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DAILY RIDE DEALS

Palm City Road traffic debate revisited

By Donald Rodrigue
For Hometown News

STUART — The City Commission voted unanimously Oct. 22 to have staff investigate the possibility of extending and adding to incomplete sidewalks along Palm City Road after failing to agree on traffic calming solutions to appease complaining residents.

Commissioners attempted to tackle the topic after Assistant Public Works Director Tim Voelker provided them a detailed history of the busy roadway and the ongoing complaints of residents who live along the thoroughfare connecting U.S. 1 and Monterey Road. According to Mr. Voelker, the debate on how to handle increasing traffic on the two-lane arterial connector has gone on for well over a decade.

"When I went back and did the research, there were a lot of complaints that came forward to the Commission during the April 12, 2004 Commission meeting," he said. "The Circle Bay Yacht Club complained of stacking at the south end blocking accessibility to their driveway. Two weeks after that meeting, the Keith & Schnars engineering consulting firm provided the public works director at the time, Sam Amerson, a letter with some recommendations. Those improvements were three speed bumps installed along Palm City Road on the

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Celebrating Veterans Day



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

A Veterans Day assembly was held at Felix A. Williams Elementary School in Stuart on Friday, Nov. 9 to honor veterans. The assembly featured performances by the FAWE Chorus as well as the student body. Here, kindergarten students Cooper Jaques and Rylee Vosters wave their flags during the United States Armed Forces Medley.

Nearly three-quarters of Martin voters hit polls

By Donald Rodrigue
For Hometown News

STUART — Almost three quarters of Martin County's 114,094 registered voters cast ballots in the Nov. 6 mid-term elections, of which three races still remain under a recount cloud as of press time Nov. 12.

The hotly contested races for Florida's governorship, its commissioner of agriculture and

Democrat Bill Nelson's decades-old senate seat are grabbing national headlines amid lawsuits from both Sen. Nelson and Florida's sitting Gov. Rick Scott, who's already claimed victory over the sitting senator and accused him and certain South Florida elections supervisors of fraud. Sen. Nelson began the sparring contest the day after the election, accusing Gov. Scott of prematurely declaring victory with less than a 5 percent lead

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FRIDAY, NOV. 16

• **Night Explorers:** 6-8 p.m., Hobe Sound Nature Center, 13640 U.S. 1, Hobe Sound. Join the Nature Center for some nighttime stargazing at the Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge. Following a brief classroom orientation, naturalist Kim Mohlenhoff will lead the group outside along the nature trail to look at the nighttime sky through telescopes. Learn about wildlife at night and how artificial lighting impacts some plant and animal at night. (If weather conditions are not conducive to viewing planets, stars, and constellations, the program will be limited to classroom activities only.) Free, all ages welcome. Reservations are required. Call the Nature Center at (772) 546-2067.

• **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.

MONDAY, NOV. 19

• **English Conversation Circle:** 6-7 p.m., Golden Gate Center for Enrichment, 3225 S.E. Dixie Highway, Stuart. Practice speaking English in a relaxed, informal setting, be more comfortable and confident when listening to conversations. Meet other adults who are learning the English language. There is a maximum of 10 students per class; arrive early to get a space or sign-up in advance. Call (772) 286-4673, ext. 1600, or visit www.goldengatecentermc.org.

TUESDAY, NOV. 20

• **Pet Education – Lessons in Kindness:** 3-4 p.m., Golden Gate Center for Enrichment, 3225 S.E. Dixie Highway, Stuart. A hands-on lesson called "The Pet Suitcase" teaches children (ages 6-12) what pets need to be happy and healthy. The children take turns taking things out of the pet suitcase, identify them, and explain why they would make our pets happy and healthy. Offered in English and Spanish by the Humane Society of the Treasure Coast. Register online. Call (772) 286-4673, ext. 1600, or visit goldengatecentermc.org.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21

• **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

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Hospice offers 'Coping with the Holidays' workshop

The holidays often present a special challenge for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Drawing on its experience of helping people through the grief process, Treasure Coast Hospice will hold interactive Coping with the Holidays workshops for the community on Friday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Mayes Center, 1201 S.E. Indian Street, Stuart.

Workshop participants will gain insight and greater understanding about the grieving process, discover five steps for surviving the holidays and learn how to find new meaning for the season.

"Recognizing, expressing, and accepting a loss is fundamental to the healing process and this is especially so during the holidays," said Jacki Nardone, LCSW and Treasure Coast Hospice Director of Grief Support and Pediatric Services. "Our workshops highlight the importance of caring for yourself while providing those who are grieving with tangible ways to find comfort in fond memories and renewed meaning in the season."

The holiday season is often filled with special traditions that give life meaning and comfort. Coping with the Holidays will offer participants an opportunity to reflect and discuss rituals that are important to carry on as well as how new traditions can help bring comfort and even honor or remember loved ones who have died.

All members of the community are invit-

Community notes

ed to attend the Coping with the Holidays workshops. To register, call (772) 403-4530 or visit treasurehealth.org/coping-with-the-holidays-2018/

For more information about the workshops or Treasure Coast Hospice's Grief Support programs, visit www.treasurehealth.org.

Annual 'Season's Readings' children's book drive starts Nov. 15

The Friends of the Martin County Library System, Inc. and the Martin County Library System are delighted to host the annual Season's Readings program with a goal of delivering 300 books to 3-to-5 year-olds enrolled in a Martin County program with the Early Learning Coalition.

Beginning Thursday, Nov. 15, patrons are invited to visit their local library and select a paper ornament bearing a child's first name and age. Using a provided recommended book list, patrons can purchase an age-appropriate, non-religious, hardcover book from their preferred retailer. The book and paper ornament should be returned to the library prior to Wednesday, Dec. 5, at which point volunteers will wrap the books and present them to the children.

For more information, pick up a Library Events Newsletter at any Martin County Library location, call (772) 288-5702, or visit www.library.martin.fl.us

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ON CARS
EARL STEWART

If you're over 55, you should have had a colonoscopy. If you haven't, call a gastroenterologist, because this could save your life; It did mine, but that's another story. I had another colonoscopy (about a half dozen, so far) a few days ago, and I must tell you that it's a very unpleasant experience, mainly from the mental anguish, anticipation and the discomfort of the "preparation" the previous day. I had a lot of time to think about my procedure and I started thinking about how this experience parallels that of buying a car. It's something you must do and has a very good benefit, but you dread the process.

If you need further proof that buying cars is an unpleasant experience, just read the latest Gallup Poll entitled "Honesty and ethics in professions." The Gallup organization has been taking this poll every year since 1977. Car dealers have ranked last, or nearly last, in every poll...FORTY-TWO YEARS! For the latest full year poll in 2017, click on <https://news.gallup.com/poll/1654/honesty-ethics-professions.aspx>.

