 450-acre footprint to the 3,275-acre footprint that it is today,” she said. “At this time there are no plans to expand the other pilot projects. We have extended the contracts of those farms in years past as they have continued to perform up to or exceed planned storage estimates.”

Mr. Caulkins said the success of the pilot project on his land even surprised hydrology professionals.

“The project was recognized by experts as immediately exceeding expectations for storing more than four times the amount of water expected,” he said. “The pilot project was supposed to pull about 2.2 billion gallons of water a year out of the C-44 Canal. However, from January 2014 to August 2016, it kept 12 billion gallons of water out of the St. Lucie River estuary, according to South Florida Water Management District statistics.

With the expansion to 3,200 acres and the installation of three pumps, the water farm now has the capability to pump up to 151 million gallons of water per day onto the property and store up to 35 billion gallons of water per year from the C-44 Canal.”

The landowner attributed the success in part to his property’s extremely sandy soil.

“This acts as a natural filtration system for the nutrient-laden water coming from the C-44,” he added. “The natural filtration process removes at least 75 percent of the nitrogen and 50 percent of the phosphorus found in the water. This cleansed water then re-charges the aquifer beneath the soil.”

Ms. Marr concurred with that assessment, saying that Caulkins was unique out of the six large-scale water farming projects.

“What we do know about Caulkins that makes it truly stand out from the other projects is its soil make-up allows water to seep vertically at a much higher rate than what we expect to see from the other projects,” she explained. “This allows the project to have more turn over or ‘refills’ per year.”

Water Management District environmental scientist Boyd Gunsalus had overseen the pilot project at Caulkin’s Water Farm and put its success in more succinct terms.

“The infiltration rate was three to four times as much as most water farms,” he said.

Experts predict Caulkin’s Water Farm will filter approximately 26 billion gallons of water a year and effectively prevent up to 37,500 pounds of phosphorus and 271,000 pounds of nitrogen from entering the St. Lucie River Estuary. The operation required the installation of a \$3 million pump station near the C-44 Canal to house three pumps capable of siphoning 35,000 gallons a minute from the waterway.

Florida Senate President Joe Negron, said Caulkin’s Water Farm will play an essential role in the cleanup of Lake Okeechobee discharges that have plagued the region in recent years.

“This successful project demonstrates that Florida can achieve short-term solutions to reduce discharges while at the same time building the long-term water storage infrastructure to solve the problem once and for all,” he said.

In addition to the 35 billion capacity of Caulkin’s Water Farm, the other five NEPPP Projects include Bluefield Grove with 11 billion gallons of storage capacity; Scott Water Farm, 11.4 billion gallons; Alico Dispersed Water Storage, 29 billion gallons; Brighton Valley, 11 billion gallons; and Latt Maxcy, 8.7 billion gallons.

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RSVP, call Rosemary Badger at (772) 225-0505, Ext. 109, or visit www.floridaocean.org.

• **Night Explorers:** Star gazing at the Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Hobe Sound Nature Center, 13640 U.S. 1, Hobe Sound. Following a brief classroom orientation, naturalists will lead the group outside along the nature trail to look at the nighttime sky through telescopes. Learn about wildlife at night and how artificial lighting impacts some plant and animal species. (If weather conditions are not conducive to viewing planets, stars and constellations, the program will be limited to classroom activities.) Free, reservations are required. For more information, call (772) 546-2067 or visit <http://hobesoundnaturecenter.com>

FRIDAY, FEB. 23 – SUNDAY, MARCH 4

• **St. Lucie County Fair:** Held at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds, 15601 W. Midway Road, Fort Pierce. For full activities, performers and more information as it’s available, visit www.stluciecountyfair.org.

SATURDAY, FEB. 24

• **Astronomy Day and Night:** 2-9 p.m., Hallstrom Planetarium, IRSC main campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Join IRSC and the Treasure Coast Astronomical Society for free mini-planetarium shows with guest speakers. See CALENDAR, page 12

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Civilian employee helps Martin County Sheriff's Office offset traffic demands

By Gaylon Parker

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MARTIN COUNTY – A new civilian employee is helping to alleviate the demands on deputies and personnel within the Martin County Sheriff's Office. Courtney Schorner was recently hired as a civilian service aide for the traffic unit, and the MCSO is benefiting from her work on traffic accidents and other demands to offset the workload and focus on other critical-need areas.

"I absolutely love the traffic unit and assisting the deputies," Ms. Schorner said. "I just think the position, as a whole, is especially beneficial to the sheriff's office and I

get joy out of assisting citizens – whether it's a minor or major crash. I do just about anything traffic-related, but nothing criminal."

The state of Florida allows sheriff's offices to hire civilians in these roles, and they work mostly with traffic-control personnel. The programs have existed in the state for a few years, but it is the MCSO's first chance to hire somebody in that capacity. There are plans in the works for the office to hire another similar employee – and one part-time employee – because of how well Ms. Schorner has performed.

The positions also help the MCSO save money on staffing.

"We can hire civilian staff for a lesser cost that we can hire deputies, and deputies

responding to emergency calls and calls for service – although deputies still respond to traffic crashes – makes sense, fiscally," Lt. Grimsdale said. "We can accomplish the same amount of work with less impact to the budget. If I can take a deputy out of a parking lot working a minor crash with no injuries, the end goal is to make sure everybody is taken care of civilly and fiscally and making sure their insurance information is available and making sure it's investigated properly, then I can take that law-enforcement guy and have him responding to other calls for service and put him in enforcement, instead."

