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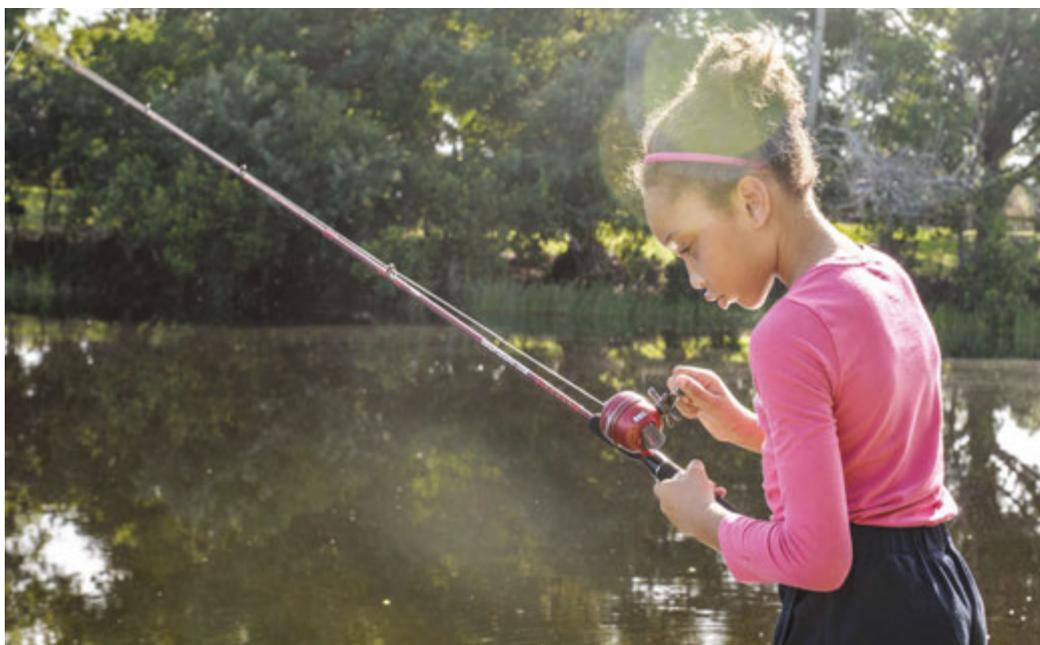


Photo by MaryAnn Ketcham

Local youth aged 6-14 enjoyed the Port St. Lucie PAL Fishing Clinic last Saturday. Volunteers from PAL and the Savanna Club's Fishing Club taught the children the basics such as how to tie knots, use lures and the best techniques. Here, Sarah Taylor patiently waits for a bite on the tasty bait on her hook.

Thirteen state constitution amendments in next election

By Mike Winikoff
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TREASURE COAST — Voters in the 2018 Florida General Election will face the most confusing ballot in a generation, especially regarding the proposed constitutional amendments. Understanding the proposals and figuring out how you wish to vote on each will take some time and independent research.

The Florida Constitution can be changed in

four ways. The legislature can propose a change by joint resolution. Citizens and nonprofits can follow an initiative process including the gathering of large numbers of signatures. The Constitutional Revision Commission can propose changes, and the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission can propose changes.

Proposed amendments require 60 percent approval from voters to pass, per Florida Constitution, Article XI, Section 5(e).

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City backs Lake Harvey plan

Port St. Lucie Council supports partnership with SLW Services District and Lake Harvey amenities

By Donald Rodrigue
For Hometown News

ST. LUCIE WEST -- The Port St. Lucie City Council agreed June 11 to begin formal discussions with the St. Lucie West Services District on a joint partnership to begin providing public amenities at the 12.5 acre Lake Harvey Storm Water Enhancement Project.

Assistant City Manager Patricia Roebing presented an overview of the proposal and the results of her community meetings since the Council directed staff in January to gauge public interest in the idea and what area residents would most like to see at the property on the northwest corner of St. Lucie West and Northwest Cashmere boulevards.

"First we met with four of the homeowner associations -- Kings Isle, Lake Forest, Magnolia Lakes and The Palms of St. Lucie West -- via phone conversation," she said. "In addition, we met with the St. Lucie West HOA Presidents Board, and so we had a lot of the other HOA people there as well. We got a lot

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Community calendar

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

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

- **'Wacky Weeders':** 8:30 a.m. to noon, Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie. The Gardens need your help! All volunteers are welcome, there are jobs everyone can do, regardless of age or ability. Bring gloves, clippers and any personal gardening tools you prefer. Lunch is served; core and school students can earn double volunteer hours. *For more information, call (772) 337-1959.*

- **'Kids Space – Sky Show for Young Astronomers':** 11 a.m., Hallstrom Planetarium, IRSC main campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Learn about the stars, constellations, moon, planets, and the exploration of outer space. All children must be accompanied by an adult. *For more information, contact the IRSC box office at (772) 462-4750 or visit www.irsc.edu.*

- **Legos for Kids:** 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Morningside Branch Library, 2410 S.E.

Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Suited for grades kindergarten through fifth grade, students can play, build and learn with Legos. Free. *For more information, call (772) 337-5632 or visit www.stlucieco.gov/library.*

MONDAY, JUNE 18 – FRIDAY, JUNE 22

- **Wesley's Island Eco Camp:** For ages 9-12. 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Meet at Museum Pointe Park, 420 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce. Take a scientific adventure on Wesley's Island and the Indian River Lagoon. Learn about birds, fish and exotic species and explore the island and lagoon while paddleboarding, kayaking, hiking, seine netting and fishing. Presented by Stella's Eco Stars in partnership with St. Lucie County ERD and the Oxbow Eco-Center. Fee is \$305 per child. Rainy day activities are planned as well. Registration required. (This camp for ages 9-12 is also offered July 9-13.) *For more information, visit www.stellamarisenvironmentalresearch.org/eco-camp-2018.html*

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

- **Writers Group:** First and third Tuesdays. 1-3 p.m., Lakewood Park Branch Library, 7605 Santa Barbara Drive, Fort Pierce. Get together with other writers to read and provide feedback on each other's work at this program. This informal writing support

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Community notes

Free citizenship classes

The Morningside Branch Library is teaming up with Learn to Read of St. Lucie to offer a 10-week Citizenship Series on Saturdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m., starting June 23.

Presented by Learn to Read, these free classes will cover an explanation of the Citizenship process, assistance filling out Citizenship forms, studying American Civics, U.S. History and U.S. Government for the Citizenship Test, preparation to read, speak and write in English, and more topics.

Space is limited to 10 students per session, so pre-registration is required by calling (772) 464-2747. Instructores se habla Español.

The Morningside Branch of the St. Lucie County Library System is located at 2410 S.E. Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie.

For more information call the Morningside Library staff at (772) 337-5632 or visit <http://library.stlucieco.gov>.

Mosquito Awareness Week June 28

Anyone who has spent time outdoors in St. Lucie County these last couple of weeks knows that our pesky summer-time insects are back in business. Recent rains left standing water throughout the Treasure Coast, creating the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes. Fortunately, the St. Lucie Mosquito Control District's response team is in action and seasonal fogging has begun.