My newspaper columns and blog consist mainly of suggestions and inside information that can make your new or used car buying experience less of a fearful one. Some of the titles/subjects are "Always Get

an Out the Door Price", "Bait and Switch Advertising", "Beware of Deceptive Internet Car Pricing", "Beware of Direct Mail Car Advertising", "Buying a Car When You Have a Credit Problem", "Eight Steps to Ensure You Are Buying the Best Car for the Best Price", "List Price and MSRP Might Not Be the Same", "Negotiating to Buy a Car", "Open Letter to Florida Car Dealers" (I, II, III, and IV), "Shop Your Financing and Trade", "Should I Buy My Car at the End of the Lease?", "Should I Lease or Buy my Next Car?", "Should I Pay Cash or Finance My Next Car?", "Should I Trade in My Old Car or Sell it Myself", "Tell Your Car Dealer to be Nice", "The Right Used Car is a Better Buy than a New Car", "Translating Misleading Car Ads", "What is the True Cost of that New Car?", "What to do if You Are Treated Badly by a Car Dealer", "When is a Car Sale Not a Car Sale?", and "The Internet Price is the Lowest Price for a New Car". You can read all my articles (hundreds) at www.EarlOn-Cars.com. You'll find links there to listen to my live, weekly radio show (Saturdays 8-10 AM EST), my YouTube videos, Podcasts, Facebook, Twitter and a wealth of other information on "how not to get ripped off by a car dealer".

Almost every one of these articles originated from readers of my column, callers to my radio show, and others' experiences when buying cars from car dealers. I get a lot of calls from people who've never bought a car from me. They call to tell me of their bad experience with another dealer and, when I get several calls on the same subject, I write a column on it. People often call me asking for advice or assistance after they've already bought, which is "closing the barn door after the horse is gone." On more than one occasion I've called car dealers asking them to consider undoing a wrong they have caused one of their customers. I must confess that my batting average on this effort is "below 300". I won't give up, however. One of my most recent calls was from a customer who was charged nearly a \$1,000 in service work performed on her car when she had brought it in for a routine service that should have cost her less than \$100. She called me for help and was forceful and diligent in following my advice. She got a complete refund on the "unasked for, unnecessary charges".

One thing that amazes me about these weekly columns and my radio show is that I have been writing and airing for nearly 14 years is that no car dealer has ever called me to complain, or for any other reason. I've not been sued either. I think that says something about the truth of my articles. I'm not a lawyer, but I do know that you can't successfully sue somebody for libel or slander if they write or say the truth. I'm puzzled why not one single dealer would

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Polls

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and demanding a recount. Regardless of the senator's demands, Florida law requires a recount when the margin is less than 5 percent. As of Sunday Nov. 11, Gov. Scott's lead over Sen. Nelson had shrunk to less than 15,000 votes out of more than eight million cast, a margin of only 0.15 percent. Martin County Supervisor of Elections Vicki Davis said that day she was ready for the recount order from the state.

"We have received and publicly announced word that a conditional machine recount may occur," she said. "In the meantime, our office is standing by and fully prepared to conduct a recount by whatever means the Florida Division of Elections directs—and at any moment such an order may appear."

Florida's 67 counties will have until Thursday, Nov. 15 to submit their machine recounts, and if the margin remains the same in the senate race, it would also trigger a hand recount. The state's supervisors of elections would then have three days to personally inspect ballots with overvotes or undervotes. The more complicated scenario is not expected for the governor's race where Republican Ron DeSantis' 0.41-percent lead over Tallahassee Mayor Andrew would not meet the 0.25 percent threshold for a manual recount.

As far as the Florida's race for commissioner of agriculture, Fort Lauderdale attorney and Democratic candidate Nicole "Nikki" Fried led Republican challenger Rep. Matt Caldwell by a mere 2,914 votes as of 8:20 p.m. Nov. 8 for the seat of outgoing

Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam. That minute difference has also triggered a mandatory machine recount.

Unofficial Martin County tallies for the contested senatorial race were 46,726 votes cast for Mr. Scott and 30,673 votes for Sen. Nelson. In the gubernatorial race, Mr. Desantis earned 61.5 percent or 47,840 of the local votes, compared to 29,130 cast for Mayor Gillum. Mr. Caldwell won 47,080 votes -- or 61.66 percent -- compared to 29,270 cast for Ms. Fried.

Florida's new attorney general is Republican Ashley Moody, who led Democrat Sean Shaw by more than 500,000 votes. Sixty-four percent of Martin County registered voters chose Ms. Moody over Mr. Shaw, who received 25,800 votes. Florida's Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis held onto that title with 52 percent of the vote over Democratic challenger Jeremy Ring. Locally, 47,874 voters cast ballots for the incumbent, while Mr. Ring earned 36 percent of the vote with 27,117 votes.

In the race for the District 18 seat of the U.S. House of Representatives, incumbent Brian Mast defeated Democratic challenger Lauren Baer with 54 percent of the vote statewide. Locally, 50,226 Martin County residents cast votes for Rep. Mast, while Ms. Baer received 27,676 votes.

For the District 25 seat of the Florida Senate, 62.7 percent or 47,805 Martin voters chose former Republican state representative Gayle Harrell over Democrat Robert Levy for the last two years of retiring Sen. Joe Negron's seat. Mr. Levy earned 28,416 votes in that race locally, Ms. Harrell won district-wide with 47 percent of the vote.

Republicans also won in the two state rep-

resentative races, with MaryLynn Magar getting 64.6 percent of the local votes cast in the District 82 race and Democrat Edward Francis O'Conner receiving 15,664 votes. In the District 83 race, Republican Toby Overdorf beat Democrat Matt Theobald, with 18,840 votes to 12,489 earned by Mr. Theobald.

On a much more local level, Republican Stacy Hetherington won the District 2 Martin County Commission seat by a landslide, with 64 percent or 47,472 votes to independent challenger Joe Banfi's 25,628 votes.

In the race for the 19th Judicial Circuit bench seat, Robert "Bob" Meadows beat challenger Nirlaine Smartt with 62.9 percent of the 63,745 votes cast.

For the two open seats on the Sewall's Point Town Commission, James Campo and David Kurzman won the majority of the 1,895 votes cast, with 783 and 615 votes respectively to 593 earned by Johnny "Cowboy" Colson.

The host of amendments on the ballot during the 2018 mid-term elections included two Martin specific issues: the Martin County School Board half-cent sales surtax and a yes or no vote on whether county voters wanted to have the School Board Superintendent appointed rather than elected in the future. Fifty-seven percent of registered Martin voters opted for the additional School Board tax, while nearly 60 percent of voters wanted to have the school superintendent be an appointed position.

The rest of the Florida amendment results were as follows:

Amendment one for the additional \$25,000 homestead exemption failed, even though more than 63 percent of Martin vot-

ers had supported the amendment.

Amendment two for a permanent 10 percent cap on annual tax increases for non-homesteaded property passed, with 73.9 percent of Martin County support from registered voters.

The majority of Florida voters also backed Amendment 3, which took the right away from the State Legislature to decide on any new casinos opening in the state and put it into the hands of the voters themselves. More than 72 percent of local voters supported that amendment.

Amendment four passed, which allows former convicted felons to regain their voting rights, with the exception for those convicted of murder or sexual crimes. More than 40 percent of Martin voters approved that amendment.

