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Bulldogs versus Cobras



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The South Fork High School Bulldogs Varsity Football Team's home non-conference game against Fort Pierce Central High School's Cobras was held at Bulldog Stadium in Stuart on Friday, Aug. 31. The Bulldogs defeated the Cobras with a final score of 23-14. Here, Evan Wethington, No. 56, leads the Bulldogs onto the field.

Stuart and Martin County primary results

Familiar faces, newcomers and few upsets characterize the 2018 primary election

By Donald Rodrigue
For Hometown News

MARTIN COUNTY -- The 2018 primary election held Aug. 28 settled the political uncertainty of some candidates who faced no opponents in November while setting the stage for more

intense political rivalries this coming fall.

Incumbent District 4 County Commissioner Sarah Heard handily bested the efforts of three challengers for her fifth term in office, beating Harold Markey, Niki Norton and Butch Olsen Jr. Commissioner Heard won 37 percent of the total 36,363 votes cast, with Harold Markey giving her the biggest run for her money with 22 percent, or 8,104 votes. According to campaign finance reports, Mr. Norton raised \$50,880 while Commissioner Heard only raised \$39,990, perhaps

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New charter school contract approved

By Donald Rodrigue
For Hometown News

STUART — In the culmination of what have become sometimes contentious discussions, the Martin County School Board officially approved the contract Aug. 21 enabling the Treasure Coast Classical Academy to begin operations next August.

Board members approved the school's charter application last April in a 4-1 vote, with Board Member Tina McSoley dissenting on both that vote and the contract vote. During the April meeting, more than 20 residents spoke out both for and against allowing the academy to open in the county, with the latter fearing the TCCA would siphon too money away from public education. Many of those same opposing speakers crowded the lectern on June 18 to beg the Board to reconsider even though the matter was not planned for discussion that evening.

Deputy School Superintendent Ginger Featherstone explained during the recent meeting that both School Board attorney Anthony George and TCCA attorneys had worked for the last several weeks to reach a consensus on the contract. In response to questions from Board Member Marsha Powers on whether the agreement met all the Florida statutory requirements, both the

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emailvolunteer@tcfoodbank.org. RSVP online at stophunger.org/volunteer.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9

• **Roundtable Discussion:** "Trust in God and Take the Next Step," 11 a.m. to noon, Eckankar Center of the Treasure Coast, 541 S.E. Central Parkway, Stuart. The public is

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Election

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due to the fact the latter only officially threw her hat in the ring right before the deadline. Her victory proved the loyalty of a slow-growth constituent base to be stronger than the lingering legal cloud over her head from her arrest early this year on an alleged violation of public records laws related to a Lake Point LLC lawsuit. The county settled out of court for \$12 million, but Commissioner Heard's day in court is set for Dec. 10. If convicted of a knowing violation of public records law -- a first-degree misdemeanor -- she could be removed from office.

Also on the county stage, the incumbent candidate for the District 3 Martin County School Board seat, Rebecca Negron, lost in the primary to Hobe Sound challenger and retired educator Victoria Defenthaler, who won 21,517 of the 38,183 votes cast -- or 56 percent of the total -- over Ms. Negron's 16,666 votes. The latter, a fiscal conservative on the Board since 2012, had frequently criticized the District's spending habits and faced a barrage of attack ads during the campaign. Official finance reports show Ms. Defenthaler raised more campaign funds, \$45,286 to the \$31,265 raised by Ms. Negron.

In the City of Stuart, two incumbents up for re-election on the City Commission, Group 1 City Commissioner Nick Blount and Group III Commissioner Troy McDonald, both found themselves routed by challengers in what seemed to be the voters' choice of younger and fresher blood. Mr. Blount, 68, who his fellow commissioners appointed last April to replace his predecessor Tom Campenni, who resigned amid accusations of age discrimination, lost by a slim margin of 49.6 percent of the total 3,494 votes cast. The victor, Mike Meier, 31, won 50.4 percent -- or 1,761 of the votes -- to Mr. Blount's 1,733 votes.

Challenger Merritt Matheson, 35, more handily won the race for the Group III seat, winning 55 percent of the 3,522 votes cast to

the 44 percent, or 1,561 votes, won by Mr. McDonald, 50.

On the state level, District 83 Rep. Gayle Harrell claimed a significant victory in her bid for the last two years of retiring Sen. Joe Negron's District 25 seat over challenger Belinda Keiser, winning 57 percent of the 23,240 votes cast in the Republican primary. Campaign records show Ms. Keiser spent more than \$500,000 to earn 9,897 votes to the 13,343 cast for Rep. Harrell, who spent about \$232,000. Ms. Harrell carried more name recognition in the battle, along with the endorsement of Senate President Ken Pruitt and Sen. Negron himself. For her part, Ms. Keiser had the backing of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, Florida's Police Benevolent Association and the National Rifle Association. Rep. Harrell will now face Democratic opponent and Stuart physician Dr. Rob Levy in the general election this fall.

For the District 83 seat Ms. Harrell is vacating, Palm City environmental engineer and businessman Toby Overdorf won over Port St. Lucie victim's right advocate and small business owner Sasha Dadan, with 57 percent of the 9,668 votes cast to Ms. Dadan's 42 percent. Mr. Overdorf will go up against Jensen Beach teacher and Democratic candidate Matt Theobald for the seat in the general election this November.

In the race for circuit judge seat of the 19th Judicial Circuit Group, nonpartisan candidates Robert "Bob" Meadows and Nirlaine Smartt will now advance to the Nov. 6 general election, having won 36.8 and 29.6 percent, respectively, of the 33,481 votes cast for the seat, which also included candidate Louis Larsen who won 33 percent of the vote in Martin. Though Mr. Larsen captured more of the vote in Martin County, he failed to beat Ms. Smartt regionally.

In this primary's Democratic race for the District 18 seat of the U.S. House of Representatives, Palm Beach Gardens attorney Lauren Baer had a landslide victory over former U.S. Navy JAG officer and corporate attorney Pam Keith, also of Palm Beach Gardens, with 64.3 percent of the 10,663 votes cast to Ms. Keith's 35.6 percent. Ms. Baer will now face the winner of the Republic primary for the same seat, incumbent Rep. Brian Mast, who won 80 percent of the 24,555 votes cast against two challengers. The other 20 percent was divided between Stuart resident Mark Freeman, who won 2,492 votes to the 2,387 cast for Dave Cummings of Port St. Lucie.

Martin County voters also decided on two referendums during this year's primary, one for a proposed 0.5 millage property tax increase requested by the Martin County School Board to use for aging infrastructure replacement and the other on whether Hobe Sound should be allowed to incorporate. The first referendum passed, with 55 percent of voters voting yes to the millage increase and slightly more than 44 percent of voters saying no to the increase.

Voters resoundingly defeated the Hobe Sound Incorporation request, with 89 percent of the total 3,967 votes cast in opposition.

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Floor Specialists of Martin County

Quality products and service after the sale

By **Donald Rodrigue**
For Hometown News

STUART — For nearly two decades, Floor Specialists of Martin County has satisfied area residents with its top-of-the-line flooring selection and professional installation services.

Customer satisfaction has always been the goal of owner Jerry Pittman, who took over the business in 2003 from a former business partner who'd launched the store in 2000 as one of the first businesses to locate in the then-new Willoughby Business Park. That's probably the main reason Floor Specialists has earned the coveted Super Service Award from Angie's List for four years in a row beginning in 2014.

"With well over \$10 million of sales out of this location, Floor Specialists never leaves a job without 100 percent customer satisfaction," he said.

Mr. Pittman believes one thing that differentiates Floor Specialists of Martin County from the discount flooring stores or the big-box retailers is his use of itemized contracts detailing every single charge on any job -- no matter what the size -- down to the glue or underlayment. Any additional labor charges are also itemized, from toilet removal and replacement to dumpster or dump fees with every line item explained.

"We give the customer the correct name of the product they're getting, the manufac-

turer, color and style," he emphasized. "We don't private label, which is done to keep customers from comparing prices on like products. If it's from our showroom, it'll be hard to find a lower price anywhere. Floor Specialists vendors have been carefully selected, and most are long time suppliers and carry large inventories for quick delivery."

No stranger to the flooring industry, Mr. Pittman got his start in Palm Beach County in 1981 when he opened Karpet Kingdom in Lake Park, followed by a second location in Boca Raton a few years later. After about 10 years, he sold that business and started Statewide Carpets with a partner. An unrelated injury caused him to take a year's sabbatical, which led to selling that business to the partner. When he was ready to get back to work, the non-compete clause and an invitation from a former business partner looking for help led him to Stuart, and the rest is history. He's seen the local flooring business transition full circle since his arrival and the subsequent economic recession.

"When I came here, our business was 95 percent hardwoods and service," he said. "Tile, laminate, vinyl and cork were added during the lean years of the recession in order to diversify. Now that the economy has improved, our hardwood customers are returning and we no longer sell tile. In fact, we have removed more tile in the last several years utilizing our dustless floor service than we ever sold."

Today Floor Specialists maintains nearly a thousand samples to choose from in their no-pressure showroom, which provides a



Jerry Pittman and Vicki Schmidt of Flooring Specialists of Martin County

relaxing shopping experience where customers are encouraged to take samples home. Brand names such as Armstrong, Bella Cera, Mirage, Somerset and others are on display. The store can now custom order hand-oiled elegant wood flooring in both wide plank with long lengths from one of the most exclusive manufacturers in the industry.

"We have several oil-finished floors, including the designer's choice DuChateau, as well as The French Connection from Garrison and the Montage Collection from Horizon," Mr. Pittman added. "Our contin-

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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.

**Stuart Police
Department**

- Richardo Ingleton, 33, of SW Pueblo Terrace, Port St. Lucie, was arrested August 28 and charged with possession of marijuana over 20 grams, and resisting an officer without violence.