Ms. Schorner originally worked for the MCSO for about three years in the records

department before assuming her new role and the new position is unique because it allows people to get a taste of what it's like to serve in law enforcement. But it has been a mutually beneficial role for the MCSO and Ms. Schorner.

"I always try to stay positive because each situation is different," Ms. Schorner said. "You might get a similar crash, but no two people are the same. I always try to come to work with a positive attitude, and I am excited to serve the citizens of Martin County."

For information about the Martin County Sheriff's Office, visit www.sheriff.martin.fl.us/ or call 772-220-7000.

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handouts and guided views of the sky, weather permitting. For more information, contact the IRSC box office at (772) 462-4750 or email boxoffice@irsc.edu.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27

• **Spring Series Tuesday Morning Hike:** 10 a.m., North Jupiter Flatwoods, 3377 Church Street, Jupiter. Explore local natural areas with the Hobe Sound Nature Center. Reservations are required, space is limited. Carpools available from HSNAC at 9:30 a.m.

For reservations, call the Nature Center at (772) 546-2067 or visit hobesoundnaturecenter.com.

• **Celebrate Recovery:** Each Tuesday at The Grace Place, 1550 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart. Meant for help in dealing with any type of hurts, hang-ups or habits. Dinner at 6 p.m., large group meeting at 7 p.m., open share groups at 8 p.m., Cross Talk Cafe at 9 p.m. For more information, call (772) 288-3593.

• **Overeaters Anonymous meeting:** Tuesdays, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 623 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart, in Smith Hall next to the Cracker Barrel Thrift Shop. No dues, fees or weigh-in. For more information, call (772) 263-2109

or visit oa.org.

• **Tuesday Night Car Show:** 6:30-8:30 p.m., each Tuesday, weather permitting, in the Lowe's parking lot, 3620 S.E. Federal Highway, Stuart. Antique, collector and classic cars, plus raffles and 50/50 drawing, and music from the '50s and '60s. Food and drinks also available. Show is free to spectators, \$3 for car owners. For more information, contact Jim Serra at (772) 285-3320 or jimserra117@gmail.com.

THROUGH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

• **Invertebrates Month at Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center:** Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center, 890 N.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. For information on a special Invertebrate Craft Day, check FloridaOcean.org.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

• **Faith and Book Discussion Group:** 10 a.m. every Wednesday, Unitarian Universalists of the Treasure Coast, 21 S.E. Central Parkway, Stuart. Non-denominational group. Books are available at a discount through the group. Free, public is welcome.

For more information, visit www.tcuuc.com.

• **Ocean Science Lecture Series:** Aran Mooney of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution will present "Listening to Noisy Coral Reefs and What They Can Tell Us" at 4 p.m., Johnson Education Center, Harbor Branch campus, 5600 U.S. 1 North, Fort Pierce. Free. For more information, contact Jill Sunderland at (772) 242-2506 or email education@fau.edu.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

• **Naturalist Guided Trail Hikes:** Held every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. from Jan. 4 through March 29, Hobe Sound Nature Center, 13640 U.S. 1, Hobe Sound. No reservations required to explore native habitats at the refuge with the naturalist. Meet in the exhibit hall to learn about the flora and fauna that call the Indian River Lagoon, coastal hammock, and sand pine scrub their home. Free, reservations are required. For more information, call (772) 546-2067 or visit <http://hobesoundnaturecenter.com>

• **Jammin' Jensen:** 6-9:30 p.m., every Thursday night in downtown Jensen Beach except for Thanksgiving. For more information, visit www.jensenbeach.biz.



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Dining & Entertainment

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Kai Kai Farm working toward entertainment venue, opportunities

By Gaylon Parker

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INDIANTOWN – A new venue will be coming in 2019 that will augment Martin County's growing live-music scene. That growth – ironically enough – will be located at Kai Kai Farm.

The arena, which will be known as Kai's Music Garden, will hold upwards of 3,000 people and be completed sometime next year. But in the meantime, the farm is expanding its entertainment options with the help of Ron Hart, the former owner of Terra Fermata and a tireless promoter of local bands and nationwide acts.

"We're opening the venue at the east garden, and this is a 40-acre site, and in the works and under construction now and coming online in, hopefully, early 2019 will be a 3,000-seat, covered amphitheater," Mr. Hart said. "So that's going to be a big deal, and like nothing anybody's ever seen in Martin County."

"We're talking top-of-the-line production equipment and a real music venue."

The upcoming acts at Kai's Music Garden will be presented by Earth Tones and Mr. Hart, and the lineup includes Americana musician Amy Helm – who is the daughter

or Levon Helm – on March 24, with local band The Micah Scott Project opening for Ms. Helm. On March 25, Grandpa's Cough Medicine will perform and open for the Jon Stickle Trio and the weekend will be known as "A Su-Weeet Weekend," which will be after the Suwannee Springs Reunion, a music festival in Northern Florida.

On April 14, Americana band The Novel Ideas will open for Forlorn Strangers – at an event titled "Welcome, Stranger" to encourage new visitors to eat at Kai Kai – and on April 15 there will be a motorcycle "Soft Tail & Hog Roast" event featuring local bands The Prestage Brothers and The Big Pine Band.