The general public can learn all about the Mosquito Control District and the important work they do by participating in Mosquito Control Awareness Week, which takes place the last week of June each year. This year, St. Lucie Mosquito Control District will host an Open House / Touch-a-Truck event on Thursday, June 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the county compound, located at 3150 Will Fee Road, Fort Pierce. The event is open and free to the public.

There will be trucks and equipment on dis-

play, a mosquito science discovery area for budding entomologists, games and prizes, as well as demonstrations of equipment. Refreshments will be served.

For more informatino, visit www.StLucieMosquito.org.

Hurston Library celebrates namesake's latest book

Celebrate the release of a recently published novel by former Fort Pierce resident Zora Neale Hurston at the Hurston Branch Library on Saturday, June 30 at 2 p.m.

Hurston's "Barracoon: The Story of the Last Black Cargo" is the formerly unpublished story of Cudjo Lewis – a survivor of the transatlantic slave trade. Published by Harper Collins, this work from the late author of the American classic "Their Eyes Were Watching God" features a foreword from Pulitzer Prize-winning author Alice Walker. The story illuminates the horror and injustices of slavery as it tells the true story of one of the last-known survivors of the Atlantic slave trade — abducted from Africa on the last "Black Cargo" ship to arrive in the United States.

To discuss the book, Hurston's legacy and the "Unheard Voices of America," the Hurston Library welcomes Zora scholar Professor Marvin Hobson from Indian River State College. Zora Neale Hurston's books, including "Barracoon," will be sold at the event by the Friends of the St. Lucie County Library.

The Zora Neale Hurston Branch of the St. Lucie County Library System is located at 3008 Avenue D, Fort Pierce. For more information about library programs, call (772) 462-2154 or visit www.stlucieco.gov/library.

Pup Crawl invites you to be a hero for pets in need

Be a hero in a pet's life and join the Humane Society of St. Lucie County for the inaugural **See NOTES**, page 8

Amendments

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For the November, 2018 general election, 13 proposed amendments will be on the ballot. Of these, eight were submitted by the CRC, three by the legislature, and two by citizen petition initiative.

The CRC meets once every 20 years. Florida is the only state with a constitutional amendment commission.

The CRC, created by Article XI, Section 2 of the Florida Constitution, has 37 members. The constitution sets the Attorney General as the only automatic member. The Governor appoints 15 commissioners including the commission chair. The President of the Senate appoints nine, the Speaker of the House of Representatives appoints nine, and the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court appoints three commissioners.

The Treasure Coast was represented on the CRC by Bob Solari of Vero Beach and Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch of Sewall's Point. Both were appointed by the President of the Senate, Joe Negron.

The CRC held 15 public meetings across the state and reviewed thousands of public comments, before rejecting some proposals and combining others into its eight proposed amendments.

Making this year's process especially challenging is that the CRC "bundled" different issues into the same amendment. Of the amendments proposed by the CRC, only two, No. 12 (Lobbying and Abuse of office by Public Officers,) and No. 13 (Ends Dog Racing) deal with one clear-cut issue. Each of the other six from the CRC combined dif-

ferent proposals.

These will be the most difficult decisions for voters, as there are many people who agree with part of an amendment and disagree with the other parts, but you must vote either in favor or against the whole bundle. For example, No. 9 prohibits offshore oil and gas drilling and prohibits vaping in enclosed indoor workplaces.

Listed below are brief summaries of the amendments on the ballot. Each is excerpted from the state website, and in some cases there have been disputes regarding whether the state's summary accurately reflects the proposed amendment. Voters are urged to do research and review the pros and cons. Search the internet for the title and number of the amendment and you will find a variety of viewpoints for each.

(1) Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption, proposed by the Florida legislature. Increases the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies.

(2) Limitations on Property Tax Assessments, proposed by the legislature. Permanently retain provisions currently in effect that limit property tax assessment increases on specified non-homestead real property, except for school district taxes, to 10 percent each year.

(3) Voter Control of Gambling in Florida, proposed by a citizen initiative group called Voters In Charge. Ensures that voters shall have the exclusive right to decide whether to authorize casino gambling by requiring that all casino gambling must be approved by voters. Defines casino gambling and clarifies that this amendment does not conflict

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with federal law regarding state/tribal compacts.

(4) Voting Restoration Amendment, citizens' initiative proposed by Floridians for a Fair Democracy, Inc. Restores voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after they complete all terms of their sentence including parole or probation. The amendment would not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses, who would continue to be permanently barred from voting unless the Governor and Cabinet vote to restore their voting rights on a case by case basis.

(5) Supermajority Vote Required to Impose, Authorize, or Raise State Taxes or Fees, proposed by the legislature. Prohibits the legislature from imposing, authorizing, or raising a state tax or fee except by a two-thirds vote of each house. This proposal does not authorize a state tax or fee otherwise prohibited by the Constitution and does not apply to fees or taxes imposed or authorized to be imposed by a county, municipality, school board, or special district.

Proposed amendments 6-13 are all from the Constitutional Revision Commission.

(6) Rights of Crime Victims; Judges. Cre-

ates constitutional rights for victims of crime; requires courts to facilitate victims' rights; authorizes victims to enforce their rights throughout criminal and juvenile justice processes. Requires judges and hearing officers to independently interpret statutes and rules rather than deferring to government agency's interpretation. Raises mandatory retirement age of state judges from seventy to seventy-five years; deletes authorization for judges to complete term if one-half of term has been served by retirement age.

(7) First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges and Universities. Creates mandatory payment of education and compensation benefits to qualifying survivors of first responders and military members who die performing official duties. Requires supermajority votes by university trustees and state university system board of governors to raise or impose legislatively authorized fees. Establishes existing state college system as constitutional entity; provides governance structure.

(8) School Board Term Limits and Duties; Public Schools. Creates a term limit of eight consecutive years for school board members

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of really good comments, input and suggestions.”

After Ms. Roebling and her staff presented the stakeholders several potential amenities for the Lake Harvey area, they whittled it down to about nine items: An eight-foot-wide pathway winding throughout the property and adjacent wetland; a pergola similar to the one across the street at Cashmere Corners; a gazebo and boardwalk through part of the lake; fitness stations similar to those at Crosstown Parkway; a fountain in the middle of the lake; and landscaping and shade trees along the pathway. The assistant city manager said her biggest success so far was when she told St. Lucie West Services District board members about the potential to move royal palms from the McCarty Ranch site for a third of the cost of purchasing new ones.

“We mentioned that to the St. Lucie West Services District, and they have already committed they would give us \$50,000 towards the landscaping and irrigation, so that’s a commitment already on the books,” she said. “Lake Forest gave us \$1,000, I believe Ms. Cutler gave us \$100, and so there’s some more interest. We’re having people reach out to us wanting to support.”

Even though Ms. Roebling emphasized she was not presently asking for funding and that the conceptual plan could easily be altered, Councilwoman Stefanie Morgan said she wondered if the proposed amenities would even be utilized due to the nature of St. Lucie West itself.

“St. Lucie West to me is all gated commu-

nities,” she explained. “It is not a walking area, there are not bikers -- it’s not like Crosstown where we have the exercise stations and... you’ve got so many single family homes right there. Within the gated communities, they have their pools, they have their parks, they have their workout rooms, they have their amenities there. To me, I don’t see this as a huge priority.”