**Martin County
Sheriff's Department**

- Joshua Murray, 31, of SE Duncan Street, Hobe Sound, was arrested August 24 and charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana under 20 grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Jovani Pimentel, 21, of SE Amherst Street, Stuart, was arrested August 24 and charged with two counts of aggravated assault, and battery.
- Lauro Pimentel, 28, of SE Amherst

Police report

Street, Stuart, was arrested August 24 and charged with aggravated battery, aggravated assault, and battery.

- Cedric Smith, 44, homeless, of Miami, was arrested August 24 and charged with possession of burglary tools, burglary, grand theft, grand theft over \$1,000, and resisting an officer without violence.
- Thomas Algie, 46, of NW 23rd Avenue, Miami, was arrested August 24 and charged with possession of burglary tools, burglary, grand theft, grand theft over \$1,000, and resisting an officer without violence.
- Roney Roblero-Roblero, 21, homeless, of Stuart, was arrested August 27 and charged with possession of a controlled substance.
- Keith Waters, 35, of SE Windsong Lane, Stuart, was arrested August 27 and charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana under 20 grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Kevin Trost, 56, of Perfect Drive, Port St. Lucie, was arrested August 28 and charged with two counts of aggravated assault.
- Christopher Ambrosio, 31, of Hiburn Drive, Port St. Lucie, was arrested August 29 and charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of controlled substance with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver.
- Cory Ballard, 37, of Landspot Park, Orlando, was arrested August 29 and charged with possession of a controlled substance.
- Taylor Boyland, 23, of Ocean Cove Street, Sebastian, was arrested August 29

and charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance, and giving false ID to law enforcement.

- Chavis Diggs, 35, of Sedgewood Court, Spartanburg, SC, was arrested August 29 and charged with possession of a firearm/ammunition by a convicted felon and possession of marijuana under 20 grams.
- Anthony Mahone, 29, of Citation Drive, West Palm Beach, was arrested August 29 and charged with four counts of possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Veronal Mahone, 21, of Citation Drive, West Palm Beach, was arrested August 29 and charged with possession of a controlled substance.
- Katie Moore, 25, of Kennels Beach Road, Greensboro, NC, was arrested August 29 and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Tyler Murley, 22, of Briar Oak Court, Royal Palm Beach, was arrested August 29 and charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver.
- Martin Olivares, 31, of Coronado Avenue, Fort Pierce, was arrested August 29 and charged with possession of a controlled substance, and possession of marijuana over 20 grams.
- Christina Pagnozzi, 30, of Citation Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, was arrested August 29 and charged with possession of a controlled substance.
- Miguel Rivera-Morales, 25, of SW

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Green Farms Road, Palm City, was arrested August 29 and charged with burglary and battery.

- Zoe Stout, 22, of Chaddsford Circle, Oviedo, was arrested August 29 and charged with possession of a controlled substance, and possession of marijuana over 20 grams.

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- Jeremy Roberson, 29, of Admiral Woodson Lane, Clearwater, was arrested August 24 and charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance, driving while license suspended with knowledge, possession of drug paraphernalia, and resisting and officer without violence.

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Rants & Raves

Got something to say?

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The Rants and Raves section provides a chance for readers to share their thoughts with other readers. The opinions included are not those of Hometown News or its employees.

Please limit your submissions to 250 words, so that we can include more entries.

Readers are asked to refrain from making slanderous or libelous statements.

Destroying oak trees

When I see an Asplundh truck I know another tree is going to be butchered. I understand FPL's need to maintain their lines, but am I the only one that sees how all the trees are being destroyed?

I have had more than one experience with Asplundh and FPL. They do not just trim the trees. They come in and either cut the middle of the tree or they cut the complete side off the tree. They just trimmed my fifth oak tree. I now have a one-sided Oak tree. The other four they took down completely. How sad that is something that has taken so long to grow now has been butchered. Figure another way to solve your problem before we have no shade.

I will say that FPL did compensate me for the three small trees that were on my property, not on an easement. I would rather have had the trees to provide the shade so my air-conditioner doesn't have to run all the time.

Too big to succeed

Some political candidates are sending me a mailing each week. This is really annoying when one votes early. Also, the postcards are gigantic. I guess it is to match their egos.

Space Force

It is not a joke but President Trump wants to create a Space Force! They would be responsible for protecting our satellites and material interest we have in space. The creation of a Space Force would only result in China and Russia entering in an arms race in space. China and Russia have proposed an international treaty to ban the placement of weapons in space. However, the United States has rejected this offer every time it has been brought up. I would hope that the United States would join China and Russia in banning the placement of weapons in

space. However, that is not the action that the United States wants to take at this time.

Therefore, I will present arguments for the rejection of Space Force as an independent branch of the military. First off, the military is not in favor of creating a Space Force. Secretary of Defense James Mattis is opposed to the idea as is the majority of the military leadership.

Creating another branch of the military would be very costly. The Space Force would want what goes with each independent branch of the military. For example, the Space Force would want their own college like each branch has now. In addition, by creating another branch of the military, the military bureaucracy would be increasing at a time when efforts are being made to make the military a slim, trim fighting machine.

I would suggest that the Space Force be part of the Air Force like the Marines are part of the Navy. The Air Force has been dealing with the responsibility of space thus far. The world would best be served by putting forth the effort of keeping weapons out of space. Creating a Space Force would be viewed as a military threat to all nations. Let ALL NATIONS work towards keeping space free of weapons of any kind!

Give bicyclists more room

Since there are improvements going on up and down U.S. 1, couldn't the bicycle lanes be widened to maybe six feet?

The law states motor vehicles need to give a bicycle three feet of clearance. The existing bike lane is barely three feet wide in most areas. This is not enough room when vehicles are doing 45 mph (or more often much faster). Factor in cell phone usage, navigation devices and any other number of distractions, and it makes for a dangerous ride, particularly with higher posted speed limits.

I know as a motorist, if I am traveling in the right lane and I approach a bicyclist in the bicycle lane, in order for me to give the bicycle proper clearance, I need to be almost

Returning the kick



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

At the kick-off Bulldogs Joseph Macgillivray, No. 21, with the Cobra's Mikal Kelly, No. 32, and Jordan Nance No. 20 on his tail.

in the left lane. In fact, unless there is a vehicle next to me in the left lane, my wheels will be on or over the white dividing lines to safely pass a bicyclist.

As a frequent bicyclist on this road, I can tell you some motorists will do the same. Then there are the motorists who don't give an inch. This is why the lanes need to be widened where possible. The new trees are nice, how about making it safer.

'There ought to be a law'

When did the individual right become more important than the rights of the general population? In particular, regarding loud music emanating from a vehicle, or anywhere for that matter. Our courts decided it's unconstitutional to have noise limits? It's OK for an individual to play music in the car as loud as they like because it's their constitutional right?

What about my constitutional right to not have to listen to your music? What about the disturbing the peace law? What about the siren from an emergency vehicle I can't hear because of someone's right to play their music as loud as they want? What about the music playing in my car that I can no longer hear because some jerk thinks me and everyone else wants to hear the trunk rattling from the pounding bass coming from their car?

This seems like another case of more "rights" for the criminal, and to hell with the

victims. How about to hell with the judge who ruled this way and fire him or her and get someone with more common sense.

Open letter to all motorcyclists

Please be aware that the striped zones between or beside the handicapped parking areas are not parking spaces. Please be thankful for the few extra feet that you can walk.

Many handicapped vehicles are equipped with lifts, ramps or swing-out chairs that require this extra space. Any obstacle to either side of the vehicle could be dangerous or impossible to navigate.

The only two options are to wait until the obstruction leaves or move the vehicle into traffic lanes to load/unload a wheelchair. In case of bad weather, this increases danger.

Robo calls

Can anyone tell me how to stop the incessant phone calls from robo calls? My phone rings all day long. Calls from all over the country. I get at least 10 a day. It's driving me crazy. Sometimes I don't pick up and sometimes I just answer turn on then off. It just don't stop. Is there any way to stop these. I can't even block these numbers because its always a different number and from all over the country. I am on the No Call registry, but that doesn't seem to do any good.

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Bullwinkle is a big, fun loving goofball. He is around 1.5 years and has been in the care of HSTC since mid-July. He is partially house trained, crate trained, and knows a few basic commands. A few of his favorite activities are going for car rides, digging in the dirt, and



learning new things. Bullwinkle has lived with other dogs and cats in the past and was friendly and playful with both. He has a very high energy level and is looking for an active home to call his own. Bullwinkle is one of HSTC's newest Dolly's Dream Dogs! This means his adoption fee has been sponsored AND he comes with a bunch of extra goodies to help him adjust to his new home. Some of these bonus goodies include a crate and a FREE 6 week training class! To learn more about Dolly's Dream, please visit <https://www.hstc1.org/dollys-dream>.

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invited. For more information, call (772) 223-1188 or visit www.Eck-Florida.org.

MONDAY, SEPT. 10

- **Beta Sigma Phi meeting:** Women's service and social organization meets monthly from September through May throughout Martin and St. Lucie counties. Contact Mary Jackson at (772) 370-1665 or Leslie Jannereth at (772) 465-2820 for specific locations.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11

- **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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12

- **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.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

- **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, SEPT. 14

- **'Project Linus' meets:** Project Linus Martin St. Lucie counties is a non-profit organization that provides homemade blankets (knitted, crocheted, quilted, fleece) to children (newborn to 18 years old) within our community who are in need of comfort. Meetings are held on the second Friday each month (except July) from 10 a.m. until noon at the Kane Center, 900 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart. For more information, contact Lana at galfridy@aol.com.