Amendment number five requiring at least a two-thirds vote of the Florida Legislature to raise taxes -- instead of a simple majority -- handily passed, with more than 70 percent of Martin voters backing it.

Amendment six expanding the scope of crime victims' rights passed, backed by 48.3 percent of local voters.

Amendment seven on the mandatory payment of death benefits to first responders who die in the line of duty and the payment of qualifying educational expenses of their survivors passed, with 47.3 percent of Martin voters supporting it.

Amendment nine, which linked the unrelated prohibitions of offshore drilling in state-controlled waters and indoor vaping passed, with 52 percent of local citizens backing the measure. Amendments 10 through 13 also passed, backed by the majority of Martin voters as well.

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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

Adam Martinez, 19, of Palm City, was arrested Nov. 5 and charged with burglary with assault or battery.

Donald Puckett III, 23, of Stuart, was arrested Nov. 5 and charged with sexual battery of a victim 12 years of age or older but less than 18 years of age by offender 18 years of age or older.

Jupiter Island Police Department

James Bentz, 45, of Rockledge, was arrested Nov. 6 and charged with dealing in stolen property.

Orlandodeoneed Ayala-Hernandez, 21, of Fort Washington, MD, was arrested Nov. 8 and charged with possession of marijuana

over 20 grams.

Martin County Sheriff's Department

Franklin Hernandez-Rodriguez, 53, of Hobe Sound, was arrested Nov. 5 and charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Brenden Lagunas, 19, of Indiantown, was arrested Nov. 5 and charged with burglary of assault or battery.

Yener Lopez, 27, of Stuart, was arrested Nov. 6 and charged with possession of drugs with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver, and tampering with/fabricating physical evidence.

Bernie Silvestre, 20, of Port St. Lucie, was arrested Nov. 6 and charged with grand theft of property over \$300 and less than \$5,000, burglary, and use of credit card two time in more than six months to obtain goods/money \$100 or more.

Ivan Atkinson, 38, of Stuart, was arrested Nov. 6 and charged with armed burglary of a dwelling/structure/conveyance.

David Bryant, 39, of Stuart, was arrested Nov. 6 and charged with possession of drug with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver within 1,000ft of public school, and possession of marijuana over 20 grams.

Timothy Van, 53, of Jensen Beach, was arrested Nov. 6 and charged with burglary of

Police report

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Fermin Goux-Tzarax, 37, of Hobe Sound, was arrested Nov. 8 and charged with molestation of victim under 12 years of age by offender 18 years of age or older.

Erica McGeehan, 54, of Stuart, was arrested Nov. 8 and charged with aggravated assault.

Samantha Calloway, 20, of Port St. Lucie, was arrested Nov. 9 and charged with grand theft.

Courtney Tiffany, 25, of Stuart, was arrested Nov. 9 and charged with possession of marijuana over 20 grams, possession of a controlled substance, and driving under the influence.

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department

Cindy Krieger, 58, of Lake Worth, was arrested Nov. 6 and charged with utterance of worthless check/draft/debit card.

Broward County Sheriff's Department

Jagatnarine Lall, 58, of Port St. Lucie, was arrested Nov. 6 and charged with grand theft, and obtaining property by communication \$300 or more.

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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.

'Stranger Danger' is a myth

I see that a bureaucrat in the Florida Department of Law Enforcement has come up with another feel good project to protect the public from a non-existent threat. I see this as a waste of taxpayer money. It does absolutely nothing to make the public safer and possibly puts at risk the life of someone who has had a life failure and is back on the road to being a productive citizen, spouse and parent. Numerous studies have shown that those on the registry are, more than likely, the least to be concerned with.

Ninety percent of sexual assault victims know their attacker. "Stranger Danger" is a myth. Ninety-five percent of sexual offenses are committed by someone who is not on the registry. The recidivism rate for sex offenders is 3.5 percent, the rate for all classes of crime, is roughly 67 percent. There is no scholarly study that conclusively demonstrates that sex offender registries make our communities any safer, in fact they could contribute to problems.

As a parent, I would be more concerned about what a drug dealer might slip into my child's collection bag or people who are on the road so inebriated with holiday cheer that I and my child might become an unintended target.

Older trick or treaters leave trash behind

My wife and I collected a lot of trash walking around one block the morning after Halloween. We collected candy wrappers, beer bottles, water bottles and discarded masks.

We are happy to celebrate Halloween and every year we buy and give out lots of candy. The little kids in costumes are wonderful and you can see how excited they are to roam the neighborhood and collect candy.

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Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

Kindergartner Nayeli Warren waves her flag high.

A change in America

It seems that we have let "Make America Great Again" go to our head, under the current President no longer are we the United States of America, we are America; divided by lying and talking out the side of our neck.

I think we as the Republican Party have no moral or ethical values, we are using common sense. Not only are the lies hurting others, they have us losing respect. Now, we are going to cut Social security, Medicare and Medicaid because it's costing too much and that's why we can't get the budget down, says Mitch McConnell. Does our party think we are dumb, simple and stupid?

I want to be a Republican Party member, not an afterthought.

Felons and voting

For anyone disappointed about the amendment for the restoration voting rights of felons, here are a couple of things you should think about.

Number one, if they quit paying taxes, depending on the amount, they'll be a felon again. Also, they should be out of trouble for a minimum amount of time after they have done their time, paid their restitution or whatever.

A person who commits a felony, especially a violent one, is not the best of our citi-

zens. They lose the right to have firearms, to vote and other things. I am all for second chances, but people have to try hard to stay out of trouble.

No vote, no taxes

Reading about the fourth amendment on the ballot brought to mind one of the principles of our founding fathers.

Taxation without representation is tyranny. If you are a U.S. citizen and denied your right to vote for whatever reason (age, criminal background, etc.), you should also lose your obligation to pay taxes.

Cooler roads prevail

Why is it some of the roads are paved with a light colored asphalt mix and others are getting blacktopped?

Don't the roads get hot enough around here? Is it that much cheaper to pave the road with blacktop? We pay plenty in taxes.

Free the sidewalks

In my neighborhood, there have been three barriers for sidewalks up for over a year and I am really upset about this. It has been over a year and something should be done about it.

More street cleaning

I think the wrecker services need to clean up the roads better. A lot of people are having problems with flat tires after accidents. The wrecker services need to sweep up the streets.



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Looking for a home

Meet Alexander!

Alexander, also known as the office manager/greeter around Thrift North, came to us some time ago as a guardian surrender when his owner could no longer afford to care for him. Eventually, he found himself a home but he was brought back to us a few months later with some moderate weight loss and evidence of psychogenic alopecia (stress grooming), which we could see by the loss of fur in his belly, legs and tail.

Alex has been making a strong come-back here at Thrift North, and with the love and dedication from his outstanding volunteer family, he is putting on weight and his fur is growing back healthy and shiny! Alex is finally ready to jump back into the game and desperately wants his fur-ever home. This handsome, resilient boy is 8 years young so his adoption fee is WAIVED!!

We believe that Alex would be best suited for a quiet home where he can be your only furry companion, and receive an endless supply of affection! His favorite hobbies include watching lizards out the window, playing "tag" with his favorite companions, and being as close to his humans as possible.