Councilwoman Jolien Carballo then questioned whether the Council would still have a say-so once the initial conceptual plan and inter-local agreement were drafted and approved by both the Council and the St. Lucie West Services District.

“So anything that we approve this evening would still have to be approved for funding for that particular idea moving forward?” she asked. “If we approve this this evening, is that \$50,000 automatically assigned right now and we’re going to go forward with something in the project?”

Ms. Roebling responded affirmatively on both questions.

“That’s what we were going to bring back with the inter-local agreement, and we can do that, and you can approve any part of that inter-local agreement,” she responded. “What we can do is have those things [amenities] listed, but the first phase in our conceptual plan would be to go ahead and get the royal palms relocated and landscaping and irrigation put in for the \$50,000.”

Although Councilwoman Carballo said she understood Councilwoman Morgan’s viewpoint, the former still backed the proposed amenities if only for the beautification aspect of the proposal.

“I would agree at that point because the trees were something that was an integral piece to have put in immediately,” Council-

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woman Carballo added. “Conceptually I have no problem approving it because we’re not attaching any funding, so I think it gives us the opportunity to have further discussions on it moving forward. It’s such a prominent corner in St. Lucie West, where there’s so much traffic and people are looking upon that particular parcel continually. I believe there’s an opportunity there for beautification, whether through passive walking areas or a pergola.”

For his part, Councilman John Carvelli believes the residents of the adjacent King’s Isle community deserve some foliage to replace all that cut down by the St. Lucie West Services District upon construction of Lake Harvey.

“I think more than anything it just takes away from the whole ‘there’s a corner with a lake with some wetland grasses growing up through the middle’ kind of thing,” he said. “I think we need more than that. If the Water Service District is going to kick in some money on this to get the project started with the trees, that’s fine with me... I think it’s going to beautify the corner.”

Ms. Roebling agreed that the trees were important to both the District and the resi-

dents of King’s Isle.

“The residents had asked for a wall or a vegetative buffer,” she said. Mr. Hayden is here from the St. Lucie West Services District. We have discussed this buffer, and without making any commitments on their behalf, I know it is a concern for them so that would be something in the inter-local agreement we could discuss because the residents did make it a very big priority.”

Vice-Mayor Shannon Martin oversaw the discussion in the absence of Mayor Gregory Oravec and said she favored approving the conceptual plan and beginning with the royal palms as soon as possible.

“I know that this has been a pretty big community effort in getting everyone’s feedback so I’m in favor of moving forward with it,” she said. “I’ve very happy about the \$50,000 from the St. Lucie West Service District and agree with the majority of Council with putting the trees first because that was a big thing.”

The Council subsequently voted 4-0 with Mayor Oravec absent to approve the conceptual plan and authorize Ms. Roebling to draft the agreement with the St. Lucie West Services District.

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Eric Barton Bailey, 27, 5000 block of Pinetree Drive, Fort Pierce; battery by person detained in prison or jail facility.

Scarly B. Metelus, 18, 1000 block of South U.S. 1, Fort Pierce; warrant for violation of probation, trespass of an occupied dwelling, possession of a firearm after being found delinquent.

Fitzroy Estacy Hill, 44, 400 block of Southeast Doat Street, Port St. Lucie; battery by person detained in prison or jail facility.

Alan Michael William, 19, 1500 block of Southwest Janette Avenue, Port St. Lucie; battery by person detained in prison or jail facility.

Tyrone Izard, 19, Miami; warrant for bur-

glary of a conveyance.

Christopher Eric Mathis, 38, 500 block of North 21st Street, Fort Pierce; warrant for burglary of a dwelling with assault or battery, aggravated battery; warrant for failure to appear, aggravated battery on a pregnant victim; warrant for court order to revoke bond, aggravated battery on a pregnant victim.

Maureen Dasilva, 54, 5200 block of Seagrape Drive, Fort Pierce; warrants for grand theft, uttering a forged bill, check or draft, worthless checks on June 11.

Katie Holland, 25, 7500 block of Pinelakes Boulevard, Port St. Lucie; warrant for giving false information to a pawnbroker on June 11.

Lindsey Grace Barker, 19, 3000 block of Southwest Collings Drive, Port St. Lucie; possession of a controlled substance (amphetamines) without a prescription.

Cory A. Chnupa, 29, 3200 block of First Lane, Vero Beach; possession of a con-

trolled substance (xanax) without a prescription; possession of a controlled substance (oxycodone) without a prescription; possession of a controlled substance (lorazepam) without a prescription.

Pondexture Eugene Weathers, 32, 900 block of North 22nd Street, Fort Pierce; possession of a controlled substance (suboxone).

Craig Mitchell Cullen, 52, 11000 block of Southwest Aventino Drive, Port St. Lucie; warrant for exploitation of the elderly on June 11.

Edgar Gamez, 25, 100 block of North 12th Street, Fort Pierce; out-of-county warrant, Indian River County, court order to revoke bond, assault on an officer, battery on an officer.

Kenneth Pernel Sandlin, 58, 7000 block of Winter Garden Parkway, Fort Pierce; possession of marijuana over 20 grams; producing marijuana; possession or use of drug paraphernalia.



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Arron Samuel Kinney, 26, 1500 block of Angle Road, Fort Pierce; warrant for violation of probation, grand theft.

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group is organized by community volunteers and is free and open to anyone interested in writing. Writers of all genres and skills are welcome to drop in and participate. For more information, contact the staff at (772) 462-6870, email shroyer@stlucieco.org or visit <http://library.stlucieco.gov>.

• **Weekly Storytime Jam:** Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Zora Neale Hurston Branch

Library, 3008 Avenue D, Fort Pierce. Designed for ages 2-5, this interactive program will have your young ones clapping, dancing, singing and listening to stories each week. For more information, call (772) 462-2154 or visit <http://library.stlucieco.gov> or email rovittoa@stlucieco.org.

• **Celebrate Recovery:** 7-9:30 p.m., Fairlawn Baptist Church, 3003 Rhode Island Ave., Fort Pierce. A free, Christ-centered recovery program offered every Tuesday evening. For more information, call (772) 461-0814.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

• **Ukulele Jam:** 5:30-7:30 p.m., third Thursday each month, Morningside Branch Library, 2410 S.E. Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Join an informal group of ukulele enthusiasts of all skill levels who play, or want to learn to play, the ukulele. Learn from more experienced players and help those with less experience. If you don't have a uke, come anyway and try one of ours or just sing. See CALENDAR, page 12

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

A comment on store discounts

Teachers don't need to get discounts at stores. What teachers here need to do is move to Rhode Island. Teachers there make 86K/yr, \$116K with pension and benefits. Principal makes \$118K/yr, \$146K with pension and benefits. It's so liberal that the teachers get whatever they want.

Folks think that it's cheaper to live in Florida? Car insurance is double, house insurance is triple, property taxes dollar for dollar are much higher, and medical care is better at the same price. Time to move?

ities, guilt, or loneliness

Sleep: insomnia or nightmares

Also common: emotional detachment or unwanted thoughts

Sanity and common sense needs to be restored in our Country and Legal System. How can anyone feel safe when a legal determination of complete innocence and no prosecution in the death of an unarmed person is allowed to be accepted as the correct solution to a murder? The true victim is unable to testify in their own defense. The Grim Reaper seems to be the one calling the shots in today's world.