- **Meet the New Director/ Extension Open House:** 3-6 p.m., UF IFAS Extension Martin County, 2614 S.E. Dixie Highway, Stuart. Meet the new director, Jennifer Pelham, and learn about all of the great educational programs the UF/IFAS Extension offers our community. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (772) See **CALENDAR, page 8**

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

• **Martin County Out of the Darkness**

Walk: 9 a.m. to noon, Flagler Park, 201 S.W. Flagler Ave., Stuart. Hosted by American Foundation for Suicide Prevention - Southeast Florida Chapter. When people work together, they can make big changes in our world. These walks raise awareness about suicide and raise resources to support families and bring hope to those affected by suicide. Registration is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.afsp.org/martin

• **International Coastal Cleanup:** 8-11

a.m., register to help clean up a coast near you. Held on the third Saturday of September each year and spearheaded by the Ocean Conservancy, the International Coastal Cleanup is the most recognized cleanup event in the world. The goal is to have volunteer presence at every beach and waterway in Martin County, so please register for the cleanup so KMB can plan accordingly. Also, preregistered groups will be given gloves, water, garbage bags and t-shirts (while supplies last). For more information or

to sponsor, call (772) 781-1222, visit www.keepmartinbeautiful.org/international-coastal-cleanup.html, or email info@keepmartinbeautiful.org.

• **Team Up to Clean Up:** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Treasure Coast Food Bank, 401 Angle Road, Fort Pierce. The food bank needs hard-working volunteers to help with cleaning needs at the 35,000 square foot warehouse so that they may continue to maintain the highest standard in food safety. All supplies will be provided, you just provide the muscle and effort. Volunteers must be age 18 or older and wear closed-toe shoes. For more information, call (772) 446-1752 or email volunteer@tcfdbank.org. RSVP online at stophunger.org/volunteer.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16

• **'It Takes a Village:'** 2-3 p.m., Blake Library, Stuart. Every other Sunday, enjoy an hour of conversation, self expression, and exploration. Topics related to motherhood and infancy will be discussed in an open format, with focus on creating a non-judgmental and open-minded space for all to share. Information regarding local and national resources related to early childhood will also be discussed. Lap babies always welcome. Free, sponsored by the Friends of the Martin County Library System, Inc. For

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Floor

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uous updating of the latest trends and styles and ongoing acquiring of product knowledge separates us from what you will find at most other stores.”

The company offers a variety of installation methods making hardwood floors available to homeowners who in the past wouldn't have qualified due to an inferior sub-floor, and its staff specializes in sanding and staining techniques.

“We offer our customers floating or glue-down hardwood flooring systems so everyone can have the beauty of hardwood,” the owner explained. “We have stairs specialist available and can install traditional hardwood flooring through nail down or staple down methods with the same level of quality craftsmanship.”

Floor Specialists is not just limited to hardwoods, either. You'll also find the best names in laminate flooring, including Mohawk, Quick Step, Krono, Armstrong and many others. These are offered in hundreds of wood species and colors to choose from, such as Acacia, Brazilian Cherry, Hickory, Maple, Oak, Pine and Walnut.

Jeff Bowers of the Stuart-based Masterpiece Design/Build contracting firm chose laminate from Floor Specialists of Martin County for a home he and his wife purchased recently in North River Shores.

“He provided and installed a floor he thought would meet our needs of the wear and tear we would put on it,” he said. “It is a new type of laminate floor that is very dog friendly and moisture resistant. We have a pool that we use a lot and it made sense to us. His installation crew did an outstanding job -- quick, neat, clean and polite. We are thrilled with what he did for us.”

For homeowners who crave the genuine look of wood or stone flooring but find those materials far from their grasp, the store carries an extensive line of luxury vinyl tile, which is a completely different category from vinyl sheet goods or laminate. Luxury vinyl plank has a very durable core layer that is waterproof. High-tech digital imaging projected onto the surfaces replicate virtual-

ly any species of hardwood, natural stone (such as marble or slate), concrete, or even metal in amazingly precise detail making it difficult to distinguish from the true material. Floor Specialists has made a name for itself in the category, giving LVT its own showplace with samples installed on the showroom floor.

And last, but not least, Floor Specialists also offers more than a dozen varieties of cork flooring in a plethora of colors. Visitors to the showroom can get answers to their technical questions and inquire about a range of other services offered, such as sanding and refinishing, sandless refinishing, dustless floor removal, cleaning services and one that Mr. Pittman says is a rarity in the industry: service long after the sale.

“Repairs are often the reason our customers call us because they are not offered by the original point of sale,” he emphasized. “So many of the other stores, no matter how much you buy from them, you call them back two years later and they will tell you they don't do repairs. We take care of our customers no matter what the problems are. We might charge you, but we'll still go fix it.”

Mr. Bowers said his own firm has contracted with Floor Specialists of Martin County to install the flooring on more than a dozen of his custom homes, and the quality of the work led him to choose Mr. Pittman's team for his own home.

“We are so pleased with what he did for us in our own home,” he added. “It makes me very happy to know that he gives all of our Masterpiece Builders clients that same kind of personal attention.”

Mr. Pittman credits his longevity in the industry to his fascination overseeing the remodeling process.

“I guess I just enjoy my work,” he said. “It's different every day and I meet the nicest people and we see a house transform right in front of us. It's amazing how much you can see a house change in two or three days.”

Floor Specialists of Martin County is located at 2512 S.E. Willoughby Blvd. in Stuart. The store is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and closed on the weekends. For more information, call 772-223-9441 or visit the website at www.floor-specialistmartincounty.com

If a car dealer shows you his "Invoice" ... he's lying

Earl Stewart is the owner and general manager of Earl Stewart Toyota in North Palm Beach. The dealership is located at 1215 N. Federal Highway in Lake Park. Contact him at www.earlstewarttoyota.com, call 561-358-1474, fax 561-658-0746 or email earl@estoyota.com.



ON CARS
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Back in 1968 when I first went into the retail car business with my father, I can remember asking him, "What is holdback?" I was learning the business and had been studying the invoices on new Pontiacs that General Motors sent us when they shipped a new car that we had ordered. We had to pay the invoice immediately when it was issued, sometimes even before the car arrived at our dealership. In most cases, it was our bank or GMAC who paid GM and we borrowed the money from them to pay for the car.

My father's answer to my question about holdback was that it was an increase in the amount of the invoice that we paid General Motors which was not really part of the price of the car. It was just an extra amount added to the real price of the car and included in the invoice. At that time, it was 2% of the MSRP (manufacturer's suggested retail), so if a new Pontiac Bonneville had an MSRP of \$10,000 and a true cost of \$9,000, the factory invoice would be \$9,200. I asked my father, "When do we get the \$200 back?" He said, "At the end of the year." I asked him if they paid us interest on our money and I can remember him laughing loudly and saying no.

Of course my next question was why they

do that. He told me that the reason they gave him was to "help dealers sell their cars for more money" so that they didn't go broke. He said that because they didn't get their holdback money for such a long period of time, they began to think of their invoice as being the actual cost of the car. General Motors felt that many dealers were such poor businessmen that they might sell their cars so cheaply that they would go out of business. Now, because GM was kind enough to hold back hundreds of thousands of dollars of the dealers' money (and pay them no interest on it) but return the money to them once a year, they could help the dealers make a bigger profit and maintain adequate working capital.

At that time, I thought this was the biggest bunch of boloney I had ever heard and I was sure that this was a scheme by the manufacturers to keep a free float of millions of dollars of their dealers' money under the guise of helping the dealers. I asked my father why the dealers didn't strongly object to this and he said that most dealers actually "liked" the idea of holdback. When I heard that, I thought that maybe GM and the manufacturers were right about the dealers not being smart enough to sell their cars for a reasonable

profit.

It took me a few more years in the business before I understood what was really going on with holdback. It was a "no brainer" as to why the manufacturers liked it, but at last I understood its attraction to us dealers. Because we had to pay an extra amount over the true price of the car and not see that money for up to a year, we began to think of the invoice as the true price, even though it was inflated by hundreds of dollars. Because all manufacturers added holdback to all dealers' invoices, the net effect was to raise the price of all cars to all buyers by the amount of this holdback. I know this is a dirty word, but it's price fixing on the grandest scale. This might have been something that Henry Ford, Alfred Sloan, and Walter Chrysler concocted while playing golf at Bloomfield Hills Country Club outside of Detroit.

Another neat thing about holdback for us dealers is being able to tell our customers that we are only charging them "X dollars" over invoice; or we can tell them that we will sell them this car at invoice with no profit to us at all! (There's a sucker born every minute) Dealers often have "invoice sales" with copies of the invoice pasted on the car windows. Who doesn't believe that an invoice is the cost of the car? The truth is in the semantic skullduggery ... Mr. Customer, I solemnly swear to you that this is the exact price that I paid the factory for this car. In fact, here's a copy of the invoice." That's what the dealer "paid" the factory all right, but it's not what he paid the factory after he got his holdback check in the

mail...or, let's call a spade a spade, his KICK-BACK.

You might be thinking, so we're talking about \$200 more or less on a \$10,000 car. Who cares? Don't forget, that was almost 50 years ago. Holdbacks have expanded considerably and now instead of several hundred dollars we're talking several thousand. Also, dealers no longer must wait a year to get their hold back money back. Now they get it back monthly.

Manufacturers even changed the names of these monies they hold back. These are innocuous names so that, if you see them on the invoice, you will have no suspicion... names like floorplan assistance, advertising, PDI, Administrative or DAP. Of course, there are also cash rebates to dealers that don't even show on the invoice. I estimate the average car invoice today includes \$3,000 to \$4,000 in hidden holdbacks to the dealer. Holdbacks are also applied to factory or distributor accessories like "protection packages" [wax, undercoat, window etch, roadside assistance], floor mats, window tint, etc.

The bottom line is that you should never rely on the dealer's factory invoice to determine the price you are willing to pay for a car. And be especially suspicious when the dealer quotes you a price of "X dollars over invoice" or shows you the invoice.