If you're interested in meeting Alexander and some of his buddies, stop by Thrift North at 1099 N.W. 21st Street, Stuart.



Stewart

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call me just out of curiosity. I don't have a secretary and I don't screen any of my calls...nor do any of my employees. They do know how successful my dealership is and how fast my sales are growing. They know that I'm selling a lot of their former

customers. Many of these new customers tell me how they told the other dealers why they chose to take their business elsewhere. I believe that before too much longer we will see some changes in the way other car dealers do business even if they refuse to call me, as I have repeatedly invited them to do. Sooner or later they will understand that treating your customers with courtesy and integrity is just plain good business.

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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.

- **Free art class — Gateway to the Arts:** 3-5 p.m., Golden Gate Center for Enrichment, 3225 S.E. Dixie Highway, Stuart. Gateway to the Arts is an opportunity to learn about and create art through different mediums and techniques. Participants will be able to have a better understanding about art through this educational, creative, and fun program free for all ages of the community. Call (772) 286-4673, ext. 1600, or visit www.goldengatecentermc.org.

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THURSDAY, NOV. 22

- **Palm City Turkey Trot:** Eighth annual 5K event benefiting Dunklin Memorial Camp and Refuge Ranch on Thanksgiving morning, organized by Palm City Presbyterian Church, 2700 S.W. Martin Highway, Palm City. 5K will start promptly at 7:30 a.m. The 5K is capped at 600 participants, so registering early is strongly suggested. Advance 5K registration is \$40. There is also a fun run for kids, which is \$5 in advance. To register or for more

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Traffic

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southern half."

Mr. Voelker went on to explain that any further improvements over the years got road-blocked due to the fact that Martin County owns and maintains the roadway and had to sign off on any additional traffic calming measures. As a result, the City of Stuart and the County Commission eventually approved an interlocal agreement.

"Once the interlocal was installed, the city hired Captech consulting engineers to take a look at the issues along that roadway and some possible solutions for it," he added. "In May of 2013, Captech presented to the Commission a presentation that discussed corridor issues and possible solutions such as traffic signals, roundabouts and alternate route evaluations. None of the proposed conceptual ideas were ever constructed."

Commissioner Merritt Matheson then prodded Mr. Voelker with questions on how the city could move forward.

"The whole general theme seems to be on Palm City Road traffic calming," he said. "In 2004, Mr. Amerson suggested speed bumps, and I wonder why in 2015 those speed bumps or speed tables were removed. Do you know, Mr. Voelker?"

The assistant public works director attributed the eventual removal of the traffic calming devices to the requests of certain residents who believed they were no longer needed.

"Back in '04 when those were installed, the issue was the stacking at the south end and people trying to get in and out of the driveways," he said. "The thought was to put in those speed bumps to try and gap the traffic. Since that time, the Indian Street Bridge was opened... and has helped alleviate it so I guess with that meeting it was

determined to remove them."

His explanation failed to satisfy Commissioner Matheson, who wanted the Commission to consider restoring the speed tables and potentially closing the U.S. 1 south-bound ramp onto Palm City Road, frequently referred to by traffic engineers as a "hot right."

"I'm looking for a passive way to get people to follow the posted speed limit without our police force doing that, whether it's narrowing the lanes, putting back the speed bumps that were removed or potentially blocking off that hot-right," he said. "It seems to be incredibly hard for the population to go from approximately 40 or 50 miles an hour from the Roosevelt Bridge and they can easily bear right and those rumble strips don't seem to be slowing people down. If there was just the traditional right hand-turn at the traffic light, they would have to come to a complete stop or near so to take a 90-degree right-hand turn."

The commissioner subsequently made a motion to have staff study the possibility of blocking off the ramp and potentially reinstalling the speed tables. Before another member of the Commission had the time to question the motion or consider seconding it, Mayor Kelli Glass-Leighton questioned whether the recently inaugurated commissioner had already spoken with staff on the long-term issue.

"Commissioner [Eula] Clarke and I are the only ones that sat on this Board for the last several years where this would probably be the fourth time this is coming in front of us," she said. "Have you gotten a recap of all of the meetings and what's already been done? There's a reason why things have happened the way they have."

When Commissioner Matheson insisted he'd already spoken to staff and continued to express incredulity that Stuart officials removed the speed tables, City Attorney

Michael Mortell offered to provide his long-time insight into the matter.

"The residents of Circle Bay and Windjammer said well if you put speed bumps in, maybe you could create separation between the cars at the end of the road," he explained. "It turned out that it didn't because the volume of cars exceeded what the speed bumps could regulate. One of the reasons for the meetings and the discussions was that Florida Department of Transportation had come forward and said they were going to do a study and make improvements. Well, FDOT's [subsequent] report said once the Indian Street Bridge was built, [that] relieved the traffic at the intersection of Palm City Road and Monterey sufficiently. That group of residents then took a position that the noise coming from the cars going over the speed bumps was not worth the benefit they were receiving."

The city attorney's further explanation appeared to somewhat appease Commissioner Matheson, who still worried Stuart Police officers were having to patrol the roadway too much in order to enforce the speed limit. Mr. Mortell, however insisted the officers had discovered the high traffic volume contributed to the false illusion of high speeds.

"Believe it or not, the Police Department did do a report before they changed the speed from 25 to 35," he added. "It turned out like 90 percent of the cars were going 35 miles an hour, and that in reality speeding was an anomaly. The residents have a perception of high speed because of the number of cars going through, but the reality was when speeds were measured, it really was right at 35 miles an hour."

For her part, Commissioner Clarke concurred with Commissioner Matheson on the ongoing concern among the residents.

"It is a problem -- it's a behavior issue -- and maybe we can do something to deal

with behavior, but that is hard," she said. "Actually I'm glad that Mr. Matheson brought this up because we brought it up at the MPO [Metropolitan Planning Organization] meeting this morning. It's going to take some time to change that behavior, but we may have to restudy the hot right with DOT and see how we can try to address it on U.S. 1."

Several members of the public also spoke, including Sally Franklin, who lives on the corner of Palm City Road and Southwest Manor Drive and expressed frustration that recently added sidewalks did not all follow the pattern of one built near a supermarket.

"We were led to believe that those crosswalks were going to be raised crosswalks like the one at Publix," she said. "That's why we were okay with them taking the speed bumps out. Some of us had been talking at the time with Chief Dyess, Sam Emerson and Commissioner Campenni, trying to figure out how we can go back and get those speed bumps placed back in and raise those crosswalks."

Mr. Mortell then reminded the Commission that Commissioner Matheson's original motion was still on the floor, so Mayor Glass-Leighton asked the city clerk to read it back to the Board. When that motion died for lack of a second, Commissioner Mike Meier offered a substitute motion due to his own issues trying to bicycle along Palm City Road without sufficient sidewalk connectivity.

"As somebody who rides my bike around a lot and walks around a lot, the state of the sidewalks along Palm City Road are pitiful," he said. "They abruptly end in the middle of a block... so I'll move we ask staff to look into extending and connecting what sidewalk options we could have on Palm City Road."