Wild in the streets

Incredible! A person with a diagnosed mental health disorder Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is allowed to possess a firearm and a Florida Concealed Weapon or Firearm License. Even more mind boggling is the new version of the Florida Stand your Ground Law that lets them get away with murder.

The recent determination by an Assistant States Attorney in Indian River County that a self-professed victim of a purported threat by an unarmed citizen in a supposed road rage incident cannot be charged with any crime defies the common sense thinking of most people.

PTSD requires a medical diagnosis and symptoms may include nightmares or unwanted memories of the trauma, avoidance of situations that bring back memories of the trauma, heightened reactions, anxiety, or depressed mood.

People with PTSD may experience one or more of the following symptoms:

Behavioral: agitation, irritability, hostility, hypervigilance, self-destructive behavior, or social isolation

Psychological: flashback, fear, severe anxiety, or mistrust

Mood: loss of interest or pleasure in activ-

To graduating seniors

Congratulations. You have learned so much more than what is written in your text books. You have learned the hard way that the world can be a dangerous place, that life is not always fair and others cannot be held responsible for your personal safety. Hopefully these things have given you the ability and strength to deal with the real world.

Computer-savvy librarians

Isn't it about time the libraries retire any librarians who don't know about computers? We are in a new age. Older people are trying to learn the computer. Give the jobs to the younger people who know the computers. Let the older librarians retire.

Maybe turn the library into a teaching center on computers and how to use smartphones. A lot of young people know the computers and are looking for a job.

For the sake of the future

In response to the reader who feels climate change is a conspiracy theory; exactly what research have you done to arrive at your conclusion?

Is it a keeper?



Local youth aged 6-14 enjoyed the Port St. Lucie PAL Fishing Clinic last Saturday. Volunteers from PAL and the Savanna Club's Fishing Club taught the kids the basics such as how to tie knots, use lures and the best techniques. Join the fun as PAL, the City of Port St. Lucie Parks & Recreation Department, the Port St. Lucie Angler's Club and Savanna Club host the Annual City Tournament on Saturday, August 11th at the P.A.L. Building at Rotary Park, 2101 SE Tiffany Ave. Here, Sarah Taylor checks out her little catch.

Photo by MaryAnn Ketchum

Did you read the NASA site that states more than 97 percent of actively publishing climate scientists agree that climate warming trends over the past century are extremely likely due to human activities?

Have you researched the many major societies such as the American Meteorological Society that agrees with this premise?

Do you know Miami Beach has implemented a major pumping system to pump out encroaching water since the city floods, even on sunny days?

No, this is not fake news and you can drive down there to see it with your own eyes.

Moral of the story, don't believe every conspiracy theory you read on the internet.

Be an independent thinker and do research to get various opinions and then decide for yourself.

Be wary of special interest groups (such as the oil and gas industry) who have a monetary stake behind denying climate change.

Visit NASA.gov and see what they have to say. Google "Exxon Mobil stance on climate change" and see their position. Google the Solomon Islands and educate yourself.

If we wait too long to react, it will be too late to reverse the damage. Don't get educat-

ed for yourself, rather do so for your kids, grandkids, great grandkids, etc.

Our Mother Earth depends on it.

Don't get bottled up

Unless there are water restrictions in place, I think it should be illegal for an eatery to refuse its patrons water and insist that they only have bottled water.

Strict about maintenance

I live in an HOA and we have strict rules and regulations. Maintenance including grass cutting is permitted starting at 7 a.m. My grass was cut at 7:15 a.m. this morning. Lawn maintenance starts early otherwise they would be hard pressed to finish especially in an HOA. As an aside my grass has not suffered any ill effects of the early cutting. And no one in this HOA to the best of my knowledge has ever complained otherwise the HOA would change the rules. Most residents are up and attending to their daily rituals. I am very glad that I live in an HOA where everyone has to abide by the rules and regulations.

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Amendments

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and requires the legislature to provide for the promotion of civic literacy in public schools. Currently, district school boards operate, control, and supervise all public schools. The amendment permits the state to operate, control, and supervise public schools not established by the school board.

(9) Prohibits Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling; Prohibits Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces. Prohibits drilling for oil and natural gas beneath all state-owned waters between the mean high water line and the state's outermost territorial boundaries. Adds use of vapor-generating devices to prohibition of tobacco smoking in enclosed indoor workplaces with exceptions.

(10) State and Local Government Structure and Operation. Requires legislature to retain department of veterans' affairs. Ensures election of sheriffs, property appraisers, supervisors of elections, tax collectors, and clerks of court in all counties; removes county charters' ability to abolish, change term, transfer duties, or eliminate election of these offices. Changes annual legislative session commencement date in even-numbered years from March to January; removes legislature's authorization to fix another date. Creates office of domestic security and counterterrorism within department of law enforcement.

(11) Property Rights; Removal of Obsolete Provision; Criminal Statutes. Removes discriminatory language related to real property rights. Removes obsolete language repealed by voters. Deletes provision that amendment of a criminal statute will not affect prosecution or penalties for a crime



committed before the amendment; retains current provision allowing prosecution of a crime committed before the repeal of a criminal statute.

(12) Lobbying and Abuse of Office by Public Officers. Expands current restrictions on lobbying for compensation by former public officers; creates restrictions on lobbying for compensation by serving public officers; provides exceptions; prohibits certain abuses of public office for personal benefit.

(13) Ends Dog Racing. Prohibits gaming or pari-mutuel entities from racing dogs in connection with wagering; eligibility of such entities to conduct other authorized pari-mutuel and gaming activities is not affected; prohibits wagering on outcome of in-state live dog races.

For more information about the CRC proposals or process, visit the CRC website, flcrc.gov, where you can read the CRC's final report and view proposal history and vote records. There are also links to the public hearing testimony where you can read pro and con arguments of non-profit organizations and members of the public.

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Visit six city parks this summer, win prize

For Hometown News
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PORT ST. LUCIE -- The City's Parks & Recreation Department has come up with a fun, new way residents and visitors can explore the City this summer: Visit six eligible Parks & Recreation locations in one week and earn a prize.

Those who accept the challenge to "get your park on" can scan a QR code at each of the eligible locations and upload a photo by the park or facility sign of each location. Participants must do this at six separate locations within one week to earn a prize.

The City's Get Your Park On Challenge will run from June 4 to Aug. 10, 2018.

The eligible locations are:

The Port St. Lucie Community Fitness and Wellness Center, 2195 S.E. Airoso Blvd.

The Humana Fitness & Wellness Center at the PSL Civic Center, 9221 S.E. Civic Center Place

Lyngate Park, 1301 S.E. Lyngate Dr.
Sandhill Crane Park, 2355 S.E. Scenic Park Drive

Whispering Pines Park, 800 S.W. Darwin Blvd.

Jessica Clinton Park, 3200 S.E. Southbend Blvd.

Charles E. Ray Park, 5626 N.W. Manville Drive

Sportsman's Park, 201 N.W. Prima Vista Blvd.

The Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd.

McCarty Ranch Preserve, 12525 Range Line Road

A map of these, and all the City's Parks and Recreation parks and facilities, along with the amenities at each location can be found at <http://www.cityofpsl.com/government/departments/parks-recreation/facilities-map> and <http://www.cityofpsl.com/government/departments/parks-recreation/parks-map>.