Amy Helm

Kai Kai Farm is a 30-acre ecotourism site that provides a farm-to-table operation, and See KAI KAI, page 19

Out & about

FRIDAY, FEB. 16

• **Coffee with the Conductor:** 10 a.m., Court House Cultural Center, 80 E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. Features Atlantic Classical Orchestra conductor David Amado. Learn the story behind the music in a relaxed, comfortable setting. Free, seating is limited, so reservations required. For more information, call (772) 287-6676 or visit www.martinarts.org.

• **Masterworks Concert II – 'Songs & Dances':** The Atlantic Classical Orchestra performs at the Lyric Theatre, 59 S.W. Flagler Ave., Stuart. Featuring music from Prokofiev, Barber and Schuman. Two performances, at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., with pre-concert lectures

at 3:10 p.m. and 7:10 p.m. For ticket information, call the ACO office at (772) 460-0850 or visit www.atlanticclassicalorchestra.com.

• **Community Movie Night:** 6-8 p.m., basketball court at New Monrovia Park, 4455 S.E. Murray Street, Stuart. Enjoy 2 hours under the stars with your friends and family while watching "Captain Underpants" on a 20 foot tall screen. Free, movie starts after sunset. Food and temporary tattoos will be available for purchase. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/MyMCParks/

• **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 dinner, drinks, popcorn, a movie, and time to explore the museum. Meant for kindergarten through 8th grade. \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members. Space is limited, register early to secure a spot. Call the museum at (772) 225-7575, Ext. 208 to register.

• **Kane Concert Series:** 'An Evening with James Taylor' featuring Andrew Moffitt. Andrew Moffitt is a veteran acoustic guitarist, singer and soloist. His guitar playing style and smooth, silky baritone are a near-perfect rendition of the 1970's archetypal sensitive singer/songwriter. Show begins at 7 p.m., The Kane Center, 900 S.E. Salerno Road, See OUT, page 16

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Horoscopes



ARIES - March 21/April 20

Aries, you are inspired and ready to take on the world. Make the time to thank the people who spurred your motivation, then get moving toward your goals.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Taurus, your positive outlook can help not only you, but also others. Where some people only see problems, you see all the possibilities lying ahead of you.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, everyday things seem magical to you this week. This may be because you're looking at the world through the haze of happiness spurred on by new love.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, you have been biding your time, but the moment to take a calculated risk has finally arrived. Since you have done some thorough research, it should be smooth sailing.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

Transparency is your middle name this week, Leo. Others know just what is going on in your life and in your head. This may encourage others. See SCOPES, page 18

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St. Lucie County Fair coming up Feb. 23 to March 4

By Gaylon Parker

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ST LUCIE COUNTY – One of the biggest county fairs on the Treasure Coast will be in town as the St. Lucie County Fair opens Feb. 23. The event runs through March 4 and has a range of activities that offer fun for all ages and interests.

“We did a lot of infrastructure upgrades here, with the small-animal building opening two years ago and this year we did some upgrades in draining and electrical areas,” said Jeanne Keaton, St. Lucie County Fair general manager. “That might be kind of hidden from the public, but it’s necessary.”

Among the host of entertainment options for the fair are the PRCA Rodeo on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23 and 24, which is free with gate admission, and the demolition derby on Saturday, March 3 at 6 p.m. The Budweiser Clydesdales will be on hand during the fair and there is a “Show Me Safari” and petting zoo for children.

There is a nearly full-sized train in one building, which is called the “Ag Train,” and children can pretend they’re the engineer or in the caboose, which is a great photo op for families. “Just in the last few months, since we installed it, the kids are having a blast on it,” Ms. Keaton added.

Among the acts that will appear throughout the fair will be daily shows from Lady Houdini, the Cactus Moon Line Dancers, Kickin’ It Country and Reggie’s Girls, while hypnotist Chris Mabrey will offer fun shows and bands such as The Dweebs, guitarist



Lloyd Mabrey and Judge Talford will hit the stage as special musical guests. Daily showtimes for all these events can be found at the main website.

“The Dweebs sing songs from the 70s, 80s, 90s and 2000s and they’re extremely interactive with the crowd, so we’re going to hear some fun songs from those eras that we can sing and dance along to,” Ms. Keaton said. “They have really cool costumes, and it’s really an eye-catcher and an ear-catcher.”

“Judge Talford is a bluegrass that combined 70s and 80s rock, it’s very unique to hear Journey and Bon Jovi and these bands played with fiddles, banjos and different musical instruments. They harmonize like there’s no tomorrow.”

The “Pork Chop Downs” pig races will

again make their appearance and Nick’s Kids Show will delight youth audiences for its second-consecutive year. Shenan-iGun’s family entertainment will feature a wild-west show and nine-foot-tall Rocket the Robot will be patrolling the fair throughout.

“We have a variety of entertainment, and it’s something we take pride in here,” Ms. Keaton said. “All our entertainment is free with gate admission, whether it’s the PRCA Rodeo or the demolition derby, so when you’re here you’ve got fun.”

Those attending can save money on



Far left: Shelton Owens Murphy of Headland Alabama rides bareback at the Wide Open Rodeo at last year’s fair. Twelve-year-old Richard Vasquez of Port St. Lucie plays on the farm equipment with his cousin Mason Calvo, 3, at last year’s St. Lucie County Fair.

file photo

advance tickets, with an adult gate/armband combo going for \$17 and a child gate/armband combo for \$12. For other armband and admission deals, visit the fair’s website.