Commissioner Clarke seconded that motion, which passed unanimously.

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information, search for Palm City Turkey Trot on active.com or visit www.palmcitypres.org.

SUNDAY, NOV. 25

Craft Fair at the Elks Lodge: 12-4 p.m., Stuart-Jensen Beach Elks Lodge, 1001 S. Kanner Highway, Stuart. More than 25 local artists and vendors offering jewelry, artwork, face painting, raffles, more. Benefit for Hibiscus Children's Center. Food and drinks available for purchase; admission is \$1 per person at the door. Bring a canned food item and receive a free ticket for a special basket raffle. There is still room for additional

vendors, but space is limited. For a vendor space, contact Randi McCarthy at (772) 486-9216 or lodgecraftfair@gmail.com.

MONDAY, NOV. 26

Cooking Class: Garden to Plate, 5:30-7 p.m., fourth Monday of every month at the Golden Gate Center for Enrichment, 3225 S.E. Dixie Highway, Stuart. Learn how to cook a delicious, healthy meal in a hands-on, interactive program for families promoting healthy eating, family meals, cooking skills and wellness. Each family should bring food storage containers as there is always plenty for each family to take food home. Pre-registration required. Call (772) 286-4673, ext. 1600, or visit goldengatecentermc.org.

TUESDAY, NOV. 27

Free Career Coaching: 12:30-6:30 p.m., Golden Gate Center for Enrichment, 3225 S.E. Dixie Highway, Stuart. All career coaching sessions are free. Career coaches can assist you in career exploration, job searching, completing job applications, writing a resume or cover letter, mock interviews, more. For more information or for an appointment, call (772) 286-4673, ext. 1600, or visit [www.goldengatecentermc.org](http://goldengatecentermc.org).

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How everything is connected on your PC

This week, I thought we would talk about how everything in the computer is connected. By connected I don't mean by wires and other mechanical means, but internally, through the computer's filing system.

Often I hear people say that a particular file (picture or text) "is in my word processor" or "it's in my email program." That implies that the file in question can be accessed only with that particular program. Not so.

Let me explain; most programs on your computer are capable of opening different types of files. For instance, word processors such as Microsoft Word or Works Word Processor are for working with text files, while photo editors, such as Paint Shop Pro and PhotoShop are just the thing for working with pictures.

The files themselves are not stored within the program, they are stored somewhere on the hard drive, available to any program capable of working with them. That means you can share files often times with many other programs. All you really need to know is where on your hard drive the files really live.

This is an example of a typical file name complete with its path on the hard drive: "c:\users\owner\documents\filename.docx" The path tells how to get to a file's location on the hard drive.

Let's take a closer look: The c:\ indicates what disk drive the file is stored on. Each disk drive on the computer has a letter assigned to it with a: and b: reserved for floppy drives (remember those?), your hard drive (c:), and your CD-Rom (typically d:), and so on. The drive letter is how we know what drive the file we are working with resides on.

The next part of our path, "users\", is the first folder or directory. Just like the manila folders you use in a file cabinet keep files organized, directories on your computer organize your computer files. Each directory is separated by a back slash (\) and you can have directories within directories.

In our example, the "documents" folder is in the "owner" folder, which is in the "users" folder, which is on the "c:" drive.



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The last part of our path is the actual file name.

A typical file name comes in two parts, the name, separated by a dot and the extension. The name is what we call the file when we saved it (a fairly important thing to note when saving). And the extension tells the computer what kind of file it is so it knows what kind of program can open it. Once you know the path to a particular file, you can access it from most of your favorite programs.

For instance, say you got a picture e-mailed to you and you want to use that picture in a letter you are writing with your word processor.

The first step in getting the picture into your letter happens when you save the picture from e-mail. Make a note of the full path and file name when you save it and you can access it any time.

When you are ready to import your picture, use the insert menu (typical on most word processors) to load your picture. When the dialogue box comes up asking what file you want to insert, you can type in the file's full path and filename or easier yet, just navigate to the file by double clicking. Start in the "my pc" window and double click the drive letter, each folder and end with the file name, if typing, separate your folders with back slashes and don't forget the extension after the dot. Then click OK. You should have your picture inserted into your letter.

As you can see, the path and file name is enormously important. So often I hear, "it's on my hard drive, but I don't know where" or "that file is in my word processor." If you pay attention to what name and folder the file is saved under when you save it, you'll never misplace another file.

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

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Interfaith Alliance of the Treasure Coast to hold gratitude service

The Interfaith Alliance of the Treasure Coast is inviting the public to come together in unity and gratitude at its Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 18, at Unity of Stuart, 211 S.E. Central Parkway. Afternoon coffee and fellowship will follow. All love offerings will be donated to the House of Hope.

"At a time when there is such division among various races, ethnic groups and religious faiths, the Interfaith Alliance of the Treasure Coast formed to help build bridges of understanding to try to overcome the walls that divide us," said Lowell Kafer, who has a doctorate in philosophy and is a mem-

ber of the Interfaith Alliance of the Treasure Coast.

Unity of Stuart is hosting this year's event. Last November, the newly formed organization held its first Interfaith Thanksgiving service at the Unitarian Church in Stuart.

"It was heartwarming to see many people from all races, ethnic groups and faiths come together to give thanks and celebrate the freedoms and blessings we all enjoy as Americans," said Kafer.

For more information, email Roberta Scott at scottberta623@gmail.com or call (772) 631-1233.

The Interfaith Alliance of the Treasure Coast, which includes humanist and non-theists, was formed in September 2016. Its mission is to create a more peaceful, more harmonious community by encouraging and facilitating a greater interest, understanding, respect and cooperation among the county's many faith traditions. By focusing on shared core values, the organization's members believe they can work together for the betterment of all.



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6pm	Festival Opens FREE ADMISSION
6pm	Amusement Rides Open
6-11pm	Amusement Rides One-Price Wristband Special
6pm	O.L.D. Line Dancers, Florida Lottery Stage area
6:30 pm	Juggling & Unicycle Show by Wade Henry
7-11pm	VooDoo, Crawdaddy's
7pm	Chloe Silvers, Florida Lottery Stage
7:30pm	Junkanoo Parade
8pm	Warren Silvers, Florida Lottery Stage
10pm	Spread The Flow
11pm	Festival Closes



Saturday, November 17 (Hours: 10am - 11pm)

