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Free Thanksgiving meals with all the trimmings are available on Thanksgiving Day, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the corner of Orange Avenue and Ninth Street in Fort Pierce and on the corner of U.S. 1 and Prima Vista Boulevard in Port St. Lucie.

### Fort Pierce Little League sign ups

Boys and girls ages 5-16 are invited to sign up for the 2014 season of Little League.

Baseball and girls' softball - 2014 player registration dates:

Dec. 7, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Dec. 12, 5 - 8 p.m.

Jan. 4, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (final registration)

Registration will take place at Elk's Park, 2501 Delaware Ave., Fort Pierce.

Cost: \$85 per player (Visa, MasterCard, checks and cash accepted)

Birth certificate and three proofs of residency are required. Proofs of residency are: active driver's license, voter registration, vehicle registration, recent school records, and recent utility/cable/phone bills.

Online registration is now available. To register online, visit [www.eteamz.com/fort-piercelittleleague](http://www.eteamz.com/fort-piercelittleleague). For more information, email FortPierceLittleLeague@gmail.com.

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### SANTA'S HELPERS A7

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### WEEKEND WEATHER



**Friday:** Mostly cloudy, breezy; high: 77; low: 64; high tide: 4:54 a.m.; low tide: 10:52 a.m.  
**Saturday:** Partly cloudy; high: 77; low: 66; high tide: 5:48 a.m.; low tide: 11:42 a.m.

**Sunday:** Partly cloudy; high: 79; low: 66; high tide: 6:40 a.m.; low tide: 12:31 p.m.  
Weather courtesy of [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)

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## Boost small businesses on Nov. 30

By Anna-Marie Menhenott  
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — Most shoppers are scouring sales papers searching for the best deals taking place on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. However, to keep money in the local economy and to help locally owned shops boost holiday sales, on Nov. 30, residents are invited to Small Business Saturday, a day to support businesses that create jobs and boost economies in our own backyard.

The Small Business Saturday movement encourages the community to "shop small" the day after most shoppers spend hours fighting crowds in larger department stores.

Now in its fourth year, millions of consumers around the country are expected to shop on Small Business Saturday this year.

"The idea behind this national movement is to teach how smart it is to shop local," said Doris Tillman, Main Street Fort Pierce manager. "When a consumer buys from a locally owned business, 52 percent of what is spent remains in the local economy."

Shoppers searching for the perfect gift can find anything they desire at many of the small businesses located throughout the area. There is a high concentration of small businesses in downtown Fort Pierce; however, Port St. Lucie also has many Mom and Pop shops that offer most things on those lengthy

Christmas lists.

Spas, hair and nail salons, tattoo shops and restaurants are just a few of the locally-owned shops that offer gift certificates. The convenience of gift certificates takes some of the painstaking "what if" questions out of buying.

Many of the little quaint stores offer things that aren't found in larger department stores. Unique gift ideas are abundant in many of the little shops that sometimes get looked over during the hustle and bustle of the holidays.

"Being aware of small businesses all through the year is very impor-

tant," said Ms. Tillman. "But now, during the holidays, making sure that the money being spent on lavish gifts is kept in the community is very important. It makes sure that everyone not only has a happy holiday, but it sustains the local economy year-round."

For a list of locally owned businesses, visit your local Chamber of Commerce website.



## Celebrating the gift of life



Sevin Bullwinkle/staff photographer

Sharon Martin of White City points to her son's name, donor Jimmy Martin, and Juanita Snyder of Fort Pierce looks for her husband James Snyder's name, also a donor, at the Tree Of Life Ceremony held at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center was held on Wednesday, Nov. 13. The Tree of Life is a memorial to organ donors.

## Veteran receives new home

For Hometown News  
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — Just in time for Thanksgiving, a wounded U.S. Army veteran has been given a mortgage-free home in Port St. Lucie.

Sgt. Noe Santos Dilone received the keys to his new home in Port St. Lucie in a ceremony at the house earlier in November. The donation was made possible through a partnership between Bank of America and the Military Warriors Support Foundation.

Sgt. Dilone was in the Army from 2003 to 2008 and served a tour in Iraq. He suffered combat related injuries and earned a Purple Heart.

During his career in the Army, Sgt. Dilone received numerous other awards, including the Bronze Star Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Army Service Ribbon and Combat Action Badge.

The home, located in Port St. Lucie, was built in 2005. It is about 2,000 square feet with four bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Repairs and upgrades included new appliances, carpet, and paint and window treatments.

Bank of America announced in 2012 a three-year commitment to



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From right to left: Art Kite, Consumer Market Manager; Dolores Vega, Consumer Market Manager; Noe Santos Dilone, Retired injured vet/donation recipient; Gabriel Santos, Brother of vet; Doug Sherman, Market President Treasure Coast

make available up to 1,000 properties to nonprofit organizations and local government programs that provide homes for military veterans and first responders. Since that

announcement, the bank has donated more than 800 homes to nonprofits that support military service members seeking housing. A hundred of those homes are in Florida.

## 'Take Back the Night' on Dec. 6

By Anna-Marie Menhenott  
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — In an effort to empower victims against sexual violence, Mindi Fetterman is hosting the third annual "Take Back The Night," on Dec. 6.

The event, which will be held at River Walk Center in Fort Pierce from 6-10 p.m., will help raise awareness and shatter the silence for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

"This is a way for the victims of sexual assault to speak out and to help them relieve some of the demons they live with," said Ms. Fetterman, a survivor and advocate for victims. "We hope to raise our voices so the community is aware of the dangers of sexual assault."

The community is invited to participate in the third annual event to help raise awareness and shatter the silence for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

"There will be many community resources which will be on hand to answer questions and distribute literature and information on services and resources," Ms. Fetterman said.

Local teenage girls who have been affected by sexual violence have hand-decorated T-shirts with personal expressions and artwork. The T-shirts will be strung on a clothesline suspended in the space as part of the Clothesline Project. The Clothesline Project is a program started in 1990 to address the issue of violence against women by offering a vehicle for women and girls affected by violence to express their emotions by decorating a shirt. They then hang the shirt on a clothesline to be viewed by others as testimony to the problem of violence against women.

"Typically, when a person is a victim of a sexual assault, they are asked,

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# Promotions mean new ideas, possibilities for area

**By Alisha McDarris**  
For Hometown News

TREASURE COAST — The YMCA of the Treasure Coast is growing, which means the organization's programs and community outreach will be expanding, too.

The nonprofit that aims to strengthen the community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility recently promoted three current

employees, filling one position that had been empty for several years.

"I think a lot is going to change," said Christine Collier, COO for the YMCA of the Treasure Coast. She has heard about the newly promoted employees' goals for the area and she can't wait to see what comes of them.

It was all part of the YMCA's strategic plan to grow and expand their services which required a bit of internal restructuring. It just

so happened that the company already employed skilled staff members who were looking for more opportunity and responsibility.

Elisha Stoecklin, who started at the YMCA 13 years ago as a lifeguard climbed the ranks and is now branch executive director of the Stuart location. She was senior program director previously and is looking forward to advancing the YMCA's mission in her new position.

"My goal is two-fold: I want to continue to improve the programs and services that we offer and educate the community about what the Y does," Ms. Stoecklin said.

Shawn Keil has been a YMCA employee for 19 years and as district executive director will oversee programming, volunteers, staff and fundraising for the YMCA's in Indian town, Indian River, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties. It's in St.

Lucie County that Mr. Keil plans to do the most work, expanding programs and building awareness.

"It's a very rewarding, challenging job," Mr. Keil said.

Jami Melnick is the new Association Childcare Director, a promotion from Child-care Services Director at the Stuart Branch. She will now be overseeing the preschools in Stuart and Indian town.

"I've worked very closely

with all three of them and they all have a passion for the Y," Ms. Collier said. "I hope they achieve things for the Y that we weren't able to before."

Ms. Collier believes the possibilities of what the YMCA can achieve with a staff like this are endless and was glad to provide the opportunities to individuals who are passionate about the YMCA and their mission of building strong families and communities.

## Night

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what could you have done differently to prevent what happened," Ms. Fetterman said. "That doesn't prevent the crimes. It lays a sense of blame on the victim. We shouldn't be afraid to be

outside at night. We have to look at the perpetrators, not the victims. We are giving a voice to the victims and trying to take away the voice of the perpetrator."

A march through downtown Fort Pierce will be followed by a candlelight vigil and speak-out of victims of sexual violence sharing their stories.

"Many times, during the speak-out part of the event, someone comes forward for the first time to speak about how they were a victim of abuse," Ms. Fetterman said.

"One in every three women is the victim of a sexual assault, often at the hands of someone she knows and loves. Whether it

is in the form of incest, date-rape, intimate partner violence, or sexual assault by a stranger, without the community's awareness, it will continue to happen," Ms. Fetterman said. "She might be your sister, your daughter, your niece, or even you. She's a victim of a crime we don't speak about comfortably – and she's probably suffering in a silence that could ruin her life. It's important that victims break the silence and know that there are local resources that she, or he,

can turn to."

You don't have to be victim of sexual violence or even know someone who has been, though chances are you do know someone who hasn't shared it – yet.

The event is sponsored by The Inner Truth Project. For more information, contact Mindi Fetterman at (561) 909-9991, by e-mail at innertruthproject@gmail.com; or visit [www.innertruthproject.org](http://www.innertruthproject.org); [www.facebook.com/InnerTruthProject](http://www.facebook.com/InnerTruthProject).

## Know

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### Advisory board openings

St. Lucie County Commissioners are looking for civic-minded residents to serve on various advisory boards and committees for future openings.

There are more than two dozen committees and advisory boards, including Planning and Zoning, Citizens Budget Committee and others. These groups make recommendations and provide valuable input into the decisions made by the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners.

Some committees have additional requirements. In addition, service on committees with planning, zoning or natural resources responsibilities may require disclosure of financial interests.