Parking is free, and the fair is located at the intersection of Midway Road and Okeechobee Road.

For more information about the fair, please visit <https://www.stluciecountyfair.org/> or call the main office at 772-464-2910.

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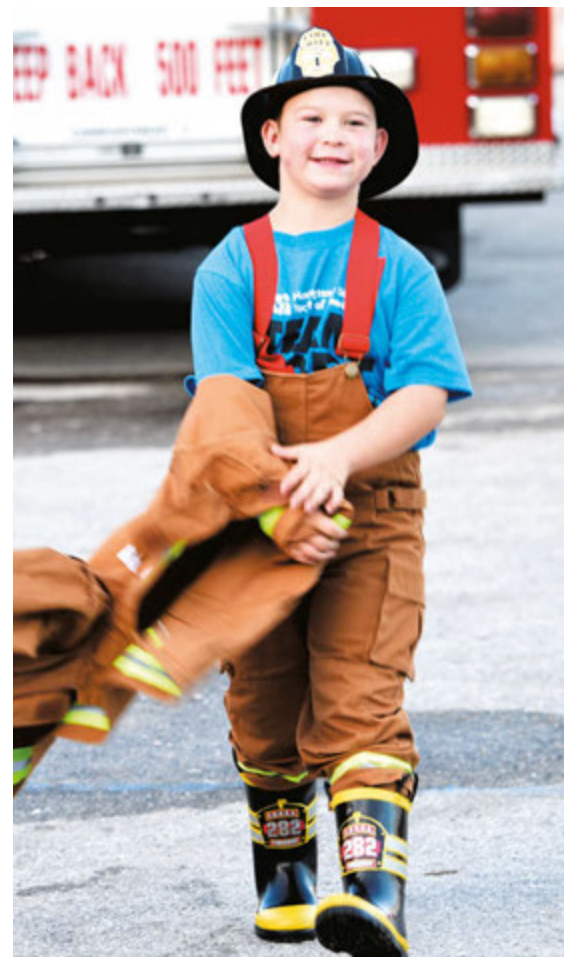
Right: BMX Trickstar's Rob Nolli does a back flip off the box ramp. Rob grew up in Port St. Lucie, graduating from Fort Pierce Central High School.

Below: Fifteen-year-old Mabel Howe checks on her Cracker Angus calf



Seven-year-old Malia Calvin of Palm City rides the mechanical bull.

Thrills and fun for all



The 59th annual Martin County Fair and Youth Livestock Show, held at the Martin County Fairgrounds in Stuart from Feb. 9-17, offers rides, livestock exhibit, music, the BMX Trickstars, Robocars, Mystic Magic Illusions, entertainment for the whole family. For more information visit www.martincountyfair.com

Eight-year-old Tyler Devine tries on Martin County Fire Rescue's bunker gear.

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Gearing up for some up close and personal golf time

I cannot think of a single sport that is not more exciting to watch in person versus on television. In the coming weeks I will get to enjoy my favorite sport, up close, and personal.

Starting this week, and over the next several weeks, I will enjoy the PGA Tour as it cruises through our home state, from the comfort of the stands, the practice green, the driving range, that great spot on the course where several holes intersect, and more. Most people swear that golf is best watched on television. From your recliner you get to see every shot, follow every player and catch the replays.

What you miss from your living room is the excitement in the air. You miss the rush when your player makes a birdie and the crowd goes crazy, urging him on and hoping to lift him even higher up the leaderboard. You miss hearing a roar from several holes away and wondering who did something amazing. You even get to see the reactions of the other players as they check the leaderboard to see if it was the leaders or the pursuers who just caused that roar.

There is also the player interaction. True, they are at work during their round, and many choose to stay laser-focused on the

GOLF
JAMES STAMMER



task at hand. However, some choose to feed off the crowd. They will smile, wave and urge the cheers on. Then there are those who hear the heckles. Some use that as motivation and make a point of letting the heckler know that the great shot just hit, was inspired by those remarks.

One thing that television doesn't portray well is the sound the ball makes when these guys hit it. I've hit some great shots in my life, and the feeling of the ball compressing and coming perfectly off the clubface is amazing. When you personally witness the guys on the PGA Tour hit a golf ball, it sounds entirely different than when we mere mortal golfers hit one. It makes an amazing sound and the noise you hear when it cuts through the air is much different as well.

In showing us nearly every shot, by every player, television doesn't show us what goes

into the shot before the swing begins. At the course, you can hear the caddie-player conversation. The caddie will give his player several yardages, not just the one to the pin. He will tell him how far to carry the front bunker, how far to the back edge of the green, or how much room is right or left of the flag.

The caddie will suggest a club based on what he knows his player's tendencies are. This may differ from day to day as some days the caddie knows that his player isn't hitting it well, or perhaps he senses his player being a bit amped-up and knows he will hit the ball just a bit farther than usual.

The caddie will tell his player what the wind is doing, and remind him if the ball is sitting in a flier lie or that he may need a little more club because of the lie. Lastly, you will hear the caddie give his player a good thought and back off to let him execute the perfect shot.

Walking the course with a group you notice how the players are constantly checking things out. They are taking mental notes the entire time. Walking up to the green, they take note of how the water run off was designed. Where does the water run off when it rains? What subtle undulations are

there that you cannot see well once you are on the putting surface. All these things come into play when you try to figure out what the ball will do as it rolls to the hole.