10am	Festival Opens FREE ADMISSION
10am	Arts and Crafts Show Opens
11am-1pm	Beautiful Baby Contest, Jensen Beach Community Center
12pm	Amusement Rides Open
12-6pm	Amusement Rides One-Price Wristband Special
12-1pm	10K Forever, Florida Lottery Stage
1-4pm	Santa Claus
2-3pm	Pineapple Cooking Contest, Jensen Beach Community Center
2 - 4pm	The Home Depot Kids Workshop
1pm	Wade Henry Juggling, Unicycle Show
2-3pm	Rezen8 Band, Florida Lottery Stage
3pm	Wade Henry Juggling, Unicycle Show
3pm	Pineapple Eating Contest
4-5pm	Pineapple Prince and Princess Contest
4-5pm	Jensen Beach Community Center
4-4:40pm	Ed Gomez, Florida Lottery Stage
5:30-6:30pm	Southern Discomfort Band, Florida Lottery Stage
6pm	Wade Henry Juggling, Unicycle Show
6-11pm	Amusement Rides (Regular Ticket Price)
6pm	"Pineapple Capitol of the World", Jensen Community Center
	Ann Kagdis, President, History Museum of Jensen Beach
6-6:45pm	Ed Gomez, Florida Lottery Stage
6:45pm	Spread The Flow
7pm	Junkanoo Parade
7pm-11pm	Rockin' Jake, Crawdaddy's
8-10pm	Relapse Band, Florida Lottery Stage
8pm	Wade Henry Juggling, Unicycle Show, Jensen Beach Boulevard
10pm	Spread The Flow
11pm	Festival Closes



Sunday, November 18 (Hours: 10am - 6pm)

10am	Festival Opens FREE ADMISSION
10am	Arts and Craft Show Opens
12pm	Amusement Rides Open
12-6pm	Amusement Rides One-Price Wristband Special
12pm	Wade Henry Juggling, Unicycle Show
12:130pm	Daryl Magill, Florida Lottery Stage
1-4pm	Santa Claus
1:30pm	Wade Henry Juggling, Unicycle Show
2-2:45pm	Jodi Gaines, Florida Lottery Stage
2-4pm	The Home Depot Kids Workshop
2-6pm	Scott Benge, Crawdaddy's
2pm	"Pineapple Capitol of the World", Jensen Community Center
3pm	Ann Kagdis, President, History Museum of Jensen Beach
3pm	Spread The Flow
3pm	Wade Henry Juggling, Unicycle Show
3pm	Pineapple Eating Contest
3:30-5:30pm	The Nouveaux Honkies, Florida Lottery Stage
4pm	Wade Henry Juggling, Unicycle Show
5pm	Junkanoo Parade
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Above: Kindergarten student Korey Footman poses with the guests Marine Corps veteran Christopher Campbell and Army Veteran Douette Pryce. **Right:** Student Council President Genevieve Sehmite presents a speech for Veterans Day.



Veterans Day Celebration

A Veterans Day assembly was held at Felix A. Williams Elementary School in Stuart on Friday, Nov. 9, featuring performances by the FAWE Chorus as well as the student body.



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Knox Hoza, Jeyda Melody and Olivia Gregory recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

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HOBE SOUND — The 33rd annual Hobe Sound Chamber Christmas Parade, presented by O'Donnell Impact Windows & Storm Protection, will commence at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, with its biggest procession to date. Kick-off the holiday season with music, entertainment, "celebrity" and character appearances and community fun.

"We believe the Hobe Sound Christmas Parade is a great kick-off for the holiday season. It's a great privilege to be the sponsor! Our families will be marching in the parade and we are excited to be a part of your family's holiday traditions" said Bob Thornton of O'Donnell Impact Windows & Storm Protection.

The Arts & Crafts Stroll will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Hobe Sound by Taste Casual Dining.

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policies, we will honor the memory of Nathaniel P. Reed as the Grand Marshal. Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Reed and family will ride in the lead vehicle to honor Nathaniel

P. Reed.

Following the Grand Marshal, more than 90 entries will process along Dixie Highway
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FRIDAY, NOV. 16 – SUNDAY, NOV. 18

• **Jensen Beach Pineapple Festival:** 31st annual festival is the signature event of downtown Jensen Beach. Celebrate the community's rich heritage and enjoy events for the entire family — concerts, the Bahamian Market, arts and crafts, stunt shows, street performers, midway rides. Proceeds support local charities. The festival will take place rain or shine. Family friendly event; children age 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult over age 21. Free admission daily; preferred seating tickets available online for the featured musical acts. Festival hours are 6-11 p.m. Friday, 12-11 p.m. Saturday, and 12-8 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (772) 334-3444 or visit www.pineapplefestival.info.

SATURDAY, NOV. 17

• **'Pinot & Picasso.'** Fifth annual benefit for Helping People Succeed will begin at 6 p.m., Harbour Ridge Yacht & Country Club, Palm City. Enjoy an evening reception and dinner featuring incredible artists and the unveiling of the 2019 Art for Living Calendar. The theme of the event is black and white with a "splash" of red. Enjoy a silent and live auction, open bar and a sit down dinner with wine pairings. Guest tickets are \$200 each. Sponsorships are available. For more information, visit the website at www.hpsfl.org or contact Glenna Parris at (772) 320-0778.

• **Third Saturday Gourmet:** Popular food truck series returns to downtown Hobe

Sound. 5-9 p.m., third Saturday each month from September through May 2019. Food trucks, craft vendors, DJ, and tiki bar. Park along Dixie Highway and visit local shops and vendors on Mars and Apollo streets. Free admission. Pets welcome. Call the Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce at (772) 546-4724.

• **Treasure Coast Wine & Ale Trail**

Festival: New event will be held from 1-5 p.m., Summer Crush Vineyard & Winery, 4200 Johnston Road, Fort Pierce. Admission gets you a 2 ounce sample of each beverage offered by the Treasure Coast Wine & Ale Trail members in attendance; some will be specialty beverages made for this event. The event will also have food vendors and live music (TBA), plus arts and crafts vendors.

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Horoscopes



ARIES - March 21/April 20

Take a few extra moments to think things through before making any important decisions, Aries. Knee-jerk reactions are not the way to go at this time. Careful planning is the key.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Taurus, direct all of your attention toward a certain project. Even as you worry about other things being forgotten, you realize the importance of prioritizing.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, you are juggling so many things right now, and you may feel like you're being pulled in 100 directions. Slow down and figure out what takes precedence.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Others are eager to hear some of your words of wisdom, Cancer. You usually know just what to say in a given situation. Prepare your thoughts carefully.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

Leo, you may need to brush up on certain skills if you want to sail through a particular task that comes your way late in the week. Get some help if need be.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

Virgo, once you set your mind to something, there is nothing you cannot accomplish. Your attention to detail is top notch, but don't let perfection distract you.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Libra, putting family first has always been your priority and that will continue in the weeks ahead. Others notice your efforts and appreciate them.

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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.

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SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Multitasking can be your undoing, Scorpio. You want to accomplish so much, but you must try to balance your time instead. Clean the clutter from your schedule.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21

Family affairs move to the forefront this week, Sagittarius. A spouse or a child is in need of assistance, and you must set aside the time to help amid your other responsibilities.

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Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, which will benefit the Treasure Coast Wine & Ale Trail. For tickets, visit SummerCrushWine.com.

• **Saturday Afternoon STEAM Talks:** "The Moon Belongs to Everyone" at 4 p.m., Hallstrom Planetarium, IRSC main campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Investigate the moon in folklore, fiction, and fact and discuss the moon as a way of telling time and finding direction. Also, learn what's being planned for a return trip to the moon. Treasure Coast Astronomical Society will provide telescope viewing after the presentation, if weather permits. Free, public is welcome. For details, visit www.irsc.edu.