You've heard the old joke, "How can you tell when a politician is lying?" Answer: When his lips are moving.

"How can you tell when a car dealer is lying?" Answer: When he shows you the invoice.




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Note: Florida law prohibits an advisory board member from doing business with its agency (the County). Section 112.313(3) and (7), Fla. Stat.

For an application, call Martin County Administration at (772) 288-5756 or email dgordon@martin.fl.us.

Affordable Housing Advisory committee

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners is seeking applications from individuals interested in volunteering to serve on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

Vacant positions: The Committee shall consist of at least 8 but not more than 11 members who shall be appointed by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

The Committee shall consist of 1 representative from at least 6 of the following categories:

- A citizen who is actively engaged in the residential homebuilding industry in connection with affordable housing;
- A citizen who is actively engaged in the

banking or mortgage banking industry in connection with affordable housing;

- A citizen who is a representative of those areas of labor actively engaged in homebuilding in connection with affordable housing;
- A citizen who is actively engaged as an advocate for low income persons in connection with affordable housing;
- A citizen who is actively engaged as a for-profit provider of affordable housing;
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- A citizen who is actively engaged as a real estate professional in connection with affordable housing;
- A citizen who actively serves on the Local Planning Agency (pursuant to Section 163.3174 Fla. Stat.);
- A citizen who resides within Martin County;
- A citizen who represents employers within Martin County;
- A citizen who represents essential service personnel -- any person in need of affordable housing, who is employed by a company or organization located within Martin County, including, but not limited to, teachers and educators, police and fire personnel, health care personnel, and all building trades personnel.

These are two year terms.

Committee Powers & Duties:

Recommend specific actions or initiatives to encourage or facilitate affordable housing

while protecting the ability of the property to appreciate in value. Evaluate the incentives contained in the Martin County local housing incentive plan and make recommendations for its amendment as needed to encourage or facilitate the creation or maintenance of affordable housing. Review the Martin County Local Housing Assistance Plan (SHIP) before its submission for adoption or amendment to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Review applications for SHIP funds by community-based organizations or eligible sponsors and provide recommendations for funding of these applications to the BCC. Function as the review committee set forth in the local housing assistance plan to advise and monitor the SHIP program, evaluate requests for exceptions from the regulations in accordance with the procedures set forth in the local housing assistance plan, and to hear appeals from decisions made by the SHIP program administrator.

Meetings are typically held every other month at 3:30 p.m. at the Administrative Center, 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart.

Community Redevelopment Agency vacancy

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners is seeking applications from individuals interested in volunteering to serve on the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). The Community Redevel-

opment Agency is authorized to carry out all community redevelopment and related activities specified in F.S. § 163.370, with the exception of the powers specifically enumerated in F.S. § 163.358, which shall be retained by the Board of County Commissioners. The Agency shall review and recommend modifications to the countywide community redevelopment plan to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners. This is a two year term.

To qualify, the person must either:

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2. Be a resident of Martin County and engaged in a business within the area of operation of such community redevelopment area, which means:
 - a. Owning a business, or
 - b. Practicing a profession, or
 - c. Performing a service for compensation, or
 - d. Serving as an officer or director of a corporation or other business entity so engaged; or
3. Be a resident of Martin County and own real property within a mile of the community redevelopment area; and
4. Have served as a member of a Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

The Agency meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 3 p.m. in the Administration Building, 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart.

The next few meetings are scheduled for September 24, October 22, November 26, and December 18.

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The Cobra's Jordan Nance, No. 20, lunges for the Bulldog's Kobe Jarmon, No. 3.



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The Cobras' Jordan Nance, No. 20, tackles the Bulldogs' Timothy Fowler, No. 4.

Charter

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attorney and Ms. Featherstone affirmed that it had.

"The state has provided a contract that they follow, and that's basically what this is, as well as any of the concerns that we have addressed," the deputy superintendent said. "They have met those needs and the questions we had."

School Superintendent Laurie Gaylord concurred and recommended the Board approve the contract.

"The recommendation is based upon the fact we have worked out an agreement with our attorney and their attorney," she said. "We've already accepted the application back in April, and hammering out the agreement with the contract, we feel that we're at a place of consensus."

Several members of the public addressed the Board that evening, with all but one expressing support for approval. Elizabeth Williams admitted the Common Core initiative has worried her and she had previously pulled one of her children out of the county's public school system.

"You may not have been able to do anything about the Common Core debacle, but I thank you for doing something with a yes to vote the sign the charter contract for the Treasure Coast Classical Academy and giving our community a choice again," she said. "It really is truly about success for all students, and there is not one size that fits all."

Retired educator and educational diagnostician Audrey Capozzi offered her insight into the curriculum of the Barney Charter School Initiative of Hillsdale College that TCCA plans to utilize.

"Classical, in terms of Barney Charter School, means traditional -- it's what everyone learned in the past," she said. "Classical education means knowledge is valued for its own sake. Children's astounding curiosity is nurtured and rigorous mental training is the order of the day. The establishment of this school does not denigrate Martin schools in any way. In fact, it only enhances the District by providing additional choice to parents and teachers."

When Chairwoman Christia Li Roberts

opened the contract discussion up to the Board, Ms. McSoley repeated her list of reasons for opposing the TCCA in an attempt to debunk the positive attributes listed by the public speakers.

"It does not provide innovative methods -- there are no significant additional educational opportunities at all," she said. "Actually several speakers said that there were -- they're not, there's nothing new or different to Martin County, which Hope and Clark [the District's only other charter schools] do provide. And the original reason to have charter schools coming into counties was to provide additional opportunities for children: It does not do that."

Ms. McSoley ran through a list of problems she found with the proposal, ranging from the school's projected growth rates to tentative plans to locate the campus near the St. Lucie County line to attract students from that district, enabled by the state's controlled open enrollment policy.

"They know they can fill that with open seats," she said. "Four hundred and eighty six open seats times \$7,000-plus of student money, means approximately \$4 million. Let's say that 486 students the first year leave Martin County schools and go into TCCA and they take their money with them. That's \$4 million being diverted from Martin County Public Schools into TCCA, which again offers nothing new and unique that the Martin County School District doesn't offer. Our bank account will decrease by \$4 million, and we will still have to serve those 486 students at the administrative level."

For her part, Chairwoman Roberts had questions about the school's planned use of the Singapore Math program and how the teachers would handle gifted students or those of different ability levels in the same grade, particularly those who might come in mid-year. The Singapore system is designed on ability level rather than grade level, and TCCA Chairwoman and Collier County School Board member Erika Donalds said that issue had already been tackled successfully in the charter school opened recently in her school district.

"We did have some students who were at the top when we started K-6 and then went to [grade] 7, they may have been ready for eighth grade math or ninth grade math," she explained. "Some students took advantage

of online courses just until the school could build out the remaining capacity in order to offer those full courses. We try as best we can to implement a math block, so that all students within the grade band take that at the same time each day; so we can accommodate those students that might need to go back a little further, at least until they catch up and get closer to where their grade level peers are in the Singapore math levels."

Ms. Roberts posed several other questions to Ms. Donalds about school safety, transportation and the make-up of TCCA board, expressing a desire for local control of the latter to be spelled out in the contract.

"I know right now you have three people on your governing board," she said. "You have one that's a local resident, you have yourself, -- which is on the other side of the state -- and then someone who's in Tallahassee. So I'm looking for something that says 'no more than two members of the board shall be non Martin County residents...' and 'the majority of the members of the governing board shall be residents of Martin County.' So do you all have an issue with that?"

Ms. Donalds balked at making any new changes to the contract, which she said was already delayed due to the Board majority's refusal to take up the matter at an earlier date.

"We did extensive negotiations with your attorney throughout the past four months," she said. "I'm not prepared to speak on additional items of negotiation without properly going back to our governing board and achieving a consensus and a vote on those items. Based on the timeline, if these items were important to the Chair or to the Board, they really should have been brought up earlier. We're already very well past the deadline for this contract to be signed."

Ms. Donalds attempted to allay the chairwoman's fears about local control, however, while alleging that current board members had already been the victims of verbal attacks locally.

"We have identified Martin County residents who desire to serve on the Board, and that's been the intention all along," she said. "But getting through this process as a board member, is not something you want to put on a volunteer -- who simply wants to do this to help children -- through. It's a process for people like us who can stand here

and take the kind of vitriol and lies told about them."

Board Member McSoley then jumped back in the conversation, putting Ms. Donalds on the defensive.

"So the charter school you opened over where you are on the west coast, are all the board members local board members?" Ms. McSoley asked.

Ms. Donalds emphasized she no longer had any direct oversight of the Mason Classical Academy in Naples, which she helped found.

"The school that I have no say over except to be a parent of the school, the majority of those are local board members," she responded.

When Ms. McSoley continued to prod her, the gloves came off.

"You're making an implication and you're leading down a line of questioning in order to deceive the public as you just did on the diatribe that you went on earlier," Ms. Donalds exclaimed.

The TCCA chairman then refused to answer any more of Board Member McSoley's questions unrelated to the contract, and the debate briefly took on the atmosphere of a court battle. The latter solicited Chairwoman Roberts' assistance in forcing Ms. Donalds to answer questions about TCCA board members, and the chairwoman more carefully chose the wording of the questions to ease the tension in the chambers. Ms. Donalds then responded.

"The new contract with Hillsdale College requires five board members, so in order to be a partner with Hillsdale College, now you must have five board members," she said. "And our intention is that those five board members would be Martin County residents and that the board meetings of those five board members would be in Martin County and accessible to the residents and citizens of Martin County."

After a little more discussion, Ms. McSoley made a motion to reject the contract, which died for a lack of a second. Commission Michael DiTerlizzi, who participated remotely in the discussion, then made a substitute motion to accept the contract, seconded by Board Member Marsha Powers. That motion passed 3-2, with Ms. McSoley and Chairwoman Roberts dissenting.