After their round you find out who the good guys are. Some head straight from the scoring tent to the locker room, to their car. Others hang around and talk with friends or some of the media. Many, after their work is done, head over to the autograph area where the youngest of fans go to meet them.

Phil Mickelson is one of the best at engaging his fans. A couple years ago, after he missed the cut, I watched him sign autographs and chat with kids for more than 30 minutes after Friday's round. He could have gotten an early start on his weekend, but chose to be the great guy so many find him to be.

The next time you are torn between getting out and experiencing professional golf in person or sitting in your recliner, take the former. You'll be glad you did. If nothing else, you'll get some fresh air, sunshine and exercise.

Contact James Stammer at stammergolf@yahoo.com.

Out

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Stuart. Cash bar available. Tickets are \$30 for Kane members and \$35 for Kane Club and non-members. Proceeds benefit the Council on Aging of Martin County. For more

information and ticket inquiries, call (772) 223-7800 or visit www.kanecenter.org.

THROUGH SATURDAY, FEB. 17

• **Martin County Fair:** Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 S.E. Dixie Highway, Stuart. Feb. 9 through Feb. 17. For daily activities,

performers, and more information, visit www.martincountyfair.com.

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

• **Native Animals Art Class:** 10-11:30 a.m., Hobe Sound Nature Center, 13640 S.E. Federal Highway, Hobe Sound. Meet HSNC's

teaching animals up close and learn to sketch with take home materials. Children's event, meant for ages 8-10; must be accompanied by an adult. Free, reservations required as space is limited. For more information, call (772) 546-2067 or visit www.hobesoundnaturecenter.com

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Let's see how many places we can go!

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• **Ranchin' for a Cause:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Twin Fox Farms, 5551 S.W. Mistletoe Lane, Palm City. Clydesdale carriage rides, kids carnival with games, bounce house, face painting, car show, helicopter and airplane rides, silent and Chinese auctions. Family friendly. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. \$5. *For more information, contact Joan Rogers at (772) 485-3513 or joanrelayforlife@gmail.com.*

• **Slow Food Gold and Treasure Coast U-Drive Farm Tour:** Seventh annual event will be held from 12 p.m. to 5:05 p.m. Tour your choice of 11 farms or businesses throughout the Treasure Coast. You pick where you wish to go, as long as it's during the time the farm is open for tours. Free. *See the tour guide online at www.slowfoodgtc.org/events.html*

• **Elisabeth Lahti Concert Series:** 'Russian Duo: Oleg Kruglyakov and Terry Boyarsky,' 2 p.m., Cummings Library, 2551 S.W. Matheson Ave., Palm City. Their extensive repertoire draws from Russian folk music, romances, dances, classical music, gypsy melodies, bluegrass, ragtime, tango, film scores, and more. Free ticket required, which can be picked up at the Cummings Library on the Tuesday before each performance; limited to two per person. *For more information, call (772) 288-5702 or visit www.library.martin.fl.us.*

• **Third Saturday Gourmet:** 5-9 p.m., near Juno Shoe Girl, 11766 S.E. Dixie Highway, Hobe Sound. Enjoy a range of food trucks, entertainment and vendors, along with the shops along Dixie Highway, in a family-friendly, pet-friendly event. *For more information, visit www.hobesound.org.*

• **Humane Society Paws & Claws Gala:** 6-11 p.m., Pirates Cove Resort, 4307 S.E. Bayview Street, Stuart. Annual gala raises funds for shelter pets in need as well as

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THROUGH SUNDAY, FEB. 18

• **The Fantasticks:** Musical by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt will be presented by A.C.T. Studio Theatre, Cedar Pointe Plaza, 2399 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. "The Fantasticks" is the world's longest-running musical, having been performed Off-Broadway for 42 years; the revival just closed in 2017. Entrancing generations of audiences the world over, it's a funny and romantic musical that brings to life a touching story of innocence and knowledge. Many of the songs have become classics. Shows are Feb. 2-4, Feb. 9-11, and Feb. 16-18. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. Reserved seating is \$30. *For tickets and information, call (772) 932-8880 or visit actstudiotheatre.com.*

• **'Aida:'** McAlpin Fine Arts Center, IRSC main campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Musical. One of the greatest love stories of all time, the tale of how a captive Nubian princess succumbs to an Egyptian army officer in a love that transcends death. Set to a score by Elton John. Show runs Feb. 15 through Feb. 18. Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with 2 p.m. shows on Saturday and Sunday. General admission tickets are \$15. *For more information, contact the IRSC box office at (772) 462-4750 or email boxoffice@irsc.edu*

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Spring is in the air!

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Roses are beautiful flowers that symbolize love and friendship. Imagine yourself entertaining your friends in a lovely alcove surrounded by colorful flowers. Roses are relatively easy to grow and are a great choice because they will often grow where other flowers won't because of Florida's intense summer sun.