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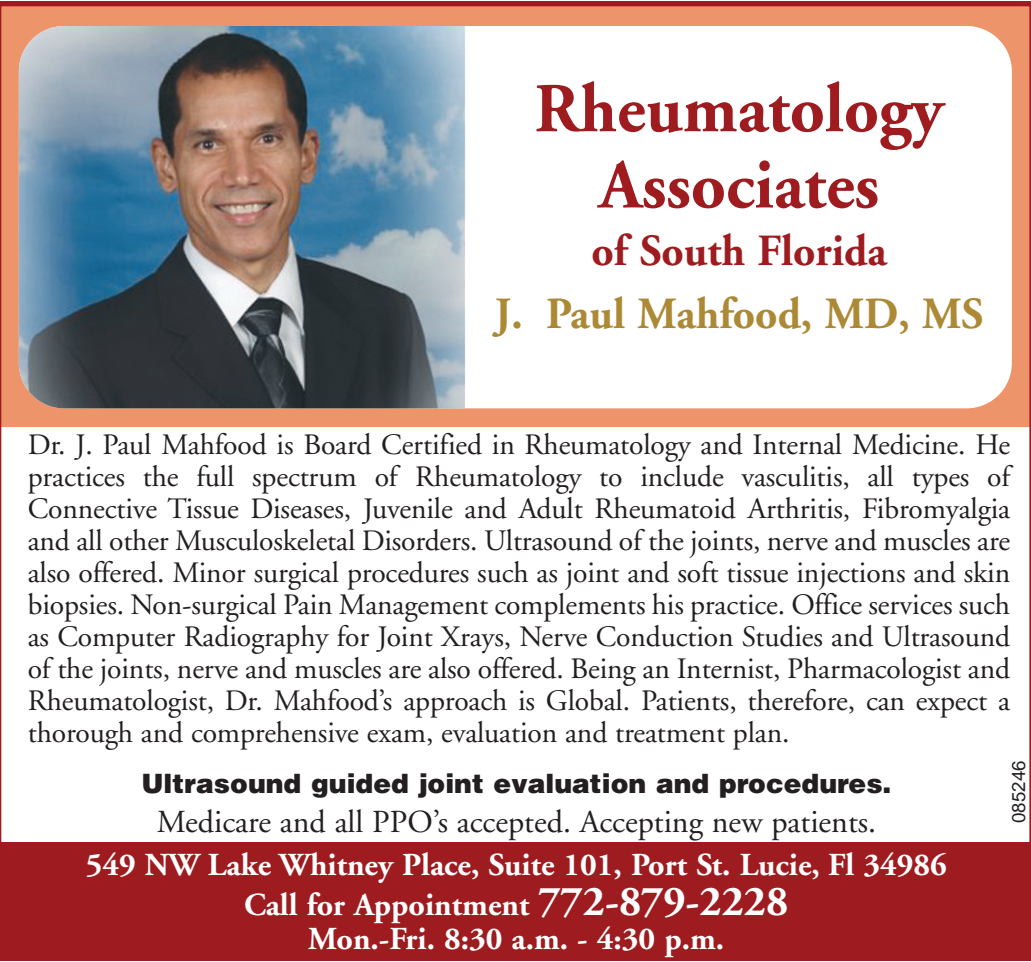


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# Celebrating family



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Terry Horton and Alissa Julia Horton, 7, of Fort Pierce, had the luck of the draw, taking home a handmade Disney theme quilt. The Horton's family adoption was finalized in Nov.17, 2012.

Children's Home Society hosted the fourteenth annual National Adoption Day Celebration at Langford Park in Jensen Beach on Saturday, November 16, to celebrate Treasure Coast and Okeechobee families that have adopted children, raise adoption awareness, educate our community and highlight the need for permanent, loving homes for children in foster care.



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Port St. Lucie residents James Decesare and daughter Andrea, 14, adopted in 2008.



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Guardian Ad Litem volunteers Monique Hall, son Robert, 3, Hassna Sanabria and Lashune Norwood of Fort Pierce, with Anthony Allen and Dorothy Malik of Juvenile Justice of Port St. Lucie.

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Police report

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

Arrests listed are from Nov. 15 through Nov. 22

Fort Pierce Police Department

- Tovarus Jermaine Ervin, 27, of 510-A North 19th Street, Fort Pierce, was charged with robbery, grand theft of a firearm, possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted felon and possession of a weapon or ammunition by a gang relation felon or delinquent.
- Jose Alberto Vasquez, 32, of 1029 Martinique Ave., Fort Pierce, was charged with committing felony battery.
- Arthur James Edwards, 67, of 299 N.W. Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- Robin Lynn Jordan, 45, of 901-A Savannas Point Drive, Fort Pierce, was charged with battery on a law enforcement officer.
- Larry Charles Wade, 34, of 716 Cedar Place, Fort Pierce, was charged with felony battery or domestic battery by strangulation and kidnapping.
- Christopher Maurice White, 18, of 2715 South 10th Street, Fort Pierce, was charged with robbery with a firearm and two counts of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.
- Eric Tyrell Williams, 26, of 2401-4A South 25th Street, Fort Pierce, was charged with felony driving while license suspended.
- Jessie C. Jackson, 50, of 2212 45th Street North, Fort Pierce, was charged with felony driving while license suspended.
- James Benedict Summerlin, 50, of 4310 Avenue J, Fort Pierce, was charged with felony driving while license suspended.
- Roy D. Long, 20, of 701 North 24th Street, Fort Pierce, was charged with selling dangerous drugs.
- Rodney Jerome Bishop, 22, of 1314-B West Midway Road, Fort Pierce, was charged with dealing in stolen property.

Port St. Lucie Police Department

- Kwame Lumo Daniel, 31, of 723 Myakka River Terrace S.W., Port St. Lucie, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- Guy Robert Rao, 45, of 3431 Leach Road, Cedar Grove,

- Tenn., was charged with resisting an officer with violence and battery on an officer.
- Gil Victor Caussade, 37, of 1572 Bayshore Blvd. S.W., Port St. Lucie, was charged with felony driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Marc R. Perrette, 31, of 206 Elm Street, Cranford, N.J., was charged with grand theft of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.
- Alexis Rashema Williams, 20, of 1301 North 32nd Street, Fort Pierce, was charged with grand theft.
- Adam Keith Cannon, 21, of 1301 North 32nd Street, Fort Pierce, was charged with grand theft.
- Jerod Ackeem David Griffith, 21, of 2017 S.W. Catalina Terrace, Port St. Lucie, was charged with tampering with evidence and possession of marijuana of less than 20 grams.
- Maria De Los Angeles Ortiz Cosme, 39, of 597 S.W. Halden Ave., Port St. Lucie, was charged with false statement for public aid.
- Elisa Gloria Benedito, 25, of 4066 Hallow Street S.W., Port St. Lucie, was arrested on an active felony warrant.
- Michael Ortiz, 46, of 1976 S.W. Providence Place, Port St. Lucie, was charged with seven counts of possession of child pornography.
- Linh T. Ta, 43, of 413 N.E. Mainsail Street, Port St. Lucie, was charged with grand theft.
- Joshua D. Laframboise, 23, of 5865 N.W. Hann Drive, Port St. Lucie, was charged with domestic battery by strangulation.
- Jose Francisco Rios Perez, 30, of 1844 S.W. Broadway Lane, Port St. Lucie, was charged with possession of cocaine.
- Alisha Sierra Nicole Esch, 21, of 1205 Apple Street, Fort Pierce, was charged with child neglect.
- Lionel Valdez, 58, of 199 S.W. Chapman Ave., Port St. Lucie, was charged with robbery with a deadly weapon.
- Frederick Wilson Jones, 18, of 2926 Ventura Street S.W., Port St. Lucie, was charged with hit and run and fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer.

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- Steven James Patterson, 27, of 6545 U.S. Highway 1, Fort Pierce, was charged with third degree grand theft.
- Donald Nelson Hayes, 27, of 2974 Kosutho N.E., Palm Bay, was charged with possession of a fictitious driver's license or identification card and driving without a valid driver's license.
- Judith Ann Roberson, 30, of 2700 U.S. Highway 92 West, Win-

- ter Haven, was charged with uttering a forged bill, check or draft, possession of a counterfeit payment instrument, false statement for public aid, criminal use of personal identification information, use of scanning device to defraud, possession of forged notes or bills and organized fraud.
- Matthew Hill, 33, of 101 40th Street North, Fort Pierce, was charged with two counts of burglary of a dwelling and third degree grand theft.
- Daniel Vitberg, 51, of 1013 S.W. Mataro Ave., Port St. Lucie, was charged with possession of cocaine.
- Warren Townsend, 30, of 2176 Hidden Glen, Marietta, Ga., was charged with possession of cocaine.
- Rocky Isidro Ramirez, 22, of 4644 Gladiator Circle, Greenacres, was charged with possession of marijuana of more than 20 grams.
- Marion Frederick, 46, of 752 Bent Creek Drive, Fort Pierce, was charged with grand theft from person 65 years of age or older.
- William Kenneth Wheaton, 54, of 1619 S.E. Trumpet Lane, Port St. Lucie, was arrested in pretrial for a order for pretrial detention and termination of pretrial supervision.
- Katherine A. Boysen, 44, of 6007 Myrtle Drive, Port St. Lucie, was charged with possession of cocaine and drug paraphernalia.
- Clifford D. Lotan, 50, of 195 20th Ave., Sebastian, was charged with uttering a forged bill, check or draft and third degree grand theft.
- Thomas D. Sikes, 47, of 1085 Eighth Place, Vero Beach, was charged with aggravating stalking injection.
- Courtney Ann Goodman, 25, of 3749 Manal Street S.W., Port St. Lucie, was charged with attempted purchase of oxycodone.
- Donnavan D. Storr, 27, Of 1012 Buckeye Drive, Fort Pierce, was charged with lewd and lascivious behavior to victim between the ages of 12 and 16.
- Travis C. Townsend, 29, of 4104 Avenue O, Fort Pierce, was charged with felony driving while license suspended.
- Logan Derek Murphy, 22, of 1163-B1508 Fairlake Terrace, Weston, was charged with two counts of giving false information to a pawn broker involving less than \$300.
- David Aaron Morgan, 28, of 1216 N.E. Charlotte Street, Jensen Beach, was charged with robbery with a weapon.

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- Pierce, was charged with sale or delivery of cocaine and possession of cocaine with intent to sell or deliver.
- Krystal Dawn Zawistowski, 29, of 2001 S.E. Berkshire Blvd., Port St. Lucie, was charged with sale of hydromorphone.
- Jerald Lee Rogers, 35, of 705 Dundas Court, Fort Pierce, was charged with resisting an officer with violence.
- Xandi Garcia, 23, of 5611 Second Street N.W., Miami, was charged with four counts of uttering a forged bill, check or draft.
- Andre Soto, 20, of 731 N.W. Treemont Ave, Port St. Lucie, was charged with attempted burglary of a dwelling.
- Tristian Sead, 16, of 914 S.W. Hamberland Ave., Port St. Lucie, was charged with attempted robbery with a deadly weapon and two counts of child neglect.
- James Hurst, 45, of 204 19th Street North, Fort Pierce, was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell.
- Lenny Gamez, 24, of 7205 Donlon Road, Fort Pierce, was charged with burglary and grand theft.
- Nathaniel Terence Bryant, 20, of 657 S.W. Bridgeport Drive, Port St. Lucie, was charged with burglary of a dwelling and third degree grand theft.
- Melissa Cascio, 20, of 7727 Pine Lakes Blvd., Port St. Lucie, was charged with fraudulent use of a credit card and third degree grand theft.
- Anthony Joseph Brulewicz, 41, of 126 Moonstone Court, Port Orange, was charged with possession of a counterfeit payment instrument.
- Kejon Dejour Hall, 15, of 315 North 19th Street, Fort Pierce, was charged with possession of a firearm on school grounds, carrying a concealed firearm and writen threat to kill or do bodily harm.
- Anthony J. Algarin, 23, of 510 S.E. Greenway Terrace, Port St. Lucie, was charged with possession of marijuana of more than 20 grams and possession of marijuana with intent to sell.
- Sylvester Cannon, 20, of 517 Douglas Court, Fort Pierce, was charged with possession of