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Pup Crawl, Saturday, June 30, from 2-6 p.m., in historic downtown Fort Pierce. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. at Cobbs Landing, 200 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce, or pre-register at www.hsslc.org under the events tab.

For a \$20 donation, participants 21 years and older will gain VIP access to four bars in down-

town Fort Pierce. This includes drink specials at each stop and a commemorative Koozie. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a Superhero costume contest.

The theme is "Be a Hero in a Pet's Life" so dressing yourself and your pet in your best superhero disguises is encouraged.

For more information, contact David Lynch at (772) 801-8564 or dlynch@hsslc.org, or Katherine Cordero at (954) 410-6484 or katherine@stluciechamber.org.



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The car dealers dirty little secret

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ON CARS
EARL STEWART

Hopefully by now, all but my newest readers know about the infamous “Dealer Fee”. If you don’t know, it’s a hidden price increase on the car you purchase disguised to look like a federal, state, or local tax or fee. It’s 100 percent profit to the dealer. “Dealer Fee” is the most common name for this disguised profit, but it goes by many names such as doc fee, dealer prep fee, service fee, administrative fee, electronic filing fee, e-filing fee, tag agency fee, pre-delivery fee, etc. The names are only limited by car dealers’ imaginations. Almost all car dealers in Florida charge a Dealer Fee. The dealer fees range from around \$700 to as high as \$2,000!

This is the Florida law that is supposed to regulate the Dealer Fee:

“The advertised price must include all fees or charges that the customer must pay excluding state and local taxes.” The law also requires that the Dealer Fee must be disclosed to the buyer as follows: “This charge represents costs and profits to the dealer for items such as inspecting, cleaning, and adjusting vehicles and preparing documents related to the sale.”

This law is very weak and almost never enforced. When enforced, it isn’t enforced by the letter of the law; it is done to

“accommodate” the car dealers. The law is “weak” because it requires only that the dealer fee be included in the “advertised” price. The word “advertised” is narrowly interpreted to mean a specific car shown in a newspaper, TV, radio, or online ad, but, what about when you get a price on the phone, online, or from the salesman? You don’t find out about the Dealer Fee until you’re in the business office signing a tall stack of papers spit out by the computer. The dealers get around including their dealer fees in advertisements very easily by including a “number” in the fine print. This number is their “stock number” that designates ONE specific car. When you respond to the ad, this car is no longer available (sales people are usually not paid a commission for selling the “ad car”). The advertisement might say “many more identical cars are available.” It’s true that identical cars are available for sale, but they are not available for sale at the sale price because they’re not the advertised stock number car. If you buy one of those “exact same cars” you will pay from \$700 to \$2,000 more.

The reason I’m told that the law is rarely enforced is that the Florida Attorney General’s office is understaffed and too busy

enforcing other Florida laws. I’m also told that Florida car buyers don’t file very many complaints against car dealers for violating the Dealer Fee law. I don’t believe that there can be too many other infractions of the law that take more money annually from consumers than dealer fees take from car buyers. Just one car dealer selling 1,000 cars a year and charging a \$1,000 dealer fee is taking a \$1 million annually from car buyers. Most car dealers in South Florida sell more than 1,000 cars annually and many charge more than \$1,000 dealer fee. I believe that the reason more complaints aren’t filed on the dealer fee is because most car buyers don’t know that they are being duped. They either don’t notice the fee or assume it’s an official federal or state fee. Dealer often tell their customers that all dealers charge it and that it’s required by law.

The Attorney General also “accommodates” the dealers by not interpreting the law the way it was intended. For example, the law says that the dealer fee must be included in the advertised price. The Florida

Senate has ruled that the law requires that the fee be “included” rather than “specifically delineated.” But the Attorney General allows car dealers to advertise car prices without including their dealer fee in the price if they just mention that there is a dealer fee in the fine print; but they don’t state the amount. To me they are simply allowing the car dealers to break the law.

Lastly, the required disclosure of the Dealer Fee on the vehicle buyer’s order or invoice is confusing, misleading, and incorrect: “This charge represents costs and profits to the dealer for items such as inspecting, cleaning, and adjusting vehicles and preparing documents related to the sale.” It should not say “costs” because any cost that you pass along to the customer in the price of a product is pure profit. A dealer can pass along his utility bills, sales commissions and advertising if he wants to and call it a “dealer fee”. It should not say “inspecting, cleaning, and adjusting vehicles” because all car dealers are reimbursed by the manufacturer for

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Earl

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"inspecting, cleaning, and adjusting vehicles".

So, what should you do when you are confronted by a car dealer with the "Dealer Fee"? Besides "LEAVE", here are some suggestions that may help you:

Make it clear from the very beginning that all prices you discuss must be "out-the-door" prices. This way you don't care if the dealer fee added up front because you will shop and compare their bottom line price with at least 3 competing car dealers. Ideally you should require that they include tax and tag in that price. If you don't they might try to slip in something they call the "electronic filing fee" or "e filing fee" and trick you into believing that it's part of the license tag and registration.

The dealer will often tell you that all car dealers charge Dealer Fees and that they are required by law to add the dealer fee on every car they sell. Simply tell them that you know this is not true and you can cite me and other car dealers like OffLeaseOnly.com and Earl Stewart Toyota (my dealership) that do not charge a dealer fee. Print out a copy of this article, show it to them, and tell them that you know that there is no law that says he must charge you a dealer fee.

If you and the dealer understand that the out-the-door price is the price you will shop and compare with his competition, you don't need to be concerned whether there is a dealer fee showing on the vehicle buyer's order. To be competitive, the dealer can simply reduce the price by the amount of his Dealer Fee and the bottom line is what you are comparing.

Be aware that dealers usually do not pay their sales people a commission on the amount of their dealer fee. In fact, dealers often misinform their sales people just like they do their customers. The salesman who tells you that the all dealers charge Dealer Fees and that the law requires everyone pay

a dealer fee may believe it. Sale people who understand that the Dealer Fee is simply profit to the dealer will be resentful of not being paid their 25% commission on it. A \$1,000 dealer fee costs the salesman \$250 in commission.

When you respond to an advertisement at a specific price for a specific model car, object when the dealer adds the dealer fee. Unfortunately, the law allows him the loophole of claiming that the ad car is a different stock number, but you might be able to shame him into taking off the dealer fee. If you raise a "big enough stink", the dealer would be smart to take off the dealer fee than claim that technicality, especially if you were to advise the local TV station or newspaper.

There are many auto-buying services available. These third-party companies claim to get you a better price than the dealer will charge you. Some of these are quite good and I personally recommend the following: Consumer Reports, American Express, GEICO, Allstate, AAA, Sam's Club, AARP, and USAA. Those that I just mentioned are all partnered with TrueCar and use www.TrueCar.com for their member pricing. You can also go directly through TrueCar. True Car is unique among third-party auto buying services because once they show you your TrueCar member price online, they do not allow car dealers to add dealer fees to the member price.

They also don't allowed dealer installed options to be added either. TrueCar and their partner companies allow only government fees to be added to the member price...sales tax and license/registration. Before using any third party auto buying service not listed above, verify that their member prices are the out-of-door price plus government fees only.

I hope that these suggestions help you and I hope that you will file a complaint with the Florida Attorney General, Pam Bondi. If enough consumers (who are also voters) let our elected officials know how they feel about the Dealer Fee, it will bring positive results.