Roses can be successfully planted in either containers or in the ground. In either case, the plants should be in well-drained soil in a sunny location. If you plant your treasures in the ground, be sure the soil drains well. Dig a hole about 15 – 18 inches wide and eighteen inches deep. Put a layer of gravel on the bottom of the hole. This is to allow drainage so water drains away from the root system. The same would apply if you plant your roses in a container. The next step is to prepare the soil you are going to use to plant your roses. You should use a mix of a good quality potting soil with around half the mixture composed of organic matter such as mulch or peat. You can also use some bone meal with your soil mixture. Now, it's finally time to plant your prize. Carefully remove the plant from its original container. Place the plant in your prepared hole so the top of soil layer on the plant is the same level as the surrounding soil. Fill the gap underneath the plant with your prepared soil mixture. Now, fill the gaps around the remaining parts of the plant and pack down lightly. You are now ready to water in your newly planted rose.

OK, you finally have your roses planted and they are bursting with color, now you need to do some periodic maintenance to maintain that beauty. Since we live in such a humid climate, certain diseases such as black powdery mildew and black spot can both be a common problem. Both diseases



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JOE ZELENAK

are much easier to control if you prevent them happening in the first place. Once established, both are very difficult to get rid of. Although there are many products on the market that are used for disease control on roses, Orthenex reigns as the king. The product controls not only diseases but also controls insect infestation as well. If you are interested in an all-natural cure for fungus, how about baking soda. That's right, baking soda. Plain ordinary baking soda added at the rate of 3 teaspoons per gallon of water. You then can add a small amount of mild dish detergent to the mix to act as a spreader sticker. This will work as a preventive measure but will not work well if an infection is present. Be sure not to make your mix too strong as damage to your roses could result.

With all the remedies that we have at our disposal for controlling rose problems, probably the best way is prevention. One way is to avoid watering late in the day so the leaves of the plant do not stay wet all night. Also it is important to have good soil drainage.

Roses are heavy feeders and like a good supply of food. Roses should be fed at least once a month. You can use a good quality commercial food or you can use your own mix, which should consist of 1 cup of bone meal, 1-cup cottonseed meal, one-half cup blood meal, one-half cup fishmeal and one-half cup Epsom salts. You can spread this mix around each plant and then water in.

Wait no more, the cold weather is gone and the Florida Spring is here so get gardening!

Contact Joe Zelenak at hometown-garden@gmail.com.

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Park, downtown Stuart. This year the theme is "Rise! Resist! Unite!" Attendees should be ready to do just that. The event is free to all and will feature speakers from local non-profits SafeSpace and the Inner Truth Project (two organizations that help people who have been victims of domestic violence and sexual assault). While violence against women is a serious issue, the event itself is celebratory with dance demonstrations and singing performances from local groups, music from high school bands, more entertainment, inspiring activities and refreshments. Funds raised from this year's event will again benefit SafeSpace (www.safespacefl.org) and the Inner Truth Project (www.innertruthproject.org). For more information about this global rise against violence, visit www.onebillionrising.org. For local information, visit the Facebook page at [facebook.com/OneBillionRisingMartinCounty](https://www.facebook.com/OneBillionRisingMartinCounty) or follow on Instagram at [/1br_martincounty](https://www.instagram.com/1br_martincounty).

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• **USA Dance local chapter:** Ballroom, Latin and Swing dancing at the Jensen Beach Ballroom, 881 N.E. Jensen Beach Blvd., Jensen Beach, from 3-6 p.m., on the third Sunday every month. Open to the public. Admission is \$11. For information and updates, visit www.usadancemartin-st-lucie.org, search on Facebook for "USA Dance #6047-Martin-St. Lucie," or email usad6047info@gmail.com

MONDAY, FEB. 19

• **'Treasure House Birthday Bash:'** 9:30 See OUT, page 19

Scopes

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ers to be more open.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

Virgo, since you don't want to be misunderstood in any way, you need to be very careful in how you express your thoughts this week. Clarify details, if necessary.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Chances for success in all areas of your life are magnified by your innovative spirit, Libra. Keep the good ideas flowing and bring others into your future plans.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Confidence is on the rise, Scorpio, and that may lead you to take a few risks. There may be great gains to be had, or not much change. However, it can be worthwhile to try.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21

Intentions aimed at distant goals may keep you busy in the long run, Sagittarius, but this week direct your focus to items that will provide the most immediate results.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Capricorn, you have enough sense to balance your imagination with reality. Take your clever ideas and figure out a practical way to make them work.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Aquarius, although the destination is in view, you have not yet developed a plan to get there. Be sure you include integrity in your decisions and skip shortcuts.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

Pisces, conformity is certainly not your thing. But at some point this week, you'll need to go with the flow. Find a way to make it your own.

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Nice Catch!



Jordan Dupree, 6, of Port St. Lucie, caught this 19-inch Black Drum in the St. Lucie River.

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a.m. to 5 p.m., Hibiscus Thrift Store, 839 N.W. Federal Highway, Stuart. Celebrate the Thrift Store's birthday and save 50 percent off the entire store! Fun prizes, cake and refreshments and special sales throughout the day. *For more information, call (772) 692-5730.*

• **Coastal Lecture Series:** 6:30 p.m., Blake Library, Armstrong Wing, 2351 S.E.

Monterey Road, Stuart. Join environmental experts at Florida Oceanographic Society's Coastal Lecture Series as they discuss a wide variety of topics relevant to Coastal Florida. Presentations are free, public is welcome. *For more information, call (772) 225-0505 or visit FloridaOcean.org for a detailed schedule.*

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21

• **The ABCs of Black History Month:** 6-7
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Kai Kai

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part of the plan is to host what could only be referred to as "dinner-and-a-show" – and the option of people dining at Kai Kai Farm before the concerts begin. The new opportunities will give music enthusiasts a straight, 16-mile shot to Indiantown, which recently incorporated into the Village of Indiantown.