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Tuesday, September 25th
7:45 AM

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Wednesday, September 12th
11:45 AM

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The Stuart/Martin County Chamber came out the big winner at the August Business After Hours & Auction held on August 29th. The auction was a huge success thanks to the sponsors, restaurants, staff and the participating bidders. Shown (from left) are Chairman Rob Gluckman, Treasure Coast Urgent & Primary Care; Auctioneer and Board Member/Trustee Elliot Paul; BAH sponsors and Trustees Chuck Geary and Gary Lesser of Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith PLLC; host Karen Ripper, The Kane Center and President/CEO Joe Catrambone.



Chamber Ambassador H.B. Barrett (left) proudly accepts the Ambassador of the Month award from Chairman Rob Gluckman, Treasure Coast Urgent & Primary Care at the August Networking Luncheon, sponsored by Treatment Management Center at The Kane Center.



As sponsor of the Chamber's August Networking Luncheon at The Kane Center, the staff of Treatment Management Company presented an overview of their drug and alcohol detox and full continuum of care program offered in Martin County. Company representatives, shown with Chamber Chairman Rob Gluckman, Treasure Coast Urgent & Primary Care (left), included Jeffrey Bishop, M.D., Richard Costello, Lauren Silverstein, Trustee Francine Costello, CFO, Kim Hughes and Terry Churney.

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Sept. 7 is International Manatee Day

By Mike Winikoff

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TREASURE COAST — International Manatee Day is Sept. 7. The date was first observed in Mexico, where the species has been protected since 1921.

Save the Manatee Club is using the event to educate about all the dangers facing Florida manatees, from boat collisions to red tide.

"In addition to Save the Manatee Club's manatee conservation efforts in the U.S., we also assist scientists and educators in the Wider Caribbean, South America, and West Africa with their conservation efforts," said Patrick Rose, Save the Manatee Club's Executive Director and Aquatic Biologist. "Funds contributed to the Club's International Rescue Fund assist our growing global partners."

"With record watercraft mortality this year along with more than 100 manatees already lost to red tide, we want to ensure that manatees are receiving the help they so desperately require," said Mr. Rose. "As in past desperate situations, help is needed from the general public and boaters to assist in reporting sick and injured manatees."

"As of August 18, there have been 554 manatee mortalities in Florida, which exceeds the total for all of 2017, and 81 of



Photo courtesy of Save the Manatee Club

If you see a manatee with distinctive scars, Florida's Fish and Wildlife Commission asks that you take and submit photos. The scars are used like fingerprints to identify and track individual animals.

those mortalities were from watercraft collisions," added Janice Nearing, the club's Director of Public Relations.

Slowing down in manatee habitat and obeying posted speed regulations is the best

way to reduce the risk of manatee injury and death.

Save the Manatee Club distributes free

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Horoscopes



ARIES - March 21/April 20

Aries, don't hesitate to express the passion you are feeling for a loved one. If you do not share your feelings, others will not know what you are thinking and fail to respond.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

It's time to trust your instincts, Taurus. When something does not seem on the up and up, you owe it to yourself to speak up. Keep in mind that others may not believe.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Your romantic life seems to be full of complicated patterns that could be perceived as obstacles, Gemini. Don't let these things hinder your relationships. Start making changes.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Sitting back and not doing much this week will move you nowhere quickly, Cancer. You need to find motivation to be productive and get to the tasks at hand.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

Leo, if you can stay on course, things will move along quite well for you. There are plenty of distractions that may be in your way, but you must look beyond them.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

Get outdoors and enjoy a walk through the park or a hike, Virgo. It's what you need after being cooped up for too long. Outdoor projects also may beckon you.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Libra, start planning a much-needed vacation right now. And don't forget to look beyond your usual haunts, as there are many other options available as well.

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Out & about

FRIDAY, SEPT. 7

• **Deadline for edible artwork submissions for 'Sweet!':** The Elliott Museum invites culinary Florida artists to submit applications for judging during the Edible Artwork Show & Competition during the reception for 'Sweet!' The artists' reception and edible art show will be Sept. 15 from 2-5 p.m. Please download the prospectuses from <https://elliottmuseum.org/events/> for complete details. Email Robin Lee Makowski, exhibition curator, with any questions: RMakowski@elliottmuseum.org

• **Parent's Night Out:** 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 ages 4-12. \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members; \$10 for siblings. Space is limited, register early to secure a spot. Call the museum at (772) 225-7575, Ext. 208 to register.

• **USA Dance local chapter:** Ballroom, Latin and Swing dancing at the Jensen Beach Ballroom, 881 N.E. Jensen Beach Blvd., Jensen Beach, from 7-10 p.m., on the first Friday evening every month. Open to the public. Admission is \$11. For more information and updates, visit www.usadancemar-tin-stlucie.org, search on Facebook for "USA Dance #6047-Martin-St. Lucie," or email usad6047info@gmail.com

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 7 – SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

• **Dancing in the Dark:** Two nights of tribute bands benefiting the Kiwanis Club of Martin County will be held in Memorial Park, 300 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. Featuring tributes to Donna Summer, Billy Joel, KISS, Aerosmith, and Bruce Springsteen. Gates open at 6 p.m. both nights. Two day general admission is \$15; two-day VIP tickets (includes food and drink) are \$50. Single day See OUT, page 15

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Tablets make it seem as if we're living in the future

I remember when I got my first laptop back in the 1990s, how wonderful life was going to be — I imagined how easy it would be when someone called while I was on the road, I could just open the cover, tap a few keys and have all the information I needed at my fingertips. I also recall a failed experiment with “Via Voice” (IBM’s voice recognition software) where I tried in vain to write my column by speaking into the laptop’s microphone.

The reality, unfortunately, came nowhere near the fantasy.

First of all that old laptop of mine weighed a ton. I had one of those carry bags



COMPUTE THIS
SEAN MCCARTHY

with the wheels and a handle that pulled out and dragged it behind me everywhere I went but that wasn’t really the worst part. I mean carrying tools around is always part of a “road warrior’s” lifestyle; at least this thing had wheels! No, the big problem was how long the damn thing took to turn on. You see with my Day Runner, all I had to

do is open the book to today’s date and start writing. It even had a little plastic book mark thingy so I could open it to today’s date without looking. The only issue I had with the Day Runner is every couple of months I would run out of calendar pages and have to go get new ones.

With my laptop it was downright embarrassing! You think it takes computers a long time to boot up today? You wouldn’t believe how long the wait was 20 years ago.

I can clearly remember trying to get into my machine to look someone’s information up and waiting and waiting and waiting. And don’t get me started on the battery life!

I learned a valuable lesson in those days and it was to always keep my power cable handy and be aware of the location of the nearest outlet. (I even had a \$30 inverter in my car so I could plug in when I needed to). The battery would always look like it had enough power but, if I wasn’t near an outlet then Murphy’s law would kick in and the battery would die right when I was in the middle of some important task.

No, the whole “using my laptop instead of a Day Runner” experiment was a dismal failure. I found myself carrying my Day Runner and lugging my laptop behind me.

Fast forward to now and I’m very happy to say I love living in the future! You may have noticed these devices called “Tablets” seem to be popping up all over the place and recently I became the proud owner of one. And with my tablet, those fantasies that I had in the 90s of having “all of my data” at my fingertips with my laptop have all come true but with the tablet!

The first thing that I’ve noticed is that when I press the little button on the bottom of my tablet (an iPad) it’s on. And I mean instantly. There is no five-minute wait for the thing to boot up and when it does wake up I have access to everything! I can access email, my address book and all of my notes that I make while I’m working and the clever part is that the notes that I read have usually been typed in at my home office on my desktop computer. They just happen to synchronize with my tablet so when I’m out in the field, everything that I worked on at my main computer at home is available on my tablet instantly — I just turn it on and after a few taps I have the information I need. And when I type something into my tablet, it synchronizes with my desktop computer so I don’t have to retype anything when I get home.

Even the speech recognition software works much better — still not well enough to just speak my column into existence but excellent for quick notes.

The best part is when I really need something on my desktop at home, I can connect to my home machine with one of several free remote desktop applications and see my entire desktop on my tablet just as if I was sitting in front of it.

It took 20 years but with my tablet I finally have all the capabilities that I thought I would have with my laptop. I love living in the future!

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general admission tickets are \$10 at the gate. For more information or tickets, visit holdmyticket.com

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

• **Book Swap:** 10:30-11:30 a.m., Armstrong Wing, Blake Library, 2351 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart. An informal opportunity for adults to meet new friends, browse pre-publication books, hear what others are reading and share books you have read. Facilitated by Janette Noe. For more information, contact Janette Noe at (772) 219-4968 or jnoe@martin.fl.us

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8 – SUNDAY, SEPT. 23

• **The Sunshine Boys:** Comedy by Neil Simon will be presented by A.C.T. Studio Theatre, Cedar Pointe Plaza, 2399 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart, from Sept. 8-23. Al and Willie as "Lewis and Clark" were top-billed vaudevillians for over forty years. Now they aren't even speaking. When CBS requests them for a "History of Comedy" retrospective, a grudging reunion brings the two back together, along with a flood of memories, miseries, and laughs. The play has echoes of Simon's greatest hit, "The Odd Couple," with enduring chemistry, crotchety remarks and laughs. Performances are on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25. For tickets and information, call (772) 932-8880 or visit actstudiotheatre.com

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

• **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, SEPT. 14

• **Meet the New Director/ Extension Open House:** 3-6 p.m., UF IFAS Extension Martin County, 2614 S.E. Dixie Highway, Stuart. Meet the new director, Jennifer Pelham, and learn about all of the great educational programs the UF/IFAS Extension offers our community. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (772) 288-5654, email martin@ifas.ufl.edu, or visit <http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/martin/>

• **Cult Classic Film Series:** Showing 'Clerks' at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. at The Lyric Theatre, 59 S.W. Flagler Ave., Stuart. Tickets are \$10; tickets for the seven-film series, which runs Aug. 17 through Nov. 9, are \$50. For more information, call (772) 286-7827 or visit www.lyrictheatre.com

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

• **International Coastal Cleanup:** 8-11 a.m., register to help clean up a coast near you. Held on the third Saturday of September each year and spearheaded by the Ocean Conservancy, the International Coastal Cleanup is the most recognized cleanup event in the world. The goal is to have volunteer presence at every beach and waterway in Martin County, so please register for the cleanup so KMB can plan accordingly. Also, preregistered groups will be given gloves, water, garbage bags and t-shirts (while supplies last). For more information or to sponsor, call (772) 781-1222, visit www.keepmartinbeautiful.org/international-coast-

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A few years ago I played with what had to be the worst set of rental clubs ever. Only a couple of clubs out of the 14 in the bag had a grip that wasn't as hard as a rock and as slippery as a fish. It made for a strange round to say the least.