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Camping World coming to Fort Pierce

City approves zoning change and conditional use request to permit 80,000 square-foot Jenkins Road facility

By Donald Rodrigue
For Hometown News

FORT PIERCE -- The City Commission unanimously approved zoning and future land-use changes and a conditional use permit June 4 to enable Camping World to build an 80,000 square feet retail and repair facility on South Jenkins Road near Samuel Gaines Academy.

Camping World had cobbled together five parcels totaling 45 acres for the project, and City Planner Brandon Creagan recommended the Commission approve the request to change both the underlying Planned Unit Development zoning and Low Density Residential Future Land Use to General Commercial, along with the conditional use for vehicle repair.

"The Planning Board at their May 8 meeting voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the proposal as requested," he said. "The requested application for Zoning Atlas Amendment meets the criteria... of the city and the Comprehensive Code and does not adversely affect the public health, safety, convenience and general welfare."

Port St. Lucie-based land planner Brad Curry represented Camping World during

both the quasi-judicial and legislative hearings, admitting this was the company's second attempt to build a facility in St. Lucie County.

"As you may know, Camping World made an attempt to come to Fort Pierce several years ago and the property that they chose was in the county," he said. "After about a year and a half of trying to get the project approved, they wound up leaving and going on. They came back, and this time they were fortunate enough to find a piece of property that's actually within the City of Fort Pierce. We had a neighborhood meeting on May 17 and had about 21 people there. I think there may have been some in opposition, but nobody spoke up in opposition. The majority of the people there were very favorable of the project."

Mr. Creagan admitted he had received both support and opposition to the project from nearby property owners in the rapidly growing Jenkins Road corridor.

"Twenty-one letters were sent to property owners within 500 feet of the subject property," he explained. "Two letters were returned for approval and five letters were returned in opposition to the request. The Planning Department also received letters of support from the Treasure Coast Research Corridor Association, and Great American RV Properties LLC."

Commissioner Reginald Sessions asked for more details about the proposed project, and Mr. Curry emphasized that campers sometimes planned their itineraries around Camping World locations to have recreational vehicle service nearby. The company

has 85 locations across the United States, with 16 of those already in Florida.

"They have a fairly significant following and specialize in sales and service of campers, from the small, trailerable camper all the way to the big motorhomes," he said. "There will be no overnight stay on this property; if you're getting your camper serviced, you wouldn't be able to stay there. Recently they were able to purchase Gander Mountain -- it's now called Gander Outdoors -- so that's added a whole other service to this. It's kind of like a Bass Pro Shop: It's a one-stop shop for anybody who'd going to be doing any camping."

Only three members of the public spoke out during the hearing, with one in favor of the project and two against it. Peters Road resident Richard McClure said he was also speaking on behalf of another nearby resident supporting the requested zoning changes and conditional use permit.

"I'm just up here to voice my support, and also Mr. Bud Wynn, who owns the property across from I-95 there that's adjacent," Mr. McClure said. "He couldn't be here tonight, but he asked me to also voice his support."

A nearby Jenkins Road resident, Betty Froebel, expressed the opposite viewpoint, worrying about the strain the additional traffic would put on the two-lane road.

"I'd like to address the issue of whether the traffic study has been done on the corner and if there's going to be a traffic light at the corner of Graham and Jenkins Road," she said. "I am not within 500 feet and was never invited to the neighborhood meeting. If I'd received a card, I would have said no.

We are going to be getting 300-plus units across the street from us, so an additional commercial development there I don't feel is in compliance with our residential zoning."

Her husband, Keith Froebel, also expressed concern about the future impact of both Camping World and Celebration Pointe, the housing project his wife mentioned slated at build-out to have 318 single-family homes, 145 townhomes and 292 villas.

"All the traffic from these businesses and Celebration Pointe are all going to exit out onto Jenkins Road," he exclaimed. "Right now at certain times of the day, the traffic is non-stop, bumper-to-bumper going up and down the road. Once you get past the school, there are residences all the way to Orange Avenue, so building something of this magnitude in that area is completely the wrong location."

In response to Ms. Froebel's concern about congestion at the corner of Graham and Jenkins roads, Mr. Curry emphasized that the results from his traffic study would be thoroughly vetted.

"We aren't proposing a signalized intersection at Jenkins and Graham," he said. "We did prepare a traffic study, it was reviewed by your staff and will be reviewed through St. Lucie County as part of the right-of-way and driveway permits."

Although the Commission voted unanimously to approve the project, some commissioners did express concerns about several issues, such as adequate signage and drainage and requiring sidewalks as part of See **CAMPING**, page 12

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Choosing between a laptop and a desktop

People are often surprised when they find out that I prefer laptops over desktop (or tower) computers. For the average computer user, laptops have everything a person needs to get up and running right out of the box. It's usually not necessary to have to shop around for parts – the typical laptop comes equipped with all the hardware needed so there are no surprises. For example, you don't have to worry about getting it home and finding you still need to get a webcam to get online and talk with Skype. Laptops, by default, generally come with everything one needs to do the basic computing tasks that the typical user is trying to do.

"But aren't desktops more powerful than laptops?" people will often ask and to that I reply with mostly "no" and I say mostly because remember, we are talking about the "typical" computer user here, not a "super user" or "gamer" with needs beyond what I listed earlier. Now if you were to tell me you were setting up some type of file server or that you were planning on editing video or maybe doing computer aided design (CAD) then maybe a tower or desktop model is more appropriate. A tower does typically have more space inside so you can add multiple hard drives and the cooling on a desktop or tower is often better than you get with laptop simply because things aren't crammed together as tightly. And cooling is



COMPUTE THIS
SEAN MCCARTHY

important when pushing your machine hard like you do when gaming, video editing or CAD but again, these aren't things that the "typical" computer is doing. No for the basic tasks, a laptop is just fine. Today's laptops have power to spare for the basics.

"But Sean, I never take my computer anywhere and I just hate to try to type on that tiny keyboard" is an objection that I hear often and here's where laptops really shine. Did you know that you can plug in a standard keyboard, mouse and monitor into a laptop and use it just like you would a desktop? In fact, many people who get rid of their old desktop and start using a laptop are surprised to find they can plug their old computer's keyboard, mouse and monitor into the new laptop and it's indistinguishable from their old desktop! Actually, there is one distinction, with the old desktop they only had one monitor. When they plugged their old monitor into their new laptop they now have two screens! The mouse zips from one screen to the next and they're

delighted to find they can drag icons and windows from one screen to another. All this right out of the box.

So what that means is that if you're replacing an old desktop or tower and you decide to get a laptop, don't throw away the old machine's keyboard, mouse or monitor! Find a place on your desk for the laptop and you still have the benefit of a full size keyboard, a regular mouse and a second screen. On top of that, the laptop battery makes for a fine UPS (uninterruptible power supply). If you had your old machine plugged into the wall and the power dropped out, your old machine would reboot if it wasn't plugged into a UPS. With a laptop, the battery kicks in and lets you continue right through the power outage giving you enough time to close and save whatever you were doing which, of course, is much better than having the rug yanked out from under you like in a power outage.