- cocaine.
- Kyle Wayne Cox, 21, of 809 South 10th Street, Fort Pierce, was charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.
- Lawona Davis, 29, of 313 Decordre Court, Fort Pierce, was charged with felony driving while license suspended.
- Dijon Roberts, 20, of 1991 S.W. Pears Ave., Port St. Lucie, was charged with possession of a firearm or ammunition by a convicted felon and possession of a short barreled shotgun.
- Vincent Kahn, 24, of 128 Grand Club Place, Fort Pierce, was charged with third degree grand theft.
- Sarah Ashley Miller, 19, of 3950 Jamer Road S.W., Port St. Lucie, was charged with giving false information to a pawnbroker.
- Diango Antonio Gonzalez Malonet, 17, of 426 Gasparilla Ave., Port St. Lucie, was charged with criminal mischief and attempt to escape.
- Lena Rena Tate, 40, of 127 1/2 North 12th Street, Fort Pierce, was charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.
- Alexis Rodriguez, 48, of 9305 121 Terrace N.W., Hialeah, was charged with four counts of third degree grand theft.
- Michael Scott Martin, 20, of 6000 Spruce Drive, Fort Pierce, was arrested on an active felony warrant.
- Raymond J. Knotz, 23, of 1626-J102 Green Acres Circle S.E., Port St. Lucie, was charged with third degree grand theft.
- Fritz Mathieu Joshua Meanelas, 24, of 1032 S.E. Floresta Drive, Port St. Lucie, was charged with aggravated battery while offender knew or should have known victim was pregnant.
- Thomas Gamble, 31, of 1415 Pitcher Road S.E., Port St. Lucie, was charged with giving false information to a pawnbroker and third degree grand theft.
- Christina Marie Fisher, 23, of 1021-A-10 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart, was charged with possession of amphetamine and introducing a controlled substance into

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Don't fall for fake messages

One of the pitfalls Web surfers are bound to encounter are the hideous advertisements that are created to look like official Windows messages.

If you've surfed the Web at all, then you've seen them; they look like regular Windows dialogue boxes complete with the red, round X that denotes a Windows error and an ominous message like "Your system is dangerously low on resources" or "Your system is unprotected and is open to hackers."

Usually, these messages (after alarming you that something is wrong) will invite you to click what looks like a normal Windows button to resolve the problem. What happens when you click it? Nine out of 10 times, you are brought to a Web site selling some type of optimization or security software.

To make this tactic even more insidious, the messages usually will have the three standard buttons on the top, right-hand corner - you know, the Minimize, Restore and Close buttons. The deceptive part of including those three buttons within the ad is that they do NOT minimize, restore or close the ad! Usually, those buttons are a part of the advertisement and clicking "Close" (or any of the other buttons) will give you the same result as if you had clicked the fake "OK" button. Arghh! It's infuriating.

I once encountered a Web ad that was promoting some type of security software. The text of the ad said something like this: "Internet hackers are a menace that can infiltrate your computer and YOU ARE NOT PROTECTED; click here to see just what kind of information hackers can see about your computer." Then there was a link, and when I clicked it, up popped a window displaying the contents of my hard drive. Wow, I thought to myself. I wonder how many people are falling for this one? And then I proceeded to look at the source code (the underlying code that makes up a Web page) to see how they performed that trick. What I found was that they had crafted a simple link that just calls up the user's hard drive. Nothing really wrong with that; you'd get the same



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results typing c:\ into the address bar of your browser and clicked "Go," but to craft it into an alarming message just to sell software? That's low.

It's amazing these companies don't get sued out of existence for deceptive advertising. What's even worse is most of the software advertised in those fake "Windows" ads is garbage anyways that is more apt to slow your machine down than to help it.

OK, enough of my rant this week on unscrupulous advertisers. Now let's go over a few things to look for so you won't get suckered into clicking on an ad thinking it's a Windows message.

First thing to understand is if you are on the Web with Internet Explorer, Firefox, AOL's Browser, Google Chrome, Opera or any of the other Web browsers out there and you come across a message that looks like a Windows message (has the same title bar, minimize restore and close button and generally looks like a message that Windows occasionally spits out) there is a strong chance that it's an ad, and if you click it you will be, in effect, answering that ad and be whisked away from what you were doing to look at a sales pitch.

The second thing to remember is you can always see where you are going when you are about to click something online by looking at the status bar at the bottom of your browser window. When you hold your mouse over a link in your Web browser, the URL or address where that link will take you is shown in the status bar before you click. If it is a genuine windows message, no address will appear in the status bar!

So, the next time you're online and you run across a "Windows message" telling you that you have a message waiting, or your system is not

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Win a motorcycle for Christmas



From left, Committee Member David Vaina of Jensen Beach, from Junior League of Martin County Andi Poli and Donna DeMarchi both of Port St Lucie, Committee Member Melissa Zolla Board Member Jade Smith of Stuart and The owner of Victory Auto Group Dmitry Mischevichof stands behind Executive Director of Project L.I.F.T Bob Zaccheo sits on the Harley Davidson 'Fat Boy' to be auctioned off in Dec. 2013 to benefit the 'Life Initiatives For Teens.'

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A note of thanks

The Korean War Veterans chapter 106 Port St. Lucie, wishes to thank all the veterans and their families and friends who attended the ceremony held by the United Veterans of Port St. Lucie on Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 11th at 11 a.m. Veterans Memorial park to remember all the brave men and women who have served to defend our country.

Also, thank you to the J.R.O.T.C. from Centennial H.S., Treasure Coast H.S., Port St. Lucie H.S. who served as color guards, and, Ron Kneppshield as Officer of the day.

We were honored to have as guest speakers, Master Sgt. Catherine LaValle, retired U.S. Air Force, American Legion Post 355, Lou DeBlasio, KWVA Assoc., retired U.S. Navy, Colonel Charles J. Winn, retired U.S. Army.

And, a special thank you to our wonderful Port St. Lucie Concert Band, under the direction of John Southall, and Maggie Casterlin, of St. Lucie Medical Center for singing "God Bless America."

Thank you for remembering the Veterans of all wars and all of our Fallen Heroes.

From the perspective of a snowbird

I am writing this in response to a letter I read from someone complaining about us snowbirds. It struck a nerve with me because I recently had a run in at the grocery store checkout line with someone who had similar feelings. I said some things out of frustration that I was not very proud of, however, I am tired of having to defend being a snowbird.

Over the past 15 years I have been lucky enough to winter in Florida. I consider Florida to be home to me, as well as my home up north. I realize it is a blessing to have two homes, and I am grateful, but I don't understand why I need to apologize for it. I can't speak for all people, but this idea that snowbirds think they are better is just not true. There are arrogant people everywhere, whether they are snowbirds, full-time residents, on vacation, or just passing through. A rude person will be a rude person no matter where they are from, where they live or how long they stay in one particular place.

Furthermore, whether people like to admit it or not, snowbirds and tourists bring revenue to Florida. I don't come here for free. I pay my property taxes, shop at local businesses, bought my car here, and I am not the only one. I come from a tourist town up north and understand what it feels like to have to deal with heavy traffic during certain seasons and events. Yes, it can be frustrating, but many of our local businesses rely on these people to get them through their slow season as well. Do I get angry when I am driving behind someone who doesn't know the area and may find themselves in the wrong lane? Yes. But there are some horrible drivers who live there all year long as well.

There was a gentleman who recently told me to let him know when I was going back to Massachusetts so that I could take some people with me. Maybe he was just having a bad day, I know his comment made me speak out of frustration, but no one deserves to be made to feel that they are not welcome. I am such a horrible person because I only live here 7 months out of the year? Do snowbirds cause you so many problems that you have to make a rude comment to an 80 year old widow at the grocery store? Should people in Massachusetts be equally as rude to me when I am there because I don't live there all year?

One thing I love about coming to my Florida home is how kind and accommodating most of the stores and restaurants are to people my age. I am grateful for these people. It takes so little to be friendly and kind to people and it goes a long way. Truthfully, there are so many more nice people than there are mean, but the mean ones, unfortunately, are so hurtful.

Maybe traffic is a little heavier when I am here, or you

may have to wait a little longer at your favorite restaurant, but this is my home, too, and I shouldn't have to feel bad about that. It is hurtful to hear, "I hate when the snowbirds are here," or "go home snowbirds." Sorry to disappoint you, I am home.

-Clara the Snowbird

Website mess

The health care website mess and the confusing health plan offerings are perfect reasons for less government. Until we begin to elect proven business professionals who can effectively operate an organization and make prudent decisions, and dismiss lawyers and life-long politicians, we are doomed.

Plenty of candy for teens

In response to the rant about not wanting the older children to Trick-or Treat at his/her house: Seriously, these children could be out doing drugs, getting drunk, having premarital sex, instead, they are asking for a lousy piece of candy. I say if you are old, young or just young at heart, come to my house there is candy for everyone!

Snowbird love

Granted, the "Snowbirds" make us year round residents crazy. Granted the traffic gets unbearable when they arrive and it is almost impossible to get into a restaurant or find a decent parking space. However, please consider that they do support our economy and without them our state would suffer. We do not pay city or state income taxes, our sales tax is much lower than in other states and they pay property taxes for year round use and are only here for part of the year. I have been a full time resident of Florida for more than 20 years. Let's face it, the summers are brutal and the winters are fabulous. I say, even the birds know enough to get out when it's hot and come back when it's cold up north. Are we all jealous that they can afford the luxury we would love to have? Or are they and the birds smarter than we are?

Food stamp cost

The cost of food stamps has grown 258 percent since 2000, largely because of relaxed eligibility rules issued by Obama administration. This is fiscally untenable. More importantly, our dependence on government to give money to the poor reduces our responsibility to giving. We are allowing bureaucrats to take our tax money to let us off the hook morally. Not a positive trend.

Whose laws do we obey?

We are told Obamacare is the law of the land and, therefore, must be implemented, funded and enforced. On the other hand, the president has done everything he can to dismantle and discourage enforcement of our immigration laws. Are his laws the only ones we must obey?

Do they really care?

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

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

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

We need help

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

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

Clean up after your dog

I quote from a page of a page-a-day calendar if only to show that I'm not the only one who feels this way: "Dog

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# Department stores to host Black Friday sale

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**TREASURE COAST —** Bealls Florida Department Stores announces the Biggest Black Friday Sale in the company's 99-year history. It all starts at 8 p.m. Thanksgiving Day. The combination of special pricing and epic giveaways makes Bealls the best place for Black Friday shopping in Florida.

The Black Friday features amazing sale prices on more than 500 Beall Ringers starting at 8 p.m. Thanksgiving evening and running until Friday, at 1p.m.

A few of these specials include: \$9.99 Reel Legends Fleece for the family, 50 percent off all toys, \$19.99 fashion boots and 60 per-

cent off Christmas Décor.

Plus, Bealls is also offering significant savings Florida-right items, like \$14.99 Salt Life Tees, 50 percent off PGA Tour Golfwear and \$10 off Crocs for adults.

"We have gone all out to completely reinvent our Black Friday Sale. Our Beall Ringers are our best ever and our three our give-aways really add to the excitement," noted Lorna Nagler, President of Bealls Department Stores.

In addition Bealls has announced three contest give-a-ways at three different times.