I constantly was afraid the club would fly out of my hands. To prevent that, I gripped the club too tightly, putting far too much tension into my arms and body. I eventually, just tried to hit different shots with the two or three clubs that had a grip slightly younger than I.

Today's grip market is huge. The number of choices we golfers have to perfect our connection with our tools is amazing. Grips come in more colors and combinations than Crayola can put in a box, as well as different weights and different sizes.

We didn't always have all these choices.

In fact, there are few written records regarding the history of golf grips. We can assume that the shepherds who invented the game, likely did not turn their crooks upside down and wrap the bottom with anything before hitting stones around the hillsides of Scotland.

It is unclear when grip first appeared on

GOLF
JAMES STAMMER



clubs, but we do know that a wool listing was used in the 18th century. In to the 19th century, this would be covered with sheepskin before leather and then rubber would take over in the 20th century.

Some golfers would apply chalk to their grips to help them stay dry. Additionally, olive oil, wax, pitch and varnish would be used to help golfers better grip their clubs.

While grips last much longer today than they did back when they were simple wool listings or leather, they should still be replaced about every 40 rounds. More often if your hands sweat a lot or they are constructed of a material that starts to break down. Your grips should feel tacky in your hand and should never get to the point where they are hard or cracked. It's always good to replace your entire set, keeping the same "feel" with every club in your bag.

Many people do not know the importance of getting the proper grip size or being fit for your grip. When custom fitting your clubs for shaft, shaft flex, loft, lie and more, it is equally important to have the right grip size. There are many grip sizes available and you can even alter the

thickness of the grip during the installation process.

A grip that is too small may cause overactive hands, while one that is too large may prevent you from releasing the club through impact. One good measure is that when gripping your club, your middle and ring finger should just about touch the palm pad of your hand.

Between grip changes, you should wash your grips frequently. Anyone who has watched Fred Couples play, will notice that he not only plays without a glove, but wipes his grips clean with a moist towel before every shot.

As you play, sweat and oils from your hands are transferred onto your grips. If you fail to clean then, your grips will become slippery and difficult to hold onto during your swing. Using just a towel dipped in a soapy water solution will do the trick. Dawn dish soap is great for cutting through the hand oil and sweat that accumulate on your grips.

In 1925 golf's original grip manufactured was established by Elver Lamkin out of his garage in suburban Chicago. His hand-crafted, premium leather grips quickly became the rage among golfers looking for a consistent, comfortable, and tacky grip.

In the 1960s, under the direction of



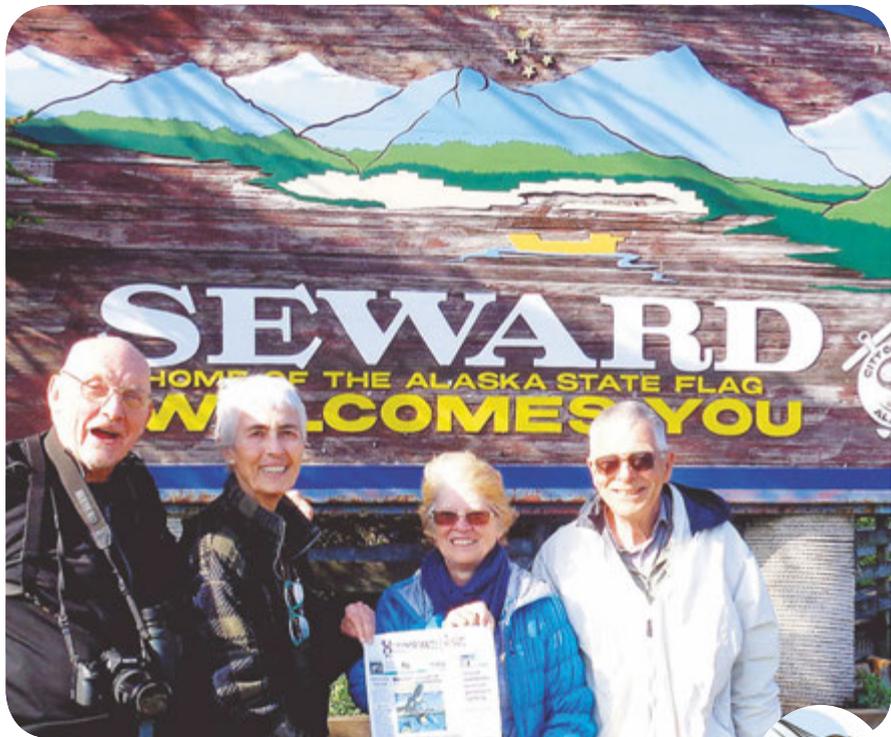
Elvers son Rovbert Lamkin, the company began manufacturing leather and rubber hybrid grips. Eventually the company would move on to synthetic rubber, providing a more affordable grip.

There is only one thing more affordable than an affordable grip, and that would happen to be a "free" grip.

Thanks to Lamkin, I am giving away not just a grip, but an entire 13 grip set of its latest grips to one lucky reader. Simply send me an email to stammergolf@yahoo.com and in a few weeks, I will draw a winner from everyone who enters. I look forward to hearing from you and good luck to you all.

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 stammergolf@yahoo.com.

Touring with the Townies



Bob Fishel, Judy Fishel, Pat Marshall, Bruce Marshall, from Stuart, took along a copy of Hometown News to Seward, Alaska. For two weeks they traveled 2,000 miles in Alaska to view 172 different kinds of birds. Thanks for taking us along!



Are you a fan of the Hometown News? Well, we are inviting you to take us along on your next adventure.

Each week, we will feature a different reader-submitted photo that showcases one (or more) of our Treasure Coast residents reading the Hometown News in a unique or exotic place. Whether you take a trip to the Grand Canyon or a cruise to the Bahamas, bring your Hometown News with you and have someone snap a picture.

Email your photo (at least 1 MB in size) to news@hometownnewsol.com and include your first and last name, the city you live in and the location/date of where the photo was taken. Type "TOURING WITH THE TOWNIES" in the subject line.

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more information, call (772) 288-5702 or visit library.martin.fl.us.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 18

• **Martin County Democratic Club meeting:** Meetings are held the first Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m., Best Western Hotel, 1209 S.E. Federal Hwy., Stuart. Keep up-to-date in politics and engage with interesting people. For more information, visit <http://martincountydemocrats.org> or search for Martin-County-Democrats on Facebook.

• **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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19

• **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.

• **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, SEPT. 20

• **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, SEPT. 21

• **Martin County Genealogical Society monthly meeting:** 1-3 p.m., third Friday each month, Blake Library, 2351 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart. Speaker is TBA. Free, public is welcome to attend. For more information, visit mcgensociety.org.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 23

• **ECK Light and Sound service:** "The Godlike Element in Soul," 11 a.m. to noon, Eckankar Center of the Treasure Coast, 541 S.E. Central Parkway, Stuart. The public is invited. For more information, call (772) 223-1188 or visit www.Eck-Florida.org.

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Community notes

Registration now open for Martin County Senior Games

The Martin County Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce registration is now open for the 29th annual Senior Games.

Taking place October 27 - November 4, participants can compete in a variety of events.

"The games promote physical and social wellness and encourage everyone to get active and stay fit for life, reflecting the Martin County Parks and Recreation Department's goal to provide quality recreational opportunities for all ages," said Kevin Abbate, Parks and Recreation Department Director.

The Martin County Senior Games are open to adults ages 50 and over and will take place at various locations and dates

throughout Martin and St. Lucie counties.

Events include golf, basketball shooting, tennis, track & field, swimming, bowling, cycling, table tennis and pickleball. Senior athletes who finish in the top five for their age group, are eligible to compete in the Florida Senior Games State Championships in December.

Participants can register by mail or phone. Registration is \$20 for each sport, except bowling and golf, which are \$25.

For more event and registration information, residents are encouraged to call (772) 221-1419 or visit www.martin.fl.us/SeniorGames.

Find more information on Martin County Parks and Recreation Department facilities and activities at www.LoveMCParks.com or visit www.facebook.com/MyMCParks.

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al-cleanup.html, or email info@keepmartin-beautiful.org.