"But what if I'm not upgrading from a desktop, what if I'm just buying a new machine or replacing an older laptop? Shouldn't I get a desktop since I don't have a full size keyboard, mouse and monitor? Again, I'm not going to take it anywhere and I do hate using that touch pad and tiny



keyboard."

To that I answer save yourself some aggravation and pick up a twelve dollar keyboard and a ten dollar mouse. You can also find used, flat panel monitors for dirt cheap at thrift stores or Goodwill if you look hard enough.

The point is your laptop doesn't have to be limiting and irritating to use. Setting one up to take advantage of a full size keyboard, mouse and monitor is super easy and cheap. And once it's all set up on your desk, you'll have a hard time telling the difference between it and a desktop.

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

Camping

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the development. Commissioner Reginald Sessions particularly worried about the chronic flooding he said plagued the western part of the city.

"That area has been flooding, and... that's an issue that we're going to have to deal with," he said. "Let us not -- and I cry out to my staff -- let us not ignore that. We don't want to set ourselves up to fail as the people come in and want to develop that area."

In response to questions by Commissioner Jeremiah Johnson, Marty Sanders, the

executive director of growth management, land acquisition, inter-governmental relations, facilities & maintenance for St. Lucie Schools, said the nearby Samuel Gaines Academy did not have any flooding or drainage issues to-date.

"I was there after the storm last fall, and there wasn't a drop of water in the parking lot, unlike the stuff in the lower elevations of the Five Mile Creek Basin, the latter said. "Most of this area I think is well outside of that flood plain. It still may have some drainage problems, but I don't believe it has the same flood plain problems that Five Mile Creek has."

Commissioner Thomas Perona said he understood the feelings expressed by the

staff continued to monitor the flooding and drainage issues in the area, highlighting the fact that Mr. Curry said Camping World would employ about 80 people.

"Presently we may not be having flooding, but by the same token the more hard tops you have, the more water you're going to have to drain," he said. "It's a beautiful project and it's going to bring a lot of jobs into the area, so I'll support it."

The City Commission will hold its second and final hearing on the zoning and future land-use approvals once it receives feedback from the State of Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity on the approved changes.

Commissioner Sessions said he would also support the project if city and county

Calendar

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along! Free, public is welcome. This program is in partnership with the Treasure Coast Ukulele Club and is geared towards adults.

No unaccompanied minors please. For more information, contact Sandy Henry-Gordon at (772) 337-5632 or email Henry-GordonS@stlucieco.org

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

• Showdown on the Green Golf Tournament: Benefit for Heathcote Botanical Gardens, Fort Pierce, moved from June 9 due to weather conditions. Four-member scramble format tournament has a shotgun start at 8 a.m., Fairwinds Golf Course, 4400 Fairwinds Drive, Fort

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Dining & Entertainment

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Fresh Catch snags customers with atmosphere, fresh seafood

For Hometown News
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STUART – There are many reasons Fresh Catch is one of the area's best restaurants, including freshly caught seafood and some of the best burgers in town. Throw in an upcoming expanded lunch menu, and this hot-spot is a top choice for culinary enthusiasts.

Owners Jocelyn and Eric Olson have worked the past few years to ensure that Fresh Catch is the best place to find fresh seafood because Mr. Olson has many contacts in the Treasure Coast fishing industry and beyond. The menu is – top-to-bottom – filled with flavor and selections that will delight diners with every bite.

"People come here for the seafood," Mrs. Olson said. "But there's such a variety of food on the menu and every dish is unique and special that you can't get anywhere."

Mr. Olson agreed, saying seafood will always be the mainstay of the restaurant. But he also touted the central location of the restaurant and easy access for diners up-and-down the Treasure Coast.

"It's like a 'little Kissimmee' because it is right in the middle of everything," Mr. Olson said. See CATCH, page 14



Photo for Hometown News

Jocelyn and Eric Olson own and operate Fresh Catch in Stuart. Here, Mr. Olson holds a freshly caught wahoo. Inset: Fresh Catch's Shrimp and Corn Chowder, the Angus Burger and Ahi Tuna Nachos and the famous Seafood Pot.

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Horoscopes



ARIES - March 21/April 20

Aries, your head is in the stars and your feet are on the ground, but this outlook is working for you. Just do not live in fantasy land too long.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Taurus, just when you thought a relationship had gone as far as it could go, things start to change this week. Plenty of excitement is coming your way.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

You might get word of something exciting or new coming your way, Gemini. A chance to socialize with others or even a job opportunity may be on the horizon. Keep an eye out.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

This is a week for having fun and letting loose, Cancer. These may be things you haven't done in some time and you can certainly use a break from the norm.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

You may be reticent to go back to work, especially if you are coming off of an extended vacation, Leo. But putting off the inevitable See SCOPES, page 15

Out & about

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

• **Port St. Lucie Applebee's to host after party for JessLee concertgoers:** 9:30 p.m., 10501 S. U.S. 1, Port St. Lucie. This is an after-party following the release party for JessLee's new album, "Strong," which will be held at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center on June 15. Concert attendees are welcome to stop by the restaurant following the release party for a meet & greet with JessLee. The Stuart native, who recently competed on NBC's "The Voice," will mingle with fans, sign autographs and pose for pictures. More information and updates can be found at

www.JessLeeMusic.com/party.

• **Food Truck Invasion:** This event is hosted at Tradition Square on the first and third Friday of the month from 5-9:30 p.m. Catch us as we invade Tradition in Port St. Lucie. We'll have the food trucks parked at Tradition Square. This is a huge outdoor picnic where food trucks of different origins, cuisine and menus prepare food that is cooked to order. It's not fast food and a bunch of these trucks are run by chefs. A great deal of fusion cuisine, comfort foods and sweet treats to choose from. Be sure to bring your folding chairs or blankets to picnic on the lawn at Tradition Town Hall.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15 – SATURDAY, JUNE 16

• **'The Planets':** Hallstrom Planetarium, IRSC main campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. In a recorded narration, Kate Mulgrew (Captain Janeway of 'Star Trek: Voyager') takes us on a grand tour of the solar system. Explore the surfaces of Mars, the perils of the asteroid belt, the cold rings of stormy gas planets and the features of other solar systems. Show times are Friday

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Catch

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Olson added. “We get customers from Palm Beach County and up to Vero Beach and beyond.”

For example, if a person casts a glance at the soup-of-the-day they will find a wonderful Shrimp-and-Corn Chowder that is a signature menu item that simply has to be tried over and over again. The cup is filled with tons of shrimp and corn – and even more flavor – that darn-near qualifies as a meal and is ready in an instant. Nothing compares to it and it is well worth opening any meal.

“We have that every day,” Mr. Olson said. “It’s a crowd favorite.”

For appetizers, it is advisable to select the Ahi Tuna Nachos, which come in groups of six and are served on a fried wonton that goes perfectly with the Asian slaw, seaweed and wasabi cream sauce. For the lunch or dinner crowd, this is another perfect way to enjoy a ton of flavor while not over-stuffing oneself on the way toward the main courses, and it is as fresh as fish can get. Fresh Catch’s wahoo fish dip also is a great way to start, and it is made with a personal touch that is great for the palette.

Speaking of main courses, lunchers can do no wrong by getting the Angus Beef Burger, which features a ½-pound hunk of angus beef and adding cheese and bacon also is advisable, but the burgers are delicious and go great with any toppings. The burger is certainly a meal and is mouth-watering to just look at, so order it and taste one of the best burgers around.