Bealls will start the Black Friday sale festivities by providing a Scratch-off card to the first 100 customers at each Bealls Department Store. Scratch-off prizes

include an iPad Mini, \$100 Bealls Gift Card or \$5 Bealls Bucks. There will be one iPad mini winner and one \$100 Bealls Gift Card winner at each store.

At 11p.m., Bealls will feature a \$20,000 school Give-away. Shoppers wanting to nominate their school, including public, nonprofit, charter, and private schools located in and licensed by the state, can get it line at their local Bealls store starting at 11p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 28. Each store will hand out 500 ballots between 11p.m. and midnight.

At 7 a.m. on Friday, the fun continues into Friday with a chance to win a Bealls Lifetime discount of 20 percent off. Customers wanting to register can get

it line at their local Bealls store starting at 7 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 29. Each store will hand out 200 ballots between 7 and 8 a.m. To enter, you must be 18 or older and have a valid I.D. The winner in each store will be drawn shortly after 8am and must be present to win.

In addition, BeallsFlorida.com will have the 500 Beall Ringers available for shopping all day on Thanksgiving. Shoppers will enjoy free shipping on any order of \$50 or more and special coupons available only on Bealls Florida.com.

For Black Friday event details and official rules, to locate a Bealls Department Store or to shop online, visit [www.BeallsFlorida.com](http://www.BeallsFlorida.com).



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## Businesses collecting gifts for seniors

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pike Feeder Road in Fort  
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locations in Port St. Lucie will each have a Be A Santa To A Senior gift collection box for anyone who wants to drop-off miscellaneous gift donations. The list of gift items commonly requested by seniors in the program includes: non-skid socks, magnifying glasses, neck pillows, canes, body lotion, candy, cookies, pet food and lap blankets. Donations are accepted through Dec. 14.

Further information on the Be a Santa to a Senior program can be found at [www.beasantatoasenior.com](http://www.beasantatoasenior.com) or by calling (772) 205-3900.



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From left: Natalee Powell, Butterfield's Pharmacy and Medical Supply; Mary Craig, St. Lucie County Council on Aging; Patricia Strickland, Home Instead Senior Care; Allison Walters, Butterfield's Pharmacy and Medical Supply; Kimberly Lebel, Home Instead Senior Care.

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secure, take a look at the

status bar as you hold your mouse button over the message's "Close" button; does an address appear in the status bar? If it does, you're

looking at an ad, and feel free to click if you want to look at an ad. Or, you could do what I do and grit my teeth and ignore it.

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# Troopers receive distinguished awards

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TALLAHASSEE — Governor Rick Scott, Attorney General Pam Bondi, Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater and Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam, honored Sergeant Alvaro Feola and Trooper Robert Ivey as the Florida Highway Patrol's 2013 Troopers of the Year.

Sgt. Feola and Trooper Ivey were selected from more than 100 deserving nominees for their heroic efforts in saving the life of a motorist who was trapped in a burning vehicle last year. The 2013 recognition was presented by Commissioner Putnam.

"I'm proud to recognize Sergeant Alvaro Feola and Trooper Robert Ivey with the Florida Highway

Patrol Trooper of the Year award," said Commissioner Putnam. "Sergeant Feola and Trooper Ivey demonstrated true heroism by risking their own lives to save the life of a fellow Floridian in need. I want to thank Sergeant Feola and Trooper Ivey, and all Florida Highway Patrol troopers, for their commitment and service to the state of Florida."

"This year's Trooper of the Year award goes to two deserving members of the FHP who displayed their courage and commitment to protecting Floridians," said Col. David Brierton, director of the Florida Highway Patrol. "Both men risked their lives to save a life, which exemplifies the commitment that a Trooper makes every day he or she puts on their uniform."

On Jan. 14, 2012, Sergeant Feola

and Trooper Ivey responded to a traffic crash that occurred on the Florida Turnpike in St. Lucie County. When they arrived at the scene, they found a driver trapped inside a vehicle that was on fire. As the vehicle filling up with smoke, Sergeant Feola was able to break out out a window of the vehicle and Trooper Ivey proceeded to enter the smoke-filled car and cut the seat belt, freeing the driver. Both Troopers then pulled the driver from the burning vehicle and to a safe location.

Sergeant Feola, who was a corporal at the time of the incident, has been with the Florida Highway Patrol for 11 years. He was promoted to Sergeant in September, 2012 and is currently stationed in Miami-Dade County. Trooper Ivey

has six years of service with the Patrol. For the past three and a half years he has worked as a K-9 handler with in Fort Pierce.

The Trooper of the Year award was created more than 40 years ago by the Florida Petroleum Council to recognize Florida Highway Patrol Troopers for the work they do each day keeping Floridians and visitors safe on our roads.

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## Crime

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a mental health facility.

- Joseph James Scrima, 24, of

1417 S.W. Stony Ave., Port St. Lucie, was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell and possession of marijuana of more than 20 grams.

- Victoria Yvonne Williams, 22, of 2638 14th Court N.W., Fort Lauderdale, was charged with burglary, third degree grand theft and fraudulent use of a credit

card.

- Patrick William Mckee, 43, of 1133 Seventh Street South, Fort Pierce, was charged with felony petty theft.

### Florida Highway Patrol

- Marth Fletcher Wappel, 35, of

109 East High Point Lane, Columbia, Mont., was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and smuggling contraband into a detention facility.

- Jean Carlos Sotomayor Venerio, 27, of 436 Marlberry Leave

Ave., Kissimmee, was charged with attempted escape, battery on an officer, resisting an officer with violence and threatening to harm a law enforcement officer.

- Angel Leonardo Isea Padron, 20, of 10770 N.W. 66th Street, Apt. No. 511, Doral, was charged with possession of counterfeit driver's license.



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## Rants

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poop is the curse of our age, the symbol of all that is wrong with our modern society, the carelessness, the selfishness, the lack of individual responsibility." I'm not too crazy about dog urine, either. Even those who pick up seem to have no qualms about the urine. It's my yard. I work in it, not being able to afford yard maintenance, and thinking a dog might have been there makes me uncomfortable. Why can't dogs use their own yard?

## Too many flaws in Medicaid system

This is regarding Medicaid. My wife and I just got on Medicaid. We are taking care of our three grandchildren. I am in a program called "medically needy," which means I have to have medical bills that exceed \$750 a month for me to be eligible. I am not currently working, and because I am sick, I am unable to get a Medicaid number because my bills are not yet more than \$750 a month, but the bills I have can't be taken care of because

they don't meet the criteria. My wife makes \$1,400 a month and our expenses are more than \$1,600. I don't know where to turn.

## Living next to a dump

I have a neighbor who has four unregistered cars on his property that he fills with junk. For me, it's like living next to a dump. Why won't code enforcement do something about it? I have complained, yet nothing has happened. How can the city expect more businesses to come to the area when it looks like a dump?

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# Lifelong Learning readies for eighth season

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TREASURE COAST — The Fielden Institute for Lifelong Learning at Indian River State College invites new subscribers to enjoy its eighth season of experts and educators as they speak on current issues. The series opens Thursday, Dec. 12 with Andrew Samwick, Professor of Economics, Director of the Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy and the Social Sciences at Dartmouth College.

Professor Samwick will

present the topic, “Can Washington Be Fixed?” With partisanship and gridlock dominating political news today, this is sure to be a timely topic.

Prof. Samwick will speak at the IRSC Mueller Campus in Vero Beach from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and again at the IRSC Chastain Campus in Stuart from 3-5 p.m.

The Fielden Institute lecture series focuses on subjects in foreign policy, the environment, education, health and the economy. Family Private Care continues their support of lifelong learning at IRSC as Present-

ing Sponsor for the lecture series. This season's lectures are:

- Jan. 9, Eric T. Olson, retired United States Navy Admiral, will present “The Undeclared War: Special Operations in the 21st Century.” Olson last served as the eighth Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, (USSOCOM), and was the only Navy SEAL ever to be appointed to three-star and four-star flag rank.
- Feb. 13, Molly Williamson returns to the podium to speak on “The Geopolitics of Petroleum.”

Williamson is a Middle East Institute scholar in Washington and a former Foreign Service officer. She served six presidents, achieving the rank of Career Minister, the second-highest foreign service rank.

- March 13, “Climate Change: A Look Ahead” will be the topic examined by John Carberry, former director of Environmental Technology at DuPont. Carberry currently teaches at the University of Delaware as part of the department of Chemical and Bio-molecular Engineering and is a frequent, national lecturer on

environmental issues.

- April 10, the series will conclude by addressing “A Profile of the New American Economy” with Dr. Scott Brown, Chief Economist and Senior Vice President at Raymond James. He also serves on the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors for the State of Florida.

Doors open 30 minutes prior to the lecture and subscribers are offered open seating. Lectures last one hour and are followed by a moderated 30-minute question and answer session. Refreshments follow the lecture portion of the pro-

gram in the morning and are enjoyed prior to the afternoon lecture.

Lectures are held at the IRSC Mueller Campus, Richardson Center, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and from 3-5 p.m. at the IRSC Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart. Series subscriptions are \$150 for all five lectures. Individual lecture seats, should they be available, will be offered at \$50 one week prior to each of the lectures.

For more information call (772) 462-7880 or visit [www.irsconfoundation.org](http://www.irsconfoundation.org).

# Wildfire, Christmas tree safety during the holidays

**For Hometown News**  
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TREASURE COAST — The Florida Forest Service wants to remind everyone to enjoy the winter holidays with safety in mind. Holiday wildfire safety begins the first day as your family searches for the perfect Christmas tree and Holiday wildfire safety ends with the carefully planned disposal of the tree at the end of the holiday season.

Christmas tree fires are more likely to cause a house fire; a wildfire can result from the flames.

Calin Ionita, Senior Forester with the Florida Forest Service wants to provide families with a few tips on protecting yourself, your home and your property. One of the first things you

can do to prevent Christmas tree fires is to pick the right tree.

When choosing a Christmas tree, it is important to buy a fresh tree. Cut an inch off the bottom or ask the vendor to do it for you. This new cut will allow water to be taken up. Put your tree in water as soon as you get home and be sure to top-up daily. A fresh tree will drink about a pint a day for the first couple of days.

However, do not think the danger ends just because the holidays are over and the tree is down.

“Get to know the burn laws in your area before your strike that match. It is unsafe and illegal to burn wrapping paper and gift boxes. Consider recycling instead of burning your Christmas trees in order to reduce the chances

of sparking a wildfire,” said Melissa Yunas, Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Florida Forest Service.

Christmas trees may be ground up for mulch or used to help stabilize sand dunes, build structure for fish in a lake or pond or provide shelter for birds and other wildlife. Contact your local Solid Waste Authority for recycling information.