• **'Sweet!' artists reception and edible art show:** 2-5 p.m., The Elliott Museum, 825 N.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. Enjoy the exhibition of traditional and culinary Florida artists, exploring food and drink. Vote for your favorite piece for the People's Choice award, and sample the Edible Artwork Show & Competition. Reception admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call (772) 225-1961 or visit <https://elliottmuseum.org/events/>

• **Saturday Afternoon STEAM Talks:** "A Year Full of Stars" with Planetarium Director Jon U. Bell at 4 p.m., Hallstrom Planetarium, IRSC main campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Get a preview of some of the awesome upcoming sky events, including a total lunar eclipse on Jan. 20, 2019, plus some great views of the moon and planets, and information about the new season of planetarium shows. Treasure Coast Astronomical Society will provide telescope viewing after the presentation, if weather

permits. Free, public is welcome. For more information, visit www.irsc.edu.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 — SUNDAY, NOV. 4

• **'Sweet!' juried art exhibition:** The Elliott Museum, 825 N.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart, will host this exhibition of traditional and culinary Florida artists, exploring food and drink. After the artist reception and Edible Art Show on Sept. 15, the exhibit is included in regular Museum admission. For more information, call (772) 225-1961 or visit <https://elliottmuseum.org/events/>

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16

• **HSTC Sips for Seniors:** 1-3 p.m., The Crafted Keg, 555 S. Colorado Ave., Stuart. Monthly Yappy Hour with craft beers, mobile dog adoptions and furry fun. For every pint sold in this time, Crafted Keg will donate \$1 to HSTC to support the Senior Adoption Program. Dogs welcome if vaccinated & on a leash, accompanied by owner, and if the dog is well-socialized. For more information, call (772) 600-8218.

• **Half-way to St. Patrick's Day:** 4-7 p.m., See OUT, page 19

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Manatee

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yellow banners that say “Please Slow, Manatees Below.” Boaters hold the banners up high when they spot a manatee to warn other boaters that manatees are present.

“There must be a way for Floridians to enjoy boating and recreating on our waterways without hurting or killing manatees,” said Dr. Katie Tripp, Save the Manatee’s Director of Science and Conservation. “No one spends more time on Florida’s waters or better understands the factors that lead to manatee strikes.”

Dr. Tripp thinks that boaters themselves, by becoming more proactive for manatees, can head off the need for increased law enforcement. “Anyone who’s getting behind the wheel or handlebars of a vessel needs to be responsible and know what they’re doing.”

“We don’t know anyone who intentionally aims to injure manatees during a day of boating,” said Dr. Tripp. “But terrible injuries and suffering occur nonetheless, and we can do better.”

Red tide is also a deadly danger to manatees.

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“Martin County adopted the term ‘Lost Summer’ in 2013 to describe the disaster caused by discharges from Lake Okeechobee into coastal communities,” said Dr. Tripp. “Posted signs warned against swimming, fishing, or otherwise coming in contact with the water that was covered in “guacamole-thick” algae. The moniker was unfortunately applicable again in 2016 and now again in 2018.”

“On Florida’s west coast, red tide has killed nearly 1,100 manatees over the last 23 years, and because blooms now occur so frequently, they are no longer characterized as unusual mortality events,” said Dr. Tripp. “The organism that causes red tide is naturally-occurring. The input of human-generated pollution into our coastal waters, which causes that organism to bloom and wreak havoc, is far from natural. The same is true for the various algae blooms that have occurred in the Indian River Lagoon in recent years, resulting in the deaths of manatees, dolphins, fish, and sea birds, and the loss of tens of thousands of acres of vital-seagrass.”

Red tide acts as a neurotoxin, giving manatees seizures that can result in drowning.



Photo courtesy of Save the Manatee Club

These waterproof banners are available for free, so boaters and kayakers can warn others to be cautious around manatees.

Sick, injured, or orphaned manatees should be reported to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation, because they can often be saved if rescued in time.

“If manatees exposed to red tide can be moved out of the affected area by trained biologists and stabilized at a critical care facility, their prognosis is often very good,” said Dr. Tripp.

To report such animals or to alert the FWC to any other hazardous conditions or

incidents affecting marine wildlife, call 1-888-404-FWCC (3992). You can also send a text message or email to Tip@MyFWC.com, or use VHF Channel 16 on your marine radio.

For more information, visit *Save the Manatee Club* at www.savethemanatee.org or *Manatee Observation and Education Center in Fort Pierce* at www.manateeeducation-center.org.

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Apollo School, 9141 S.E. Apollo Street, Hobe Sound. In the middle of the long, hot summer, join us to enjoy Celtic music by The Rowdy Micks and traditional Irish food, drink and fun inspired by St. Patrick's Day. Tickets purchased in advance are \$35; tickets at the door are \$40. For advance tickets, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/half-way-to-st-patricks-day-tickets-48411941420

• **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 more information and updates, visit www.usadancemartin-stlucie.org, search on Facebook for "USA Dance #6047-Martin-St. Lucie," or email usad6047info@gmail.com

MONDAY, SEPT. 17

• **Speech Contests:** 6:45 p.m., The Pointe, 2750 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. Treasure Coast Toastmasters Club 3466 will hold its humorous and evaluation speech contests, everyone is welcome to attend. Free, refreshments provided. Toastmasters International is a worldwide educational organization devoted to helping people improve their communication and leadership skills. Call Mike at (317) 281-0483 or email mikelabonne3@gmail.com.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20 – SUNDAY, OCT. 7

• **'The Dixie Swim Club':** Five Southern women, whose friendship began on their college swim team, set aside long weekends every August to recharge those relationships. When fate throws a wrench into one of their lives, the group rallies, proving the enduring power of "teamwork" with strength and love that takes this comedy into a poignant and surprising direction. Presented by The Barn Theatre, 2400 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. Drama/comedy. Shows are on Thursdays through Sundays, Sept. 20 through Oct. 7. Tickets are \$25, with student and group discounts available. Call (772) 287-4884, or visit www.barn-theatre.com.

Scopes

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SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Scorpio, you may have a great deal of energy, but you need a plan regarding where to direct it. This may be a good week to spend with friends or family.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21

Sagittarius, try not to get swept away by bad habits. Try something new and obtain a fresh perspective, whether the task is large or small. Accept challenges as they come.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

There is no need to go to extremes to get your point across, Capricorn. Listen to other people's opinions, recognizing that their insight may prove valuable.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Aquarius, there is nothing wrong with questioning the actions of others. This can be a great way to understand others' points of view and fine tune your own.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

All it takes is a little spark and then your motivation will renew, Pisces. It won't take very long to get back on track if you desire it.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21

• **Rum Runners Row:** 5-10 p.m., Molly's House, 430 S.E. Osceola Street, Stuart. Enjoy a garden bash at Molly's House, transformed into a speakeasy for a night of dancing, incredible food, signature drinks, live and silent auctions, and a murder mystery. Wear your best 1920s garb, if you wish. The VIP ticket includes a rum tasting from 5-6 p.m., followed by an open bar for the evening; VIP tickets are \$125 through Aug. 30, and then \$150 until Sept. 7. General tickets are \$75 through Aug. 30, and \$100 after. General tickets include two drink tickets followed by cash bar. For more information or tickets, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/rum-runners-row-garden-bash-tickets-47035415193

• **Kitty Catalina Wine Mixer:** 6-8 p.m., Humane Society of the Treasure Coast Garden, 4100 S.W. Leighton Farm Ave., Palm City. Wine lovers and cat fans are invited to enjoy light snacks plus wines from native Florida vineyards and a world-class vineyard out of Napa Valley. There will be cat basket

raffles and live music featuring Benjamin Meija. All cat adoption fees will be waived. \$20 entry fee per person includes one free raffle ticket. Attendees must be 21 or older. For more information, visit www.hstc1.org/

• **'Prescription to Rock!'** 6-10 p.m., Port St. Lucie Civic Center, 9221 S.E. Civic Center Place, Port St. Lucie. A benefit for Treasure Coast Advocates for Seniors, featuring the Relapse Band. Call (772) 342-6257 or visit www.tcadvocates.org

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

• **Chalk 4 Peace:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Good Shepherd Episcopal Church parking lot, 400 Seabrook Road, Tequesta. Second annual event celebrates the International Day for Peace by encouraging participants to draw what peace means to you. Free for all ages, chalk is provided. (Ages 6 - 12 must be accompanied by a teacher or parent.) For more information, email jennifer@lighthousearts.org.

• **'For You We Ride' poker run:** 12 p.m. Poker run fundraiser for breast cancer

assistance charities, hosted by Treasure Coast Harley-Davidson and For You We Ride. The charity that will benefit in Florida is Cindy's Legacy Charity. Details TBA. Visit www.facebook.com/treasurecoastharley/

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27

• **Story Time in the Gallery:** 10-11 a.m., last Thursday of the month, Court House Cultural Center Gallery, 80 E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart. An art-themed story time geared toward families of preschool children. On the last Thursday of every month, families are invited into the galleries of the Court House Cultural Center to listen to stories that celebrate the arts! Free and open to the public, no reservations required. For more information, visit martinarts.org.

If you would like your live entertainment listings carried in the "Out and About" section, please email them to newsfp@hometownnewsol.com. The deadline is two Fridays before the event.

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Hurricane cleanup begins with a good chainsaw

The past couple of weeks I have been talking a lot about getting your yard ready for a storm. This week, I want to talk a little about the cleanup process after a storm. I want to share some of the tips I found useful while cleaning up after Frances, Jeanne, Wilma and Irma. These were the last major storms to hit our region. Although 2018 is supposed to be below normal, it only takes one tropical system to make a mess of your yard.

If you are like me, one look at the yard and it makes you wonder where you should even start when planning your cleanup effort. The first tool you will need is a good quality chain saw. Gas is preferred over electric because the gas chain saws have more power and also if your power is out, you will not be able to use your electric chain saw unless you have a generator. Before you start cutting your trees, be sure to take a full survey of your yard. Confirm that there are no power lines entangled in



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your work area and also that there are no large dangling limbs that could fall and hit you once you start working. If a large tree needs to be cut down, it is probably best to leave that to an expert tree service. Most of my tree debris was already on the ground and simply had to be cut up and taken to the curb.