"You can leave Downtown Stuart on Colorado Avenue and drive 16 miles down Kanner Highway and it's on the left," Mr. Hart said. "In all the cases, or generally speaking, there will be a sit-down dinner preceding the concerts, and the farm-to-table dinners will be at 5:30 p.m. and the concerts will be at 7, and people will be able to get dinner and the show or just the show, but not just dinner."

But there also will be concert food in the event that people miss the dinner, and there will be a full liquor bar.

On March 24, Sam Meador will be entertaining the dinner crowd and Abby Owens

on March 25. Summer Gill will delight the dinner crowd on April 14 and Deal James on April 15.

"I saw the lines of communication and the layout, and I realized that Indiantown – 10 years ago – didn't offer market opportunity, but I knew that Highway 710 would be improved and the bridge would be widened and things would fall into place," said Carl Frost, who owns Kai Kai Farm with his wife Diane, and added that it's a potential boost for the newly incorporated village. "Now, we see those pieces starting to come together, so Indiantown in 10 years – there could be a good number of folks moving out there."

"Kai Kai Farm is a tremendous enhancement, and furthers along the mission of making Indiantown a destination," Mr. Hart said.

For more information about Kai Kai Farm – located at 8006 S.W. Kanner Hwy. – visit www.kaikaifarm.com or call 772-597-1717.

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p.m., The Elliott Museum, 825 N.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. The Thelma Kyles-Washington presents the names and stories of prominent local black citizens from A to Z, and their significant contributions to our local history. Regular admission applies; museum members free. Cash bar and munchies available. Seating is limited. *RSVP to (772) 225-1961, email RSVP@elliottmuseum.org.*

THURSDAY, FEB. 22

• **Literature lecture:** "Two Great American Poetic Voices: Walt Whitman and Robert Frost," presented by Robert Van Dellen, 6-8 p.m., Elliott Museum, 825 N.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. Regular admission applies; museum members admitted free. Cash bar for beer, wine, sodas and munchies. Seating is limited. *To RSVP, call (772) 225-1961 or email RSVP@elliottmuseum.org. For more information, visit www.ElliottMuseum.org.*

• **Glazed Ceramic Wine Chiller workshop:** 5:30-7:30 p.m., Elliott Museum, 825 N.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. Artist Mia Lindberg has created ceramic wine chillers; class participants will glaze them and take them home after they've been kiln-fired. Chiller, glazes, instructions included. Munchies and wine, cash bar. \$65 per person, \$50 for Museum members. *RSVP to (772) 225-1961, RSVP@elliottmuseum.org.*

• **Spring Lecture Series: "Snakes Alive!"** with Tracy Boothby, focusing on live animals, skins, sheds and skeletons to give a better understanding of these reptiles in a program for all ages. 7:30 p.m., Hobe Sound Nature Center's educational building, 13640 S.E. Federal Highway, Hobe Sound. Reservations are encouraged. *For more information, call (772) 546-2067 or visit www.hobesoundnaturecenter.com*

• **Jammin' Jensen:** 6-9:30 p.m., every Thursday night in downtown Jensen Beach except for Thanksgiving. *For more information, visit www.jensenbeach.biz.*

FRIDAY, FEB. 23

• **'A Journey Through America's Everglades':** 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Hutchinson Shores Resort. Benefit for the Elliott Museum features Mac Stone, conservation photographer, author and lecturer. \$100 per person. Mac Stone's books will also be available for purchase. Seating is limited. *To RSVP, call (772) 225-1961 or email RSVP@elliottmuseum.org.*

• **Tikis on the Terrace:** 6-10 p.m., Mansion at Tuckahoe, 1707 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach. Party Polynesian-style at a new event from the United Way of Martin County, to raise funds for literacy initiatives. Enjoy a retro-tiki revival evening with tropical foods, unlimited libations and traditional Polynesian and fire dancers. Sponsorships available. Tickets are \$100 after Feb. 1. *For more information, visit www.unitedwaymartincounty.org.*

SATURDAY, FEB. 24

• **Sporting Clay Shoot:** Benefit for Treasure Health's General Services. Will be held at 8 a.m. at the South Florida Shooting Club, 500 S.W. Long Drive, Palm City. Individual shooters \$250, \$1,000 for a team of four. *For more information or to register, visit <https://treasurehealth.org/event/sporting-clay-shoot/>*

• **Emeralds & Platinum Fashion Show & Luncheon:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Miles Grant Country Club, 5150 S.E. Miles Grant Road, Stuart. The Women of St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Port Salerno will have its 20th annual fashion show/luncheon with the theme this year being Emeralds & Platinum. Fashions by Her Majesty, Patchington, So Unique Boutique and Marcello menswear. Tickets: \$35. Ages 21 and over. *Must RSVP by Feb. 20 to (772) 219-7350.*

• **Atlantic Classical Orchestra Chamber Concert Series:** 'West Side Story to the Soldier's Tale' at 11 a.m., Blake Library, 2351 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart. Featuring 'West Side Story Suite' by Leonard Bernstein, 'L'Histoire Du Soldat For Violin, Clarinet & Piano' by Igor Stravinsky, 'Suite for Violin, Clarinet & Piano' by Milhaud, and 'Trio for Clarinet, Violin & Piano' by Aram Khachaturian. Free, open seating. *Visit <http://atlanticclassicalorchestra.com/chamber-concert-series/>*