If you decide to burn your Christmas tree, here are a few outdoor burning tips:

- Never leave a fire unattended, and make sure it is out before you leave
- Keep a shovel and water hose handy
- Don't burn on windy days or when the humidity is below 35 percent
- Your fire must be contained to an 8- foot diameter pile or non-combustible barrel and must be at least 25- feet from forests, 25- feet from your house, 50- feet from a paved public road and 150- feet from other occupied buildings
- If your fire escapes, you may be held liable for suppression costs and damage to the property of others.
- Burning yard waste does not require an authorization from the Florida Forest Service, but you should check with your local city, county or Florida Forest Service officials to see if there are any restrictions in your area

For more information about picking out the perfect tree, call (863) 655-6409 [Calin.Ionita@FreshFrom-Florida.com](mailto:Calin.Ionita@FreshFrom-Florida.com).

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# Grant to help provide job training, work readiness skills

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TREASURE COAST — Workforce Solutions received a \$7,000 community development grant through Wells Fargo to provide Work Certified training to individuals in Indian River, Martin and St. Lucie counties to assist them in developing work readiness skills that will help them advance in today's job market.

Work Certified, a national career readiness certification program, was developed right here on the Research Coast by workforce development staff, area employers and community partners.

"Work Certified is a dynamic program designed by employers to ensure that today's job seeker is ready to work," said Susan Waller, work certified manager/regional workshop coordinator for Workforce Solutions.

"Wells Fargo has provided us with resources to not only offer this program to develop incumbent employees into viable candidates for promotions, but also to develop even more job seekers into strong, competitive candidates that are ready to work."

"Employers not only want specific skills for the job they are seeking to fill, but the right attitude, confidence, and work ethic that will enhance their organization," Ms. Waller said. "The grant will allow us to provide this training

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to more individuals and for the first time, provide this training to employed individuals interested in pursuing promotions at their current employer."

Wells Fargo makes contributions in areas they believe are important to the future of the nation's vitality and success. They prioritize support programs and organizations whose chief purpose is to benefit low- to moderate-income individuals and families. They provide grants in two primary areas: Community Development and Education. They also consider grants in Human Services, Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement, and Environment. In 2012, Wells Fargo granted more than \$16 million to communities across

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Workforce Solutions is a private, nonprofit, Florida corporation with a Board of Directors consisting of private business, economic development and education representatives, community and state agencies, and elected officials. Members of the Board represent the diversity of businesses, organizations and trades that operate in the Research Coast Region, including Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties.

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## Musical taking Sunrise Theatre stage

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FORT PIERCE — Hello, Dolly! Starring Emmy award winning, Sally Struthers, will be on the Historic Sunrise Theatre stage, Friday, Nov. 29 at 8 p.m.

Hello, Dolly! is a delectable treat for the whole family, filled with some of musical theatre's all-time greatest show-stoppers. Winner of 10 Tony Awards including Best Musical, Hello, Dolly! is one of the most enduring Broadway classics.

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## Breaking in the new bridge



Al and Christina Hickey of Port St. Lucie ride in the parade over the new Veteran's Memorial Bridge with the Blue Knights Florida-X Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club. The Veteran's Memorial Bridge dedication featured a car parade over the bridge on Saturday, November 16.

Sevin Bullwinkle  
staff photographer

## Aquarium offers holiday camp

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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — The Smithsonian Marine Ecosystems Exhibit is getting into the holiday spirit with its annual Holiday Camp from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14.

Make plans to drop off the kids for a fun and educational experience. Children ages 6-10 are invited to enjoy a day of marine-themed activities, including a trek through the mangroves to search for critters (weather-permitting).

Advance registration is required as space is limited. Cost is \$15 per child for members and \$18 per child for non-members.

The Smithsonian Marine Ecosystems Exhibit is located in the St. Lucie County Aquarium at 420 Seaway Drive on South Hutchinson Island in Fort Pierce and is open to the public

Tuesday-Saturday from 10am-4pm, Sunday from noon-4pm, and seasonally (January-March) on Mondays from 10am-4pm. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children and seniors. Annual memberships are available, starting from \$15. The Smithsonian Marine Station has teamed with St. Lucie County and other community partners to create this unique educational facility. The Ecosystems Exhibit is an

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Week of 11-29-2013

**ARIES - March 21/April 20**

Participate in something new and interesting this week, Aries. The perfect activity will present itself in the next few weeks, so be sure to keep your eyes open.

**TAURUS - April 21/May 21**

Taurus, delay any upcoming shopping excursions for the time being. Your coffers are getting a bit sparse, and you need to conserve the rest of your funds.

**GEMINI - May 22/June 21**

Listen to advice this week, Gemini. Loved ones only want to help and provide support, so keep that in mind when those closest to you offer some guidance.

**CANCER - June 22/July 22**

Cancer, your suspicions may be aroused by someone who has been paying more attention to you than normal. It could be something completely innocent, but right now you're not sure.

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

Every day is a learning process, Leo. You will find that there are a number of new ideas swirling around in your head, and if you pin one down, you may be on to something.

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

Your colleagues at work may be making things difficult, Virgo, but there is nothing you can do about it right now. Just work your hardest, and things will turn out for the best.

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

Libra, prepare to juggle multiple responsibilities in the See SCOPES, B3

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# Parades, festive music to add to holiday festivities

By Alisha McDarris  
For Hometown News

STUART — What better way to jumpstart the holiday season than with festive music, lights, floats and boats?

Parades are practically a Stuart staple and the holiday season is no exception. This year marks the 53rd annual Stuart Christmas parade and the city's 100th anniversary and Stuart Main Street, the parade

organizer, is celebrating in a big way.

The city will commemorate its centennial in March, so the parade theme is "Christmas past, present and future: Celebrating 100 Years on the St. Lucie."

It's that milestone that has more than the usual number of businesses and groups interested in participating in the parade this year, according to Thondra Lanese, Stuart Main Street Manager.

But the line-up for the hour-long parade is set and over 50 participants will be walking, driving or towing massive floats for spectators' viewing pleasure.

The nighttime parade will have East Ocean aglow with twinkling lights and holiday tunes and the floats will be judged on the best parade theme, illumination and musical presentation, the best representation of Stuart's 100 years, and the judges' overall favorite.

Santa will be there, too, but Stuart Main Street is remaining hush-hush as to how he'll arrive.

"It's a tradition for the whole community," Ms. Lanese said. "It will be the best parade in 100 years."

The parade will run from Georgia Avenue to Monterey Road on East Ocean Boulevard on Friday, Dec. 6 starting at 7 p.m.

But that's not the only parade scheduled to thrill residents this season. The day after floats take to the street, boats will take to the water for a display the community can enjoy riverside.

The 30th annual Martin County boat parade, organized by Marine Industries Association of the Treasure Coast, is scheduled for Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

In the past, big boats, little boats and everything in between have impressed onlookers with bright lights

and creative displays including swashbuckling pirates and dolphin-led Santa sleighs.

Every boat is judged on creativity, technical application of lights and effects, and enthusiasm and the best display will be awarded a trophy.

"It's pretty spectacular," said Michele Miller from MIATC. "Some of these guys get pretty crazy – but in a good way."

It's always a good time for the boaters, but spectators can make a night of it, too. Ms. Miller said it is a great opportunity to get the family together, lay out a blanket, fire up a charcoal grill, and show some enthusiasm shore side with glow sticks and air horns.

For a more refined experience, make reservations early for any of the restaurants in Manatee Pocket where the parade ends. Holiday dinners with family and friends will only be enhanced by the parade that will continue all the way into the Pocket.

The parade begins near Loggerhead Marina, cruises past the hospital and Sand-sprit Park around 7:15 p.m., to Manatee Pocket where there will also be an after party at a local restaurant.

The best viewing locations will be from Sandsprit Park and Manatee Pocket, but parade-goers will want to arrive early for the best view. The Riverwalk stage in Downtown Stuart is a good place to see the kick off, but details will be lost in the distance between the boats and the shore.

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**DEC. 1- 31**

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**MONDAY, DEC. 2**  
**- FRIDAY, DEC. 20**

**Scopes**  
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coming days. Be ready to multi-task.

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

Scorpio, a small misunderstanding turns into a larger battle this week. But you have the power to put the flames out quickly.

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

Sagittarius, you are having so much fun lately that it almost seems like life is a game. Don't get so caught up in the good times that you overlook responsibilities.

**CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20**

Capricorn, you usually take your responsibilities quite seriously, and that is often for the best. Just be sure to let your hair down.

**AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18**

Aquarius, some irregularities have begun to pop up of late. It is not up to you to figure out what is going on, though.

**PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20**

Pisces, your head may be in the clouds, but it is quite comfortable up there. Just don't linger too long.

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# Taking a poinsettia home for the holidays

Hi everybody!


With the holidays rapidly approaching, soon one of the most popular plants on earth will be available for sale. The plant I am referring to is the colorful Poinsettia plant. These beautiful plants are most commonly known for their red color but they also can come in many other colors such as white, pink and some can even be multi-colored.

Since most retailers offer mass displays of these gems, you will have an almost unlimited choice of which plants you will want to bring home. As beautiful as these plants are, they are also very fragile and you must handle them gently or the delicate branches will break and fall off. During my lifetime, I have unpacked and displayed

no less than 100,000 of these beauties and I still do not tire of their delicate appearance.

Poinsettias have an interesting history that dates back to the 14th century. In fact, during the period from the 14th to the 16th century, the Aztec Indians called Poinsettias “Cuetlaxochitl” and they used the sap to control fevers and the leaves, or bracts, were used to produce a red dye. The actual botanical name for the Poinsettia was named by the German botanist Wilenow and he called it Euphorbia Pulcherria. He first discovered the plant growing through a crack in his greenhouse and he was so amazed at the color of the plant that he gave it that name which means “very beautiful.”

For many years and in fact still today, many people believe that



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JOE ZELENAK

poinsettias are poisonous. The truth is that they are not. It is true, however, that some people are allergic to the white sap of the plant and skin irritation can develop. If you are one of those people with sensitive skin, you should handle the plants with care.

For a retailer during the holiday season, having a fresh batch of Poinsettias is like a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. These wonderful plants create an eye-catching display that will certainly draw a crowd. So, with all these choices, how do I pick that perfect plant? The first thing you want to look for

are plants that have been removed from their sleeves. Many retailers will display the plant with the sleeve intact and if the plant sits on the shelf too long, this can cause the leaves to yellow and drop and eventually, the plant may die. It is much better to choose plants that have been removed from their sleeves. If you do choose a plant that is sleeved, remove the plastic as soon as you get the plant home. The next thing you want to look for are plants that have little or no pollen showing on the flower clusters. This is a good indicator of the maturity of the flower bracts. You should always choose plants that have a lush, green color to their foliage and have a good healthy appearance. Avoid plants that look droopy or have yellowing leaves. While choosing your plants,

handle the plants carefully so as not to break the adjoining plants so everybody can have a chance at getting a prime looking plant.

Once you have chosen your gem and you have your plant in its new home, some standard TLC will ensure that you get a long lifespan from your new houseguest. If you are keeping your plant indoors and it is not near a good light source, occasionally put it in a sunny location so it can get the light it needs to maintain a healthy look. If the plant starts to drop leaves excessively, it is probably not getting enough bright light and you will need to move it. Always keep your plant away from cold drafts and low temperatures. Poinsettias will not do well if the temperatures drop below 45. You should also check your plants for

soil moisture daily and be sure your plant has good drainage and does not sit in standing water. Keep the plant evenly moist but not soaking wet.