SATURDAY, NOV. 17 – SUNDAY, NOV. 18

• **Treasure Coast Community Singers**

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Things have started to settle down a bit for you, Capricorn. That's a welcome change from the harried pace you've been keeping of late. Enjoy the respite.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Aquarius, it's taken a few months for you to find your groove, but you are in a zone and standing on solid ground. Enjoy the smooth sailing that's ahead.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

Listen to what others are telling you, Pisces. You have always been good at accepting advice and now is the time to heed others' wisdom.

Chamber Singers concert: "Solo Voci – Simply A Capella." Two performances, at 3 p.m. both days. Concerts are held at North Stuart Baptist Church, 1950 N.W. Federal Highway, Stuart. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 after Nov. 12 and at the door. Seating is limited. For tickets, call TCCS voice mail at (772) 224-8807, call the church at (772) 696-1616, or use PayPal at tccsingers.org.

• **Shop-a-Palooza Sidewalk Sale:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., various shops of downtown Stuart. Featuring more than 25 shops and restaurants in the historic downtown district, in a semi-annual sidewalk sale. Call (772) 286-2848 or visit [www.historicdowntownstuart.com](http://historicdowntownstuart.com).

• **Bacon and BBQ Festival:** Veterans Memorial Park, 600 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce. Enjoy barbecue, ribs, more – every type of festival food, all with the option of adding bacon. Family-friendly festival will also have live music and entertainment, a children's fun zone, and vendors and

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and Bridge Road, traveling in every imaginable mode of transportation save sleigh and flying reindeer. Golf carts, go karts, limos, RVs, boats, antique fire trucks, horses, wagons — even the Martin County Sheriff Office's DUI taxi.

Attendees will enjoy holiday music by DJ DancenSound and find those one-of-a-kind gifts at the Craft Stroll with local vendors filling the sidewalk. Businesses will remain open with special hours, sales, viewing parties and raffles.

Participating celebrities include District 3

County Commissioner Harold Jenkins, Martin County Sheriff Will Snyder, Smoky the Bear and of course, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. In addition to the 1,500 parade participants, we're expecting as many as 5,000 spectators.

No matter how much it's grown since its humble beginnings in 1986, the Hobe Sound Chamber Christmas Parade—like the holiday itself—remains the same in its unique power to unite the entire town together in a spirit of joy, peace and thankfulness.

Other 2018 sponsors include; Waste Management, Hobe Sound Soccer Club and Illustrated Properties- Office of Michael Dooley.

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exhibits. Free admission. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. For details, visit www.pottcevents.com/bacon-and-bbq-festival.html

THROUGH SUNDAY, NOV. 18

'The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee': A hilarious musical played by wacky adults, this eclectic group of six mid-pubescent vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime, while candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home lives. With audience participation, they spell their way through a series of words, hoping not to hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming ding of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. Presented by The Barn Theatre, 2400 S.E. Ocean Blvd.,

Stuart. Shows are on Thursdays through Sundays, Nov. 1-18. Tickets are \$25, with student and group discounts available. For tickets, visit or call the box office at (772) 287-4884 or www.barn-theatre.com.

'Proof': Play by David Auburn, winner of the Tony Award for Best Play and the Pulitzer Prize for drama, will be presented by A.C.T. Studio Theatre, Cedar Pointe Plaza, 2399 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart, from Nov. 3-18. Mr. Auburn's play is probably more about the value of trust in relationships than mathematical equations, and mixes in humor with tumultuous emotions. On the eve of her 25th birthday, Catherine has spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable father, a famous mathematician. Now, over the long weekend that follows her father's death, a burgeoning romance and the discovery of a mysterious notebook draw Catherine into the most difficult problem of all: how much of her father's madness — or genius — will she

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Here we go again with a recount nightmare

As I have watched the election results here in Florida over the weekend, I found myself wondering if we were headed for yet another fiasco. Only this time, three races are being affected, not just one. The races to determine our next Governor, Senator and Commissioner of Agriculture are all too close to call.

Ron DeSantis leads Andrew Gillum by about 35,000 votes. Rick Scott leads Bill Nelson by just over 13,000 votes and Nicole Fried leads Matt Caldwell by a mere 5,000 votes. Each of these will eventually, or so we hope, be decided when the final re-count of votes is complete.

The craziness of thinking that our fine state will once again be the butt of late night jokes gave me such a headache that I dozed off on the sofa and in the middle of my restless sleep, I began to dream. Instead of spending millions upon millions in attorney fees, each fighting to get their way, the candidates agreed to settle the matter like people of old. The races would be settled in a sporting manner, on the golf course.

The first problem was deciding which golf course would host this competition. President Donald Trump quickly stepped up and invited everyone to his Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach. To say this did not go over well with the Democrats, would be putting it mildly. There would be no home-field advantage.

The six of them finally decided on a course, the name and location of which shall be kept secret to protect the innocent, and the matches were officially on.

DeSantis arrived first. He headed to the driving range and began pounding balls to the far side of the range. Gillum arrived

GOLF
JAMES STAMMER



next and decided he would start by rolling in some putts on the practice green.

Both Scott and Nelson nearly missed their 10 a.m. start. Scott's excuse involved something about dumping fresh, bottled water into the St. Lucie River, while Nelson simply over-slept.

Fried and Caldwell were the last to show. It appears their tractors were not equipped with the latest GPS systems and they wound up helping a farmer plow a field before making it to the golf course. Of the six competitors, this pair was, by far, the most civil.

Of course, I was chosen to referee the match. All six candidates wanted input from the gallery to decide which set of tees to play from. The Democrats wanted to make sure that everyone would get to vote and that each of those votes would be counted. The Republicans agreed, but just as we were about to tee off, a box of uncounted votes turned up sitting next to the hot dog cart by the range. We spent the next hour debating whether those votes were legitimate or not.

The event would be played under match play rules. In honor of our electoral college, winning the harder holes would be worth more than winning the easier holes. It would be the candidate who won the most electoral handicap points who would

occupy his or her respective office. Confused? So was I, but somehow it made perfect sense to the politicians.

At the first tee, I went through the candidates' bags and made sure that they only had 14 clubs, had properly marked and could identify their golf balls, and decided who would hit first. Gillum had too many clubs, and golf balls that were marked, "I love the FBI".

Predictably, Scott's golf balls were marked "Go Navy", and he quickly proceeded to hit a couple into the lake on the first hole. Oddly, he thought that since they were Navy golf balls, they would like the water and float. Maybe he picked up the submarine ones instead.

DeSantis had mysteriously replaced most of his woods with rifles and other firearms. After producing the proper permits and promising to observe a two-hole waiting period before firing them, he was allowed to bring his weapons along.

After the seventh hole Scott and DeSantis each had an early lead. Many of the Gillum supporters nearly went home after DeSantis made a remarkable birdie at the 15th. Gillum was so shaken that he conceded the match and then realized he still had a chance to win due to an odd scorekeeping mix up. Apparently, the scorekeepers had forgotten to count all of DeSantis' strokes. Gillum withdrew his concession as scorekeepers began a stroke re-count.