• **Treasure Coast Chamber Music Society concert:** Amernet String Quartet (Misha Vitenson, violin, Franz Felkl, violin, Michael Klotz, viola, and Jason Calloway, cello) at 7 p.m., A.C.T. Studio Theatre, Cedar Pointe Plaza, 2399 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. Individual tickets, if available, are \$40. *For information or to order tickets, visit <http://actstudiotheatre.com/availability-notice.html>*

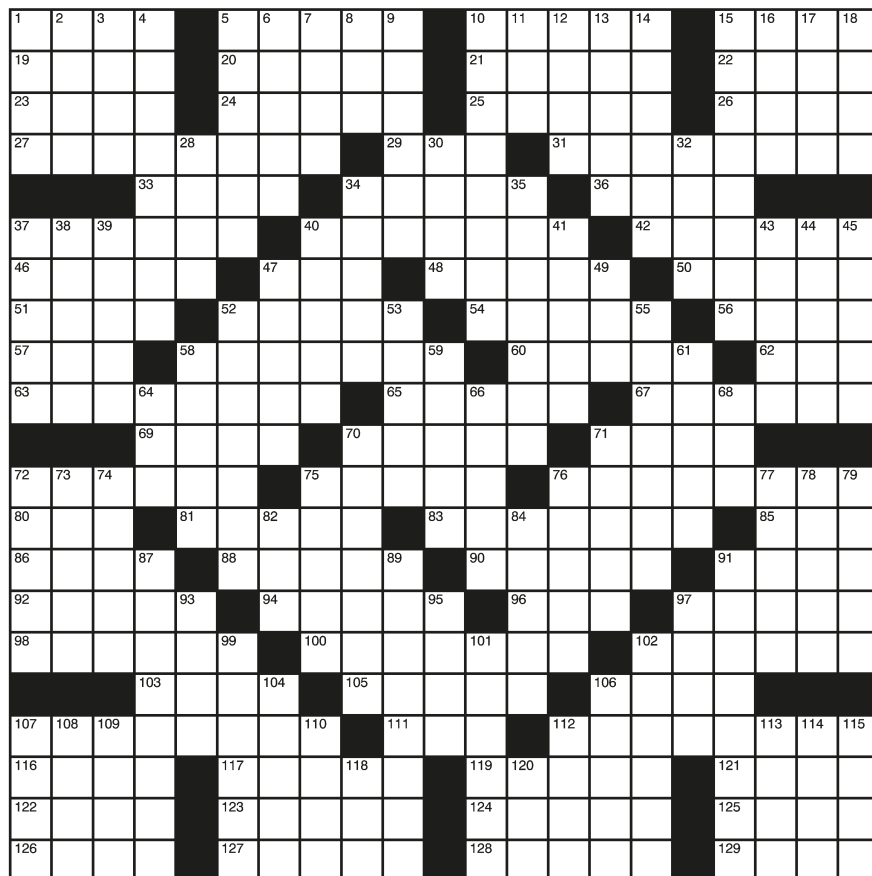
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SATURDAY, FEB. 24 - SUNDAY, FEB. 25

• **Downtown Stuart Art Festival:** Set up along Osceola Street in historic downtown Stuart, featuring some of the best artists in the nation. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Free admission. For more information, visit www.artfestival.com/festivals/downtown-stuart-art-festival

THROUGH SUNDAY, FEB. 25

• **Exhibition:** "Celebrate: Art of the Bahamas" will be on display from Dec. 15 through Feb. 25 in the Changing Gallery, Elliott Museum, 825 N.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. In this exhibit you will see paintings dating from the late 1800s to the present, with an emphasis on art created by Bahamians after 1960s. You will also see work by South Florida artists who

painted the islands, including Howard Schafer, Jerry Rose, and Stephen Scott Young. The exhibit is a collaboration with the National Art Gallery of the Bahamas, the Dawn Davies Collection, and the D'Aguiar Foundation. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Regular admission is \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors over age 65, \$6 for children ages 6-12, and free for members and younger children. To RSVP (for groups of ten or more), email asimbritz@elliottmuseum.org.

SUNDAY, FEB. 25

• **Lundin Kudo Empty Bowls project:** 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., The Woman's Club, 729 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. Enjoy a serving of savory soup from one of a number of area restaurants and select a beautiful hand-crafted bowl in exchange for a \$20 donation, which benefits Treasure Coast Food Bank and Mary's Kitchen. The project raises awareness that 1 in 6 people on the Treasure Coast are food-insecure, uncertain where their next meal will come from. In addition to the bowls created by local potters and painters, the Mae

Slaton silent auction features "souper" bowls created by well-known clay artists. The auction provides an additional opportunity to help feed hungry people in Martin County through bids on the pieces made especially for Empty Bowls. To learn more about Lundin Kudo and Mae Slaton, and view pictures of past events and bowl making, visit www.somanyemptybowls.blogspot.com. For more on this year's event, visit facebook.com/LundinKudoEmptyBowlsProject.

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• **Jensen Beach Art League Art Show:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Indian RiverSide Park, 1707 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach. Free admission. For more information, visit www.jensenbeachartleague.com.

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