If you follow these simple tips, you should be able to enjoy your plants through the entire holiday season. After the holidays are over, you can plant them outdoors in a protected location, such as under a tree, and you can enjoy them year after year!

That's all for this week's column and I hope you enjoyed it. I will see you next week with more great garden tips and solutions. See you then!

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shelter. On Dec. 20, the Christmas House will open for the last time ever, at 6 p.m., to benefit the Hibiscus Children’s Center of St. Lucie County. More than 10,000 guests are expected this year, so patient waiting in line outside the home is requested.

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- **Tree of Life:** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Downtown Fort Pierce Gazebo on the corner of North Indian River Drive and Avenue A, Fort Pierce. Honor the memory of your loved ones with the annual Tree of Life lighting and tree tag ceremony, plus holiday music. Write your loved ones’ names on a special memorial tag and hang it on the tree. The tree can be viewed in the gazebo throughout the month of December. *For more information, call (772) 403-4500.*
- **‘Decorative Ornaments’ Homeschool Day:** 1:30-3:30 p.m., Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. Bring your creativity and make one-of-a-kind ornaments and artwork using recycled materials. The cost is \$10 per student, which includes all supplies. Reservations required. *Call (772) 785-5833.*
- **St. Lucie Audubon monthly meeting:** 7 p.m., Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. Special guest Dan Martinelli, executive director of Treasure Coast Wildlife Center, will discuss how exotic animals

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**FRIDAY, DEC. 6 – SUNDAY, DEC. 8**

- **Treasure Coast Community Singers concert:** Three performances: at 7 p.m., Dec. 6, and at 3 p.m. on both Dec. 7 and Dec. 8, at North Stuart Baptist Church, 1950 N. Federal Highway, Stuart. Theme is ‘Home for the Holidays’. Adult tickets are \$10 for Dec. 6, and \$15 for Dec. 7 and Dec. 8. *Tickets are available through the church two weeks prior to a concert or online at [tccsingers.org](http://tccsingers.org).*

**SATURDAY, DEC. 7**

- **Christmas Party and Toy Collection:** 3 p.m., Tropical Isles Co-op in Fort Pierce. Benefits the St. Lucie County Sheriff’s Office Christmas Families program.
- **Sunrise Guided Hike:** 6 a.m., Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. Start the day with a hike through nature. Free, appropriate for ages 5 and older. Dress for hiking. *For more information, call (772) 785-5833 or visit [www.oxboweco.com](http://www.oxboweco.com).*
- **Steel Drum Band open air performance:** Fort Pierce Magnet School of the Arts’ steel drum band will perform at 11:30 a.m., in front of the Fort Pierce Branch Library, located at 101 Melody Lane. The hour-long holiday concert is free and open to the public. *For more information, call (772) 462-1615 or visit*

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**Friday Fest:** from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. the first Friday of every month or held on the second Friday of the month if event is canceled due to bad weather. Friday Fest is a street festival to showcase downtown Fort Pierce and the waterfront in Marina Square on Melody Lane. Festival includes music, food, children’s activities, community vendors and arts and crafts.

**‘Sounds of the Season,’** Sunrise Theatre, Fort Pierce, 7 p.m. Cost: Free. *Website:* [www.sunrisetheatre.com](http://www.sunrisetheatre.com).

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Timothy Donovan of Fort Pierce comforts his sister, Jennifer Steckler, wife of donor Adam Steckler of Port St. Lucie, after the unveiling of the Tree of Life.



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Lawnwood Regional Medical Center CEO Steve Dougherty delivers a speech at the Tree Of Life Ceremony held at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center was held on Wednesday, November 13. The Tree of Life is a memorial to organ donors.

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- **Festival of Lights, Parade and Tree Lighting:** Noon to 10 p.m. in Martin Health System Village Square at Port St. Lucie Civic Center on U.S. 1. Live music, food, children's activities, arts and crafts, more. At 6 p.m., the Parade of Lights will begin and proceed down Civic Center Place, with youth groups, bands, Santa, more. *For more information or to participate in the parade, call (772) 878-2277.*
- **Brown Bag Lecture:** Noon, Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. Special presentation from the Busch Wildlife Center in Jupiter, which is home for many Florida mammals. Participants will meet some of the sanctuary's furry, scaly and feathered permanent residents. Cost is \$5 per person, and in addition, donations of needed supplies will be collected for the center. No reservations are required, but please arrive early as seating is very limited. *For more information, call (772) 785-5833 or visit [www.oxboweco.com](http://www.oxboweco.com).*
- **An Evening with Sinbad:** at 8 p.m. Actor and comedian. Tickets \$39/\$35. *For more information, visit [sunrisetheatre.com](http://sunrisetheatre.com).*
- **Shows for young astronomers:** 11 a.m., Hallstrom Planetarium on the IRSC main campus in Fort Pierce. Children ages 4-12, accompanied by an adult, will learn about stars and constellations, planets and the exploration of outer space. *For ticket information, call the IRSC box office at (800) 220-9915.*
- **Outdoor Flea Market:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., first Saturday of the month, American Legion Post 40, 810 South U.S. 1, Fort Pierce. \$10 donation per table. Vendors welcome, open to the public. *Call (772) 461-1480.*
- **Santa's Workshop:** at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Civic Center. *For more information, call (772) 807-4499.*
- **Gift wrapping with nature:** 10 a.m., Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road, Fort Pierce. Join artists and crafters to be inspired by gift wrapping ideas. Bring your gifts and let

the experts turn your common wrapping into unique creations. \$10 for members; \$15 for non-members. *For more information, call (772) 464-4672 or visit [heathcotecobotanicalgardens.org](http://heathcotecobotanicalgardens.org).*

- **Calendart Fundraising Gala:** from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the U.S. Navy UDT-SEAL Museum. Hors d'oeuvres, drinks, live music and a silent auction. A raffle of the 33 original art calendars will take place with three raffle tickets costing \$25 and includes one admission ticket. *For more information, visit [ArtMundo.org](http://ArtMundo.org).*
- **Casey N Spaz Comedy:** Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8:30 p.m., first and third Saturday of each month. Comedians are 'to be announced.' Event is held at the Civic Center. Cash bar and munchies available. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door; preferred, up-front advanced seating is \$15 per person. *For more information, call (772) 807-4499.*
- **Farmer's Market:** Every Saturday Morning at Marina Square.
- **Saturday Afternoon Movie:** 3 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center. Gather up the family and friends and see new movie releases on the first Saturday of every month. Movie begins at 3 p.m. Admission to the movie is free and popcorn and a drink are \$3.50. Call ahead to find out feature film. *For more information, call Kelly Tiger at (772) 807-4499 or email [ktiger@city-ofpsl.com](mailto:ktiger@city-ofpsl.com).*
- **'Christmas in the Caribbean':** Treasure Coast Parrot Head Club's annual benefit for the Salvation Army of Martin County's Angel Tree Christmas Assistance Program. Held at Pirate's Cove Resort and Marina, 4307 S.E. Bayview Street in Port Salerno, from noon to 5 p.m. Featuring Troprock artist 'Sunny Jim.' Free admission, asking only that guests bring an unwrapped, new toy, or nonperishable food items to donate. (Toys for older children preferred.) A buffet will be provided by Pirates Cove, for \$14 at the door. *For more information, call (772) 337-6499 or visit [treasurecoastparrotheadclub.com](http://treasurecoastparrotheadclub.com).*

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• **AD/HD Support Group:** The meetings are at K.C. Chung Tae Kwon Do, Darwin Square, 3211 S.W. Port St. Lucie Blvd. *For information, call (772) 879-1011.*

• **Air Force Sergeants Association:** Treasure Coast Chapter 564 meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the DAV Hall, 1350 S.W. California Blvd., Port St. Lucie. *For information, call (772) 873-4074.*

• **Alateen/Alanon Group:** Meets at 7 p.m. on Sundays at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 295 N.W. Prima Vista Blvd., in Port St. Lucie. *For information, call (772) 467-1196 or (772) 398-1775.*

• **Alcoholics Anonymous, St. Lucie Intergroup Association:** Serves more than 100 AA meetings in St. Lucie and Okeechobee counties, supplying books, medallions and brochures to AA groups and maintaining a telephone hotline, 24-hours a day.

Located on the northwest corner of U.S. 1 and Prima Vista Boulevard in Port St. Lucie. *For information, call (772) 873-9299.*

• **Alzheimer Support Group:** Meetings are held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 1 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 2401 S.E. Sidonia Street, Port St. Lucie.

• **American Association of University Women,** Port St. Lucie Branch: *For information, call (772) 878-6096.*

2180 Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie. *Call (772) 871-9929.*

• **Cub Scouts:** A new pack meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at First Presbyterian Church of Port St. Lucie, 2240 S.E. Walton Road. *For details, call (772) 335-8900.*

• **Current events discussion group:** Meets the first and third Wednesday of every month from 1:30-3 p.m., at Morningside Branch Library, 2410 Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie. *For information, call (772) 337-5632.*

• **Daughters of the British Empire:** The social and charitable group of ladies meets once a month, holds fundraisers and gives back to the community. *For information, call (772) 221-3829 or (772) 286-2724.*

• **Democratic Women's Club of St. Lucie County:** *For information, call (772) 878-8954.*

• **Disabled American Veterans Chapter 113:** Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 1150 S.W. California Blvd., Port St. Lucie. *For information, call (772) 871-6667.*

• **DivorceCare:** The weekly seminar and support group for those who are separated and divorced meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at Westside Baptist Church, 3361 S. Jenkins Road, Fort Pierce. Cost is \$15. *For information, call (772) 461-7828, or (772) 489-9161.*

• **Domestic Violence Support Group:** Weekly meeting for women and children meets at 9 a.m. on Saturdays at Recovery Associates, Suite 202, Riverside Bank building, 8241 South U.S. 1, in Port St. Lucie. Services are free. *For information, call (772) 398-1775.*

• **Downtown Kiwanis Club meeting:** Every Tuesday at Elks Hall, 615 South U.S. 1, Fort Pierce. *For information, call (772) 465-2185.*

• **Florida Public Relations Association, Treasure Coast Chapter:** meets second Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at the IRCC/FAU Schreiber Conference Center in St. Lucie West. *Reservations and payment for the event can be made online at [www.fpratreasurecoast.com](http://www.fpratreasurecoast.com) or by calling Cara Perry, Director of University Relations at FAU Treasure Coast Campus, at (772) 873-3339*

• **Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous:** All are welcome to a weekly meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays at Life Care Center of Port St. Lucie, 3720 S.E. Jennings Road. *For information, call (772) 337-1982.*

• **Fort Pierce Orchid Society:** Meets at the Garden Club of Fort Pierce, located at 911 Parkway Drive, on the second Saturday of each month. Meetings are from 10 a.m. to noon. Guests are always welcome. Free, light refreshments are served. *For more information, call Bill or Jo at (772) 465-4674 or email [jtozer@bellsouth.net](mailto:jtozer@bellsouth.net).*

• **Foster grandparent program:** Volunteers ages 60 or older are needed to help pre-kindergarten through elementary-age children learn to read and improve their school work. Sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging; training for volunteers is provided. *For information, call (772) 467-0008.*