The same thing happened in the Scott/Nelson match. Midway through the back nine, Scott had what he felt was an insurmountable lead and declared himself the winner. Nelson was taken aback and found there to be the same poor scorekeeping in



his match.

At the 18th hole, we encountered a major problem, a problem that would muddle the entire event. It seemed that the gallery had inadvertently trampled the tee shots of each of the candidates, and they were all faced with a terrible lie.

Come to find out, some of the gallery had mistakenly thought that they were trampling President Trump's ball, while the rest had been told that Hillary Clinton had snuck in and was playing in the event, hoping to undo her loss from two years ago.

All the candidates stood lock-jawed in the middle of the fairway, each refusing to hit his or her approach shot until things were resolved.

Just about then, darkness fell upon the course and my alarm went off. I shook the cobwebs from my head and tried to convince myself that it was just a dream. Then I picked up the morning paper.

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 stammer-golf@yahoo.com.

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Add color to your Thanksgiving with Mums

With the thoughts of Thanksgiving in our near future, fall Mums come to mind. Garden Mums come in many colors and styles. Garden Mums are a staple to the holiday season and represent the end of summer and the beginning of fall. Mums are actually fairly easy to grow and can withstand both low and high humidity situations. Mums can actually mimic the look of other flowers such as the smaller flower of a daisy (Daisy Mums) or the larger and fancier varieties that can almost look like roses. You can get Chrysanthemum plants in almost every color but blue.

Mums have been around for a long time and I am sure that many of you have helped your parents or grandparents display these colorful gems during the holidays. Most of the varieties that we use here in North America are simply known as Garden Mums with the botanical classification of Dendranthea grandiflorum. About 80 percent of all garden Mums are sold during the fall and early winter. The reason that these colorful plants burst into bloom in fall is because the shorter days, cooler temperatures and longer nights all contribute to the triggering mechanism that causes these plants to burst into color. Since this winter is going to be an El Nino winter, the forecast is



GARDEN NOOK
JOE ZELENAK

for a wet and cool winter season in Florida. This should be great weather for Mums and other winter flowers that love cooler temperatures!

Many people simply buy their Mums in the fall already in bloom from retailers. Others like to plant their own plants and watch them mature and bloom in their own gardens. If you decide to try planting your own, do so in the spring so the root systems can have a chance to get well established to ensure a happy, healthy plant.

Mums should be planted in a location that will get only a half-day of sun or slightly less. This is especially true in the areas south of Vero Beach. The areas north of Vero Beach will probably have better results with growing Mums in your garden as the harsh effects of the sun are slightly lessened. You can ensure you will get more flowers in the fall if you pinch back the top inch or so of growth about every three weeks until about mid July. This process

will help to promote heavy flowing in the fall. Please note you only do the above process if you plan on growing and maintaining your garden Mums on a year round basis.

Mums will grow in a variety of soils as long as it is well drained. Mums do not require a lot of fertilizer but will appreciate a light feeding about once a month with a water-soluble fertilizer such as Miracle Gro. It will also help if you stake your plants, as this will help them to support themselves and keep the heavy Florida rains from knocking them over.

If you plan on only using your Mums as a potted decoration for the holidays, many of the same rules will apply. Keep the plant in a bright, well-lit area of the house and do not let the plant get too dry between watering cycles. Remember that potted plants will dry out much faster than plants



that are placed in the ground. A/C will also have an impact on your plant's moisture level.

As you can see, having and taking care of Mums does not have to be difficult. Growing and viewing these plants can have so many rewards that any work involved in keeping them looking nice will be well worth it.

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

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inherit? Performances are on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m.

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• **'My Three Angels.'** Play by Samuel and Bella Spewack. Presented by the Pineapple Playhouse, 700 W. Weatherbee Road,

Fort Pierce. Shows are Nov. 1-18, and are Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$20, with group and student rates available. For more information, call (772) 465-0366 or visit www.pineappleplayhouse.com

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Welcome to the world of turkey – gobble, gobble

What is all the fuss about eating turkey? OK, OK, it's high in protein and low in fat, a low-carb dieter's dream. It is also an inexpensive source of iron, zinc, phosphorus, potassium and B-vitamins.

Turkey does have a strange power, though. It has the ability to be a natural sedative. Turkey has an amino acid called tryptophan that helps the body produce the B-vitamin niacin, which in turn helps the body to produce serotonin that acts as a calming agent in the brain and plays a role in sleep. Now you know why everyone falls asleep after Thanksgiving dinners.

By the way, it was Abraham Lincoln who had Thanksgiving declared a federal holiday in 1864.

Turkey is a variety of the pheasant and recent fossil evidence shows turkeys have roamed the Americas for 10 million years. I can't quite understand that dinosaurs didn't



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COOKING CORNER
COSTA MAGOULAS

make it, but turkeys did.

The Aztecs are believed to be the first to domesticate the turkey. And Christopher Columbus brought turkeys back to Europe and, by the 1500s, turkeys were being raised domestically in Italy, France and England for royalty and the aristocracy.

Turkey with all the trimmings was the first meal eaten on the moon by astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin.

Now that you know what all the fuss is over turkeys, let's talk about the best part ... eating turkey. Do you like it smoked, fried, braised, baked, boiled or stewed? What is

best is really up to you, but here are a few tips that might help:

- Purchase at least one pound of uncooked turkey per person for dinner and leftovers. If your family members have big appetites figure on one and one half pounds per person.

- Fresh or frozen? Both are great choices. I prefer fresh, though. I think it is a little moister when cooked. Fresh turkey may only be kept in the refrigerator one to two days before cooking.

- Frozen turkey should be thawed in the refrigerator.

8 to 12 lbs. 1 to 2 days

12 to 16 lbs. 2 to 3 days

16 to 20 lbs. 3 to 4 days

20 to 24 lbs. 4 to 5 days

- Once the turkey is thawed, it may only be refrigerated one to two days before cooking.

- It is best to cook stuffing outside the

bird in a separate dish. The turkey will cook faster, and the breast will retain moisture better. If you decide to stuff the turkey, stuff it just prior to cooking. Dressing should cook to an internal temperature of 165 degrees.

- How much stuffing is enough? Usually one cup per pound of turkey.

- A thermometer is the best way to tell if a turkey is done. The dark meat must reach 165 degrees. Be careful not to touch bone when temping, as you will get an inaccurate reading. When reheating turkey the next day, it should be heated to 165 degrees.

- To store cooked turkey, it should be placed in a covered container, plastic food bag, or wax paper and aluminum foil for up to 7 days in the refrigerator or three months in the freezer.

- Season the cavity with your secret ingredients for best results. As for myself, I love garlic – hmmm, my father used to call it Greek perfume!

My all-time favorite sandwich, a turkey club, involves left-over turkey, lettuce, tomato, cheddar cheese, bacon, mayonnaise, on toasted bread. Thank you for Thanksgiving!

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The date of first publication of this notice is November 16, 2018.

Personal Representative: Raymond V. Santare Attorney 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: courtemail@jcovetlaw.com Pubs: 11/16/18 & 11/23/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARK A. PERRELLI, Deceased. File No. 2018CP000762

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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