Once you have all the large debris removed and cut up at your curb, the next thing you should do is re-survey your yard for other damage that may have been hidden with the larger tree branches. When trying to clean up small twigs and leaves from an area that has either steppingstones

or gravel, a great tool to use for cleanup is a gas blower. I had a large garden area that is covered with lava rock and trying to use a rake to get the debris was also picking up all the lava rock. I brought out the trusty gas blower and about 97% of the debris was magically whisked away! In fact, as a preliminary task before raking, I successfully removed a good deal of debris from the lawn area with the blower. This made the next pass with a regular garden rake much easier. Once you are done with that, a pass with a mulching lawn mower will really put the finishing touches on your yard.

Once you finish getting your yard back to some kind of normalcy, you can start planning your fall garden. Yes I said Fall, it is actually not that far off. Stores already are clearing out patio sets getting ready for Halloween and Christmas.

Remember, for all the latest updates and information, go to www.hometownweather.net.



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

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Society of American Magicians, Local Assembly 172, meeting: Fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m., St. Lucie Lanes, 6759 US 1, Port St. Lucie. Members include hobbyists, amateurs, part time and professional magicians who all love and enjoy the art of magic. Public is welcome to learn and enjoy the age-old art of magic. Free. For more information, call Dean Devitt at (772) 332-8412 or Matt Musgrave at (772) 519-6048.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26

Beach Dynamics Program: 3:30 p.m., hosted by Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge and Nature Center at the North Beach pavilion. All ages welcome to learn from naturalist Kim Mohlenhoff and have a beachcombing adventure to find treasures brought by ocean currents and waves. Watch for wildlife, learn about natural items washed ashore and pick up litter along the way. This is a free event, but reservations are required. For more information or reservations, call the Nature Center at (772) 546-2067.

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 29

2018 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Treasure Coast: Help take the first step to a world without Alzheimer's. Fundraiser will be held at Indian RiverSide Park, 1707 N.E. Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach. Registration is at 7:30 a.m., ceremony is at 8:30 a.m., walk begins at 9 a.m. Route is two miles. To sign up for a team, visit http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2018/FL-SoutheastFlorida?fr_id=11141. For more

information, contact Jessie Brooks at (954) 786-1533 or jbrooks@alz.org.

Race for Recovery: 8th annual race, hosted by New Horizons Mental Health, will be held from 6:30-10 a.m. at First Data Field, 525 N.W. Peacock Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Fast, fun 5K to raise awareness for mental illnesses, addiction and recovery in our community. Not a fan of running? There's also a 1-mile walk option. Registration for both the 5K and the 1-mile walk are \$25 per person. For more information or to register, visit www.active.com/port-st-lucie-fl/running/distance-running-races/race-for-recovery-5k-1-mile-walk-2018

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.:

432018DP000007 IN THE INTEREST OF: S.A. DOB: 05/07/2007 Minor Child TO: NICHOLAS SAINNATUS, address unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families, has filed a Petition to terminate your parental rights and permanently commit the following child for adoption: S.A., born on May 7, 2007. A copy of the petition is on file with the Clerk of the Court. You are hereby commanded to appear on October 1, 2018, at 9:30 A.M. before the Honorable Barbara Bronis, Juvenile Division, Courtroom A3-3, at the Martin County Courthouse, 100 East Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34994, for an ADVISORY HEARING. FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY hearing CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THIS CHILD (OR CHILDREN). IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED, you may LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THE CHILD OR CHILDREN NAMED IN THIS NOTICE.

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5020 Notice to Creditors

IN THE 19TH CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN

5060 Notice of Sale

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Pub Dates: 8/31/18 & 9/7/18

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COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF LORRAINE P. SERVER, Deceased.

File No.: 432018CP000531CPAZ-MX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Lorraine C. Vinci, deceased, whose date of death was April 10, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Martin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 100 SE Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34994. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the 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 claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF HARRY F. VON SPRECKELSEN, Deceased. File No. 2018-CP-000576

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Harry F. Von Spreckelsen, deceased, whose date of death was April 13, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Martin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 100 SE Ocean Blvd., Stuart, Florida 34994. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the 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 claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of first publication of this notice is August 31, 2018. Personal Representative: Helen A. Keller 6405 SE Mariner Sands Drive Stuart, Florida 34997 Attorney for Personal Representative: David N. Sowerby, Esq. Florida Bar No. 0473545 David N. Sowerby, P.L. 2940 South 25th Street Fort Pierce, Florida 34981 Telephone: 772-464-7900 Email: david@sowerbypl.com Secondary email: anne@sowerbypl.com Pubs: 8/31/18 & 9/7/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF HARRY F. VON SPRECKELSEN, Deceased. File No. 2018-CP-000576

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT W. KELLER a/k/a ROBERT WERNER KELLER, Deceased. File No.: 432018CP000603CPAX-MX

5060 Notice of Sale

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Robert W. Keller, a/k/a Robert Werner Keller, deceased, whose date of death was March 25, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Martin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 100 SE Ocean Blvd., Stuart, Florida 34994. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF NISHA R. PULLIAM, Deceased File No. 18-624CP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE: The administration of the estate of Nisha R. Pulliam, deceased, File Number 18-624CP, 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. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF MILDRED K. HALL, Deceased. FILE NO.: 432018CP000538CPAX MX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Mildred K. Hall, deceased, whose date of death was July 7, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Martin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of the Circuit Court, Probate Division, P.O. Box 9016, Stuart, FL 34995. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF

5020 Notice to Creditors

JOHN CHARLES MARQUARDT, Deceased File No. 18-626CP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

The administration of the estate of John Charles Marquardt, deceased, File Number 18-626CP, 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. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID WALKER, Deceased. File No.: 432018CP000558

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of David Walker, deceased, whose date of death was May 4, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Martin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 100 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34994. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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IN RE: ESTATE OF MILDRED K. HALL, Deceased. FILE NO.: 432018CP000538CPAX MX

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF

5020 Notice to Creditors

AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING 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 this notice is August 31, 2018. Personal Representative: Douglas W. Hall, 12408 SE County Road 234, Micanopy, Florida 32667 Attorney for Personal Representative: Brad Avakian, Attorney, Florida Bar Number: 99692, The Grantham Law Firm, 1860 Forest Hill Blvd., Suite 105, West Palm Beach, FL 33406-6086, Telephone: 561-246-3866, Fax: 561-966-3860, E-Mail: brad@kirkgrantham.com, Secondary: E-Mail: jane@kirkgrantham.com Pubs: 8/31/18 & 9/7/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF KAREN L. MACLEOD, Deceased. File No. 18000638CPAXMX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Karen L. Macleod, deceased, whose date of death was July 31, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Martin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 100 SE Ocean Blvd., Stuart, Florida 34994. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the 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 claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID WALKER, Deceased. File No.: 432018CP000558

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF MILDRED K. HALL, Deceased. FILE NO.: 432018CP000538CPAX MX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF DORIS M. WEYBRIGHT, Deceased. File No. 2018CP000629

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Doris M. Weybright, deceased, whose date of death was July 5, 2018, is pending in

is September 7, 2018. Personal Representative:

Sharon Walker & Noni Walker Attorney for Personal Representative: James P. Covey, Esq., Florida Bar No. 846880, 1575 Indian River Boulevard, Suite C-120, Vero Beach, FL 32960, Telephone: 772-770-6160, Fax: 772-770-6074 E-mail: courtmell@jcovelaw.com Pubs: 9/7/18 & 9/14/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF KAREN L. MACLEOD, Deceased. File No. 18000638CPAXMX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Karen L. Macleod, deceased, whose date of death was July 31, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Martin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 100 SE Ocean Blvd., Stuart, Florida 34994. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the 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 claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of the first publication of this notice is September 7, 2018.

Personal Representative: Joseph C. Kempe, 941 N. Hwy A1A, Jupiter, Florida 33477
Attorney for Personal Representative: Melissa D. Lazarchick, Esq., Florida Bar Number: 43696, Joseph C. Kempe, P.A., 941 N. Highway A1A, Jupiter, FL 33477, Telephone: 561-747-7300, Fax: 561-747-7722, E-Mail: mlazarchick@jckempe.com, Secondary E-Mail: kjanicki@jckempe.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID V. JASTREMSKI, Deceased. File No.: 18000569CPAXMX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of David V.

5020 Notice to Creditors

Jastremski, deceased, whose date of death was July 3, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Martin County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 100 East Ocean Boulevard, Stuart, Florida 34994. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the 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 claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of first publication of this notice is September 7, 2018.
Personal Representative: Anthony D. George, Jr., 3473 SE Willoughby Boulevard, Stuart, Florida 34994
Attorney for Personal Representative: Anthony D. George, Jr., Attorney, Florida Bar Number: 822787, Fox McCluskey Bush Robison, PLLC, 3473 S.E. Willoughby Boulevard, Stuart, FL 34994, Telephone (772) 287-4444, Fax: (772) 283-4637, E-Mail: ageorge@foxmccluskey.com, Secondary E-Mail: heidi@foxmccluskey.com
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B568 Dooley, Florine
D551 Battle, Roderick
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F250 Fine, Kya
F264 Lewis, Milton
F280 Frazer, Marion
G441 Ferguson, Heather
G458 Mack Jr., Marvin
G477 Jackson, Hugh
G478 Ungerland, Joseph
H378 Galusha, Michael
H384 Webb, Jalisa
H394 Leon, Mireya
H409 Moore, Dominique
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Attorney for Personal Representative: Anthony D. George, Jr., Attorney, Florida Bar Number: 822787, Fox McCluskey Bush Robison, PLLC, 3473 S.E. Willoughby Boulevard, Stuart, FL 34994, Telephone (772) 287-4444, Fax: (772) 283-4637, E-Mail: ageorge@foxmccluskey.com, Secondary E-Mail: heidi@foxmccluskey.com
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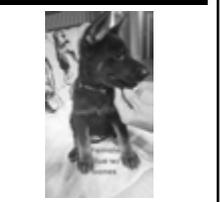
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