• **GFWC Women's Club of Port St. Lucie:** The monthly meeting for friendship and service to the community is at 11 a.m. on the third Wednesday of every month, at the Holiday Inn on U.S. 1 in Port St. Lucie. *For information, call (772) 343-0093.*

• **General Motors Retirement Club:** *For information, call (772) 878-6003.*

• **Healthy Start Coalition of St. Lucie County:** *For information, call (772) 467-2016 or send an email to [kcbdsic@bellsouth.net](mailto:kcbdsic@bellsouth.net)*

• **Historical Map Club:** *For information, call (772) 219-9778.*

• **Hurricane support groups:** A children's support group is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays and an adult group from 6 to 7:30 on Tuesdays at the Catholic Charities counseling office in St. Lucie Church, Father Hickey Parish Center, 290 S.W. Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie. *For details, call (772) 878-1215, Ext. 332.*

• **Jewish War Veterans Post:** The Irving Wallman Post No. 705, Port St. Lucie headquarters, has moved to Temple Beth Israel, 551 S.W. Bethany Drive, St. Lucie West. *For information, call (772) 785-7178.*

• **Kentucky Society of the Treasure Coast:** *For information, call (772) 692-3715.*

• **Knights of Columbus No. 7514:** Family dinner is served every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$6. Every Wednesday and Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. is a fish fry. Cost is \$4. The event is at 451 S.W. Ravenswood Lane, Port St. Lucie. *For information, call (772) 878-7514.*

• **Korean War veterans wanted:** The Treasure Coast Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 106 in Port St. Lucie are looking for new members, both male and female, who served in Korea in any branch of the service from Sept. 3, 1945 to July, 1955 and from then until now. Doctors and nurses in Korea, as well as Japan, during that time are qualified to join the unit. Meetings are held on third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Disabled Veterans building, 1150 S.W. California Ave., Port St. Lucie.

• **Lakela's Mint chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society:** *For information, call (772) 785-5833.*

• **Lakewood Park book discussion group:** Meets at 3 p.m. on the first Monday of each month (unless it's a holiday) at the Lakewood Park Branch Library, 7605 Santa Barbara Road in Fort Pierce. *For information, call (772) 462-6870.*

• **League of Women Voters of St. Lucie County:** *For information, call (772) 340-7379.*

• **Lucie's Creative Crafters and Vendors:** The group holds a craft show and sale most weekends at different locations. Sales benefit the crafters and some local charities. *For information, call (772) 873-2981.*

• **Lupus Foundation of America:** meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon the third Saturday of every month at the Port St. Lucie Community Center, 2195 S.E. Airoso Blvd. *For information, call (800) 339-0586.*

• **Mariner's Barbershop Chorus of Martin and St. Lucie County:** Weekly meeting is from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at North Stuart Baptist Church, 1950 N.E. U.S. 1, Stuart. *For information, call (772) 460-2754.*

• **Marine Corps League:** Every second Saturday of the month, there is a dinner and a movie starting at 5 p.m. held at the DAV hall on the corner of California Boulevard and Savona in Port St. Lucie. Donation is \$10, and benefits wounded veterans. *For more information, menu and movie title, call (772) 878-9385.*

• **Mets Booster Club (for N.Y. and St. Lucie Mets):** Membership is \$10 per person per year, \$15 per couple with no children; family membership is \$20 per year; includes a newsletter each month and support for charitable donations to many nonprofit groups. *For information, call (772) 878-8505 or (772) 336-4801.*

• **Military Officers Association of America:** Treasure Coast Chapter, Martin and St. Lucie counties, meets the third Thursday of the month at the Holiday Inn, located on U.S. 1 in Port St. Lucie. All active, reserve, retired and former commissioned and warrant officers from all U.S. uniformed services are welcome. *For information, call (772) 692-4922 or (772) 240-6880*

• **Morningside writers group:** The writers group meets at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays in Room 103 of the Morningside Library, 2410 Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie. *For information, call (772) 337-5632.*

• **Narcotics Anonymous of the Treasure Coast:** *For a list of meeting times and places, call (772) 343-8373.*

• **NARFE Chapter 1589:** Monthly meetings held in

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Holy Spirit, Jesus breathed You out on his disciples and on his Blessed Mother.

Today, people of various faiths gather on this hill. Enlightened their minds inflame their hearts, spread the kingdom of Jesus and lead into it all men and women.

Grant us the favours we seek.

Glory to be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is not and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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# Clubs

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Port St. Lucie. *For information, call (772) 879-1566.*

• **Neighborhood Crime Watch in Torino, Port St. Lucie:** *For information, call (772) 878-1968.*

• **Northside Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 10554:** *For details, call (772) 834-3208.*

• **Overeaters Anonymous Port St. Lucie:** Weekly meetings are 6 p.m. at the Family Health Center, 1700 Hillmoor Drive, in Port St. Lucie. *For information, call (772) 701-7827.*

• **Paralegal Association of Florida:** Reservations should be made in advance. *For information, call (772) 231-3500.*

• **Parkinson's disease support group:** The support group of Brighton Gardens by the Marriott gather at 2 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month. *For information, call (561) 335-9990.*

• **Toastmasters Club:** The club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the conference room of the Port St Lucie Police Department, 121 S.W. Port St. Lucie Blvd. Guests welcome. *For information, call (772) 336-8336 or (772) 336-2256.*

• **Port St Lucie Anglers Club** meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.W. Westmoreland Blvd. All are invited. *For more information, visit www.pslanglers.com.*

• **Port St. Lucie bluegrass jam:** The group meets twice per month in the Fort Pierce area. More musicians are needed and welcome. *For information, call (772) 595-5100.*

• **Port St. Lucie Community Concert Band:** Weekly rehearsals from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays at Treasure Coast High School, 1000 S.W. Darwin Blvd., in Port St. Lucie. *For information, call (772) 871-2863.*

• **Port St. Lucie Ham Radio Club:** The club offers official ham radio exams at 9 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of each

month at the Port St. Lucie Police Department, 121 S.W. Port St. Lucie Blvd. Walk-ins are welcome; reservations or information are available by calling (772) 340-4319. General club meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 295 N.W. Prima Vista Blvd., in Port St. Lucie. *For details, call (772) 344-1641.*

• **Port St. Lucie Historical Society:** Meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at 3 p.m. at the County building, 1664 S.E. Walton Road, room 253. Meetings include the "then and now" of the evolving historical facts of Port St. Lucie. *For more information, call (772) 337-5698.*

• **Port St. Lucie Newcomers Club:** Monthly meetings held at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 295 N.W. Prima Vista Blvd. Take trips and enjoy activities while making new friends in the area. Social at 9 a.m. and meeting at 10 a.m. on the first Monday of the month except on holidays. Those old and new to the area are welcome. *For information, call (772) 621-4049.*

• **Port St. Lucie Orchid Society** meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. at the Botanical Gardens on Westmoreland Blvd. *For information, call (772) 398-6032 or visit www.pslsos.org.*

• **Port St. Lucie Power Squadron:** meeting times/locations vary. *For information about upcoming meetings, safe boating classes and free vessel safety inspections call (772) 871-1018 (Leave name and number; squadron member will contact you) or visit www.portstlucieps.com.*

• **Port St. Lucie Republicans Club:** Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Holiday Inn on U.S. 1. *For information, call (772) 337-2567.*

• **Prayer quilt ministry:** At 6 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The ladies quilting group at Grace Emmanuel Church, 1470 Huffman Road in Port St. Lucie make prayer quilts

for people in spiritual, emotional or physical crisis. Newcomers are welcome. *For information, call (772) 337-2644.*

• **Quilting bee:** 9 a.m. Wednesdays at First Presbyterian Church of Port St. Lucie, 2240 S.E. Walton Road. *For information, call (772) 335-8900.*

• **Restless leg syndrome support group:** *For information, call (772) 546-0750.*

• **Second Indian Head Division Association:** A nationwide search is being conducted for any man or woman who served in the Second Infantry Division and does not know of the existence of this association. *For information, call (772) 220-0360.*

• **Southeast Florida Archaeological Society:** *For information, visit www.sefas.org.*

• **Spanish Conversation Club** meets from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays at the Port St. Lucie Police Department, 121 S.W. Port St. Lucie Blvd. *For information, call (772) 692-1616, (772) 337-5139 or visit the Hispanics in Action website at www.hispanicsinaction.org.*

• **St. Lucie Audubon Society:** Meetings are held at the Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, in Port St. Lucie on the first Thursday of each month, October through May. Meetings run from 7-9 p.m. *For details, call (772) 785-5833.*

• **St. Lucie County Crime Watch** meets every first Tuesday at 7 p.m. at City Hall, Orange Ave., and U.S. 1. There is a different speaker every month. Refreshments and door prizes. *For more information, call (772) 465-4718 or (772) 359-4075*

• **St. Lucie County Republicans:** The group will hold a Republican Party forum each week at the headquarters, located in the Lexington Shoppes, 6835 South U.S. 1, Port St. Lucie. The forum is from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Saturdays. *For information, call (772) 465-9463.*

• **St. Lucie County Republican Club:** holds a monthly dinner meeting the fourth Thursday of each month at

the St. Lucie West Elks Lodge No. 2823, 440 N.W. Peacock Blvd., St. Lucie West. Social hour, 7 p.m. with dinner starting at 7:30 p.m. followed by a guest speaker. *For reservations, call (772) 468-1955 by the Sunday prior to the meetings.*

• **St. Lucie Model Boat Club:** The club meets every Tuesday at about 9 a.m. at the lake, 1800 Midport Road, just south of Lyngate Park in Port St. Lucie. The weekly races start at about 10 a.m. *For information, call (772) 879-0157.*

• **St. Lucie Regional Herpetological Society:** meets from 7 to 9 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. No admission fee. *For information, call (772) 785-5833.*

• **St. Lucie/Martin County Council of Beta Sigma Phi:** Meets on the second Monday of the month at the Morningside Branch Library in Port St. Lucie. There are 10 active chapters in St. Lucie and Martin counties. *For information, call (772) 462-1615.*

• **St. Lucie West Garden Club** meets on the fourth Friday of the month from September to April. The meetings will take place at 9 a.m. at Josef's, at The Saints at Port St. Lucie, 2601 S.E. Morningside Drive, Port St. Lucie. *For more information, call (772) 224-8317.*

• **Stroke support group:** meets second Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. at Brighton Gardens Port St. Lucie 1699 S.E. Lyngate Drive Port St. Lucie. Free. *Call (772) 335-9990.*

• **Sunset Green Market in East Lake Village:** Thursdays, from 3-7 p.m., Mary Ann Cernuto Park in East Lake Village/Port St. Lucie. Fresh produce, plants, flowers, baked goods, food and live entertainment. *For more information, call (561) 691-5858.*

• **Sunshine Strollers Square and Round Dance Club:** Dance programs every day of the week in St. Lucie and Indian River counties. *For details or directions, call*

*(772) 873-1642.*

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly:** Club meets every Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. at 2501 S.W. Bayshore Blvd., Port St. Lucie. *For information, call (772) 879-9753.*

• **The Florida Native Plant Society:** monthly meetings at the Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. *For information, call (772) 785-5833 or visit www.stlucieco.gov/erd/oxbow.*

• **Photography Club:** monthly meetings at the Oxbow Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, in Port St. Lucie. *For information, call (772) 785-5833 or visit www.stlucieco.gov/erd/oxbow.*

• **The Treasure Coast Woodturner's Club:** All interested people are invited. *For information, call (772) 332-8085 or (772) 473-6114.*

• **Thimble Buddies Quilt Guild of the Treasure Coast:** Meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging headquarters on Bayshore Blvd., Port St. Lucie. *For details, call (772) 336-1749.*

• **Transplant support group starting:** This is a support group for transplant recipients of all sorts in Port St. Lucie and Fort Pierce. *For details, call (772) 621-8796.*

• **Treasure Coast Camera Club:** Free meetings are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month, at the Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, in Port St. Lucie. *For details, call (772) 785-5833.*

• **Treasure Coast Coin Club:** holds a monthly meeting the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Building B, Room 120, at Indian River Community College on Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce. *For information, call (772) 794-3200.*

• **Treasure Coast Community Singers:** *For details, call (772) 692-1616.*

• **Treasure Coast Crafters:** *For information about the next craft show, call (772) 464-1082.*

• **The Treasure Coast 56ers:** *For information, call (772) 343-9442.*

• **Treasure Coast German-American Club:** For information, call (772) 343-0573.

• **Treasure Coast German Shepherd Club:** The only American Kennel Club and German Shepherd Specialty Club of the Treasure Coast meets the last Monday of every month at the Palm City community Center. *For more information, call (772) 286-3801.*

• **Treasure Coast Genealogical Society:** Volunteers from the Society are available every Tuesday at the Fort Pierce Branch Library, 101 Melody Lane to assist anyone who needs help in tracing their family roots. Sessions run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. *For information call (772) 465-1464.*

• **Orchid Society:** Monthly meetings will be held at the Port St, Lucie Community Center, 2195 Airoso Blvd. Meetings start at 1 p.m.

• **Treasure Coast Muzzleloaders:** Meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Vince Boccino Center at Francis Langford Park in Jensen Beach (by the arch). This is a non-profit group of historians, collectors and shooters. *For more information, call (772) 283-3562.*

• **Treasure Coast Rare Fruit Club:** Anyone interested in growing tropical or subtropical fruit is welcome. Door prizes and a tasting table will be offered. *For information, email bobbispencer@bellsouth.net.*

• **Treasure Coast Writer's Guild:** meetings begin at 3 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month at the Fort Pierce Branch Library, 101 Melody Lane. *For information, call (772) 462-2787.*

• **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12013:** Meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 113 Hall, 1150 S.W. California Blvd., Port St. Lucie.

• **Vogue Voices Toastmasters Club 8437:** Meetings are held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday evenings at the All-Florida Realty Training Center, 9156 South U.S. 1, Port St. Lucie. *For details, call (772) 834-5648.*

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• **Florida Highwaymen Art Show and Sale:** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 and Sunday, Dec. 8 at Vienna Trading, 3401 South US1, Fort Pierce. *For more information, call (772) 461-1662.*

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

• **Sights & Sounds Parade & Festival:** from 1- 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 at Orange Avenue and Second Downtown Fort Pierce. Sights and Sounds Festival & Parade is a festival & parade put on to bring the community together to showcase downtown Fort Pierce and kick off the holiday season. The festival includes music, food, children's activities, a community stage, local business and arts and crafts. The festival will conclude with a community parade through downtown. *For*

*more information, call (772) 466-3880.*

• **Surfing Contest:** Eastern Surfing Association Treasure Coast Florida District will be holding a series of surf contests through February at Fort Pierce Inlet State Park, 905 Shorewinds Drive. Contest is expected to start around 8 a.m., if weather permits. Public is welcome to watch. *To confirm contest dates, call the ranger station at (772) 468-3985 or visit tcst.surfesa.org.*

• **Run for the Health of it 5K/10K:** 6:30 a.m. to noon, 10824 S.W. Village Parkway, Port St. Lucie. Celebrate the opening of Tradition Medical Center. Registration is \$30 for the 10K (6:30 a.m. start time); registration is \$25 for the 5K (7 a.m. start time). *Register on active.com.*

• **Advent Lessons & Carols:** Prelude starts at 6:45 p.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Fort Pierce. This Advent variant of Lessons & Carols celebrates the coming of Jesus by telling the story of the fall of humanity and the promise of the Messiah. *For more information,*

*call (772) 461-5009 or visit mystandrews.org.*

• **'McAlpin Music - the Wonderful World of Music':** Indian River State College Chorale will present a varied program of classical and folk music from around the world. Two performances, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center in Fort Pierce. *For more information or to purchase tickets, call (772) 462-4750 or visit IRSC.edu.*

• **Annual Holiday Boutique:** 10 a.m., Temple Beth El Israel, 551 S.W. Bethany Drive, Port St. Lucie. Free admission, all are welcome. Breakfast and lunch, baked goods, crafts, new merchandise available. *Call (772) 878-0717 for more information.*

DEC. 8 – JAN. 6

• **Holiday Lights at Marina Square:** 6 p.m. through 10 p.m., downtown waterfront in Fort Pierce. *For more information, call (772) 467-3000.*

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# Hobe Sound course is a true hidden gem

Here on Florida's Treasure Coast we are always hunting for gold. Treasure if you will... A hidden gem perhaps... I think I may have just found one.

Heritage Ridge Golf Club in Hobe Sound recently invited me out to spend a morning chasing a little white golf ball across splendid green fairways and green. I love playing golf in new places, and since it had been several years since I

last traveled these links, I thought it a good idea to accept.

To my surprise I found out that Heritage Ridge had recently undergone renovations to its greens. The club's owners and management tweaked the course a bit, adding some length and getting the greens up to today's standards.

At one time, the club was an equity-owned facility. With over 700 members, it was difficult at best for outsiders to find a tee time. As a result this sweet golf course went relatively unnoticed for many years.

About a decade ago, the club was purchased from the original owner, who had bought it back from the membership. It was decided that the club needed more outside play to afford renovations and upgrades. The idea worked at what you have now at Heritage Ridge is a course that has been polished with beauti-



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ful foliage, plush fairways and perhaps the best greens in the area. Now, he wants to share his gem with everyone.

When you look at the scorecard you may ruffle your nose and think that a par-70 layout with five sets of tees, measuring 6,014 yards from the tips could never test your game. You had better think again. The course is no easy walk-in-the-park round of golf.

The course starts you off gently with a straight-forward up-hill par 4. The second hole grabs your attention quite quickly. The 180-yard tee shot is downhill to a narrow, yet wide green tucked behind water and a timber wall. You do not want to be short, but

long isn't a picnic either as there are numerous mounds to give you a scary pitch back toward the water.

The front nine features a drivable, for some big hitters, par-4 and a trio of tricky par-5s. Heritage Ridge requires you to use your brain, not just your muscles.

The signature hole here is the 535-yard par-5 eighth, with water coming in to play on every shot, there is little room for error. Even if you manage to avoid the wet stuff, there is sand guarding the green and out-of-bounds just over the green.

My favorite hole on the course is number 10. After stopping to refuel with a cold drink and a snack, you climb atop an elevated tee and smoke your drive down the fairway. The approach shot must clear the water, avoid the bunkers and settle nicely on a very tricky

green.

The back nine plays to a par of 34 with only one par 5, the 13th. It's a reachable par 5 playing to a length of only 510- yards from the tips. But don't let the length fool you, no one plunders birdies here without risk.

What you lose in length on the par-4s, you make up for on the par-3s. Four of the par-3 on the course are over 200- yards long from the back tee. I found myself hitting nearly every club in the bag, the mark of a truly good golf course.

When you play Heritage Ridge, make a point of bringing your best putting game along for the round. You will need it. The greens are quick and roll ever-so-smoothly. In addition to being fast, the greens are quite undulating. If you leave yourself a downhill or sidehill putt, you had best read it well and put a good stroke on the ball or you may find yourself three-

putting as I did on a couple occasions.

A feature that one usually only finds at expensive, exclusive resorts and fancy country clubs is beautiful landscaping. Here it can be found in abundance. The club prides itself on keeping everything pleasing to the eye. With palm trees swaying in the breeze and flowering foliage it's easy to get distracted from your game and actually relax on the course. You just can't bring your lawn chair or sand shovel to look for more treasure.

For more information or to schedule a tee time, call the pro shop at (772) 546-2800 or visit [www.heritagridgegolf.com](http://www.heritagridgegolf.com).

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 [stammerglass@yahoo.com](mailto:stammerglass@yahoo.com).

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who works for Mustard Seed Ministries, will discuss the health insurance requirements created by the new act and answer questions.

• **Blues Alliance of the Treasure Coast holiday party:** 6 p.m., B. Merry Gastro Pub, 23 S.W. Osceola Street (Old Post Office Arcade), Stuart. All are welcome. Jam starts at 7 p.m., with Kenny Clarke and Jeff LoForte. Food will be provided, along with a cash bar. Tickets are \$20; proceeds go to the scholarship fund. For directions, call (772) 324-8289. For

reservations, call the Blues Alliance Hotline: (772) 467-1851.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11**

• **Art Walk:** from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11 at Art Mundo, 111 Orange Ave., Fort Pierce. Art openings, snacks, drinks, music and raffles. Free of charge. For more information, visit [ArtMundo.org](http://ArtMundo.org).

**THURSDAY, DEC. 12**

• **Santa's Calling:** Free, for children ages 2-8 years old.

Pick up a Santa's Calling form at the Port St. Lucie Community Center, Minsky Gym or City Hall and turn in the form to the Community Center by Friday, Dec. 6. From 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 12 and Tuesday, Dec. 17, with the help of special operators, Santa will call registered children and offer a special holiday greeting with questions specifically drawn from the information on the registration form. Call (772) 878-2277.

• **Port St. Lucie Anglers Club:** Meets at 7 p.m., second Thursday of each month at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Each month is a different topic about fishing the waters of the Treasure Coast. The Public is invited; free coffee and doughnuts are served. Call Frank Zmorzenski at 772-225-3113 for more information or visit [pslanglers.com](http://pslanglers.com).

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**FRIDAY, DEC. 13 – SATURDAY, DEC. 14**

• **"The Nutcracker,"** Sunrise Theatre, Fort Pierce, 7:30 p.m. The St. Lucie Ballet will bring "The Nutcracker" to life on the stage. Cost: \$25 for students, \$30 or \$35 for adults. Website: [www.sunrisetheatre.com](http://www.sunrisetheatre.com).

• **'Star of Wonder' Planetarium show:** A family-friendly popular holiday tradition at the Hallstrom Planetarium at the main campus of Indian River State College in Fort Pierce. The show recreates the skies as they appeared 2,000 years ago, from constellations to the locations of planets at the time. The show will be presented on Friday at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and on Saturday at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3. Tickets may be purchased by calling (800) 220-9915, or visit [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu).

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**FRIDAY, DEC. 13**

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