Dinner guests who want a full-course meal in one go should dig into the customer-favorite “Seafood Pot,” which features a bowl full of clams and mussels and shrimp that are served in a delightful and tasty garlicky butter sauce with tomatoes and lemon that is served with the best breadsticks ever and is perfect for dipping during the meal. The dish also can come with Capelli D’Angelo noodles that are perfect to fill any stomach.

But if you really want a treat, please try the Grouper Taco – which comes blackened grilled or fried. Not only is the taco served with the most massive load of grouper, but it comes with fresh cabbage and salsa that is out-of-this-world. Ranch dressing and cheese completes the gigantic selection and it can come as a platter with waffle fries and cole slaw – which are amazing – they can be added for only \$3 and makes a full lunch or dinner that will leave you satisfied beyond belief. It goes great with the house hot sauce,

made by Fresh Catch with a character all its own.

“We make our salsa fresh, and we cut all our own tomatoes and cilantro, and onions and we roast our Anaheim peppers and peel them and include a hint of jalapeno in there,” Mrs. Olson said. “That’s what makes our taco so special.”

But Fresh Catch also offers a children’s menu with fried fish, cheese quesadillas, chicken tenders, a burger for the little ones and macaroni & cheese, fried shrimp or a corn dog. These include waffle fries or applesauce and a juice box or fountain drink. The menu makes Fresh Catch a perfect family environment, which is something the Olsons strive for every day.

“You can bring a date here and enjoy the music at a high top, but there are many families that come here and set up out on the patio and the kids throw a football on the lawn,” Mrs. Olson said. “So, it’s definitely got the best of both worlds as far as the atmosphere to be dressy and have a night out or have the family here and enjoy a nice day.”

Down the road, Mr. Olson has intentions on expanding the lunch menu to better accommodate customers, which will include items such as sausage and peppers and a Philly Cheesesteak sandwich – among other selections – that will delight diners who need a quick lunch in a hurry or dinner guests on their way home from work. Plus, the bar is full-service and is a wonderful destination for people who just want to relax after a hard-day’s work.

“I want to designate days for certain specials that we have,” Mr. Olson said. “We might even put that Caesar-chicken wrap on there because people really like it.”

One other unique offering the company has is a call list for fresh seafood. With it, customers are automatically given notice about their favorite seafood once it comes off the boat. The list grew organically from customer requests, and now anybody who wants to enjoy items such as the two huge fresh-caught wahoos recently will be notified once it comes through the door.

“People that have favorite soups or catches – like Manhattan or New England clam chowder or Bahamian conch – get a phone call from the hostess, who gets in touch with each and every person,” Mrs. Olson said. “It’s something that we like to do as small-town owners.”

For more information about Fresh Catch – located at 1411 S.E. Indian St. in Stuart – please visit the website at www.freshcatch-stuart.com or call 772-286-6711. The restaurant also has a Facebook page that features specials and things that are happening around town such as specials for graduates or other groups.

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Spend Father's Day cruising and car show

For Hometown News
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TREASURE COAST – Looking for something fun to do on Father's Day? What about cruising from Stuart to Fort Pierce and then enjoying a car show, music, food vendors and more?

Those interested in participating in the cruise can meet JB Bugs, 3500 Candice Ave.,

in Jensen Beach at 8:30a.m. to cruise to the Fort Pierce Father's Day Car Show together being held at causeway Cove Marina, just east of South Bridge. The show, presented by Cosmic Barley, starts at 10 a.m., Bring tents and chairs, coolers and beverages. Bring your bathing suits, too. There are bathrooms on site.

The event will be filled with classic and custom cars, custom motorcycles, world

class jazz with Shak Nasti Fan Page and The Sunrise Jazz Combo and David Gonzales, food vendors, water sports with Lisa's Kayaks, kids activities, vendors, local brewery tastings, craft liquor tasting, as well as a full bar.

Part of proceeds go to MMPS Environmental, to help sink the Voici Bernadette, a general cargo ship to be added to the local artificial reef inventory. Entrance is \$5 per

car load for entrance and parking.

Want to enter your vehicle in the show? It is \$15 to register the day of the event or register via eventbrite. There will be prizes for best in show, best custom, and best classic car. The first 50 registrations will receive a sponsored grab bag.

For more information, visit Cosmic Barley's Facebook page.

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at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Saturday at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5. For more information, contact the IRSC box office at (772) 462-4750 or email boxoffice@irsc.edu.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

- **Jiffy Photo/Canon Macro Workshop:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road, Fort Pierce. Learn how to get the best shots that bring you up close to nature and learn new ways of presenting your subject. Fee is \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members. To RSVP, call (772) 464-4672

- **Taste of the Tropics plant/gift sale:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie. In cooperation with the

Treasure Coast Rare Fruit Club, the gardens invite you to explore the world of tropical fruits available on the Treasure Coast and enjoy a tasting of rare fruit wines made locally. Browse many annuals, perennials and Florida-friendly plants as well as fruit trees, shrubs, native plants, orchids, exotics, bamboo and garden related crafts that will be available from the Gardens and numerous vendors. Find what you need to make your Garden grow and talk with the experts while you tour the Gardens. Free

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SUNDAY, JUNE 17

- **Summer Solstice Drum Circle:** Fifth annual event celebrates the longest day of the year with drummers, dancers, hoopers, poi spinners, the spiritually minded and See OUT, page 16

Scopes

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will only make the transition tougher.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

Virgo, there may be some buzz surrounding your social life this week if you are game for taking chances. It may be time to pursue a burgeoning friendship.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

Are you ready for a well-calculated risk, Libra? If so, then a startup venture, sizable investment or converting a hobby into a career could be the way to go.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

You can't lie to yourself, Scorpio, so own up to anything that needs improving. Take some time for some serious self-reflection and devise a plan to fix things.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21

Love and support are all around you this week, Sagittarius. This support couldn't come soon enough. Some extra support will help you overcome an obstacle.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Capricorn, there is strength in numbers. If you can rally together a team, you can accomplish much of your to-do list for the week in half of the time.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

Thoughts about how you can work less but earn more may have been swirling through your mind, Aquarius. Write down your plan and determine how to make it happen.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

Truth may be stranger than fiction this week, Pisces. Before you believe that something is false, gather all the facts.

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Library launches new page to screen series

For Hometown News
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FORT PIERCE – Is the book always better than the movie? Here's your chance to discuss that often debatable question at the Susan Broom Kilmer Branch Library's Page to Screen Series: A film and book discussion for adults.

Held on the third Friday of the month from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., participating adults will read the book; watch the film and discuss them.

· June 15 – "Rebecca" (1940) is based on the 1938 book by Daphne Du Maurier. A self-conscious bride is tormented by the memory of her husband's dead first wife. The film is not rated with a running time of 130 minutes

· July 20 – "The Help" (2011) is based on the 2009 book by Kathryn Stockett. The story of three African American maids working in white households in Jackson, Miss., during the early 1960s. Rated PG-13 with a running time of 146 minutes.

· August 17 – "The Sense of an Ending" (2017) is based on the 2011 book by Julian Barnes. A man becomes haunted by his past and is presented with a mysterious legacy that causes him to re-think his life. Rated PG-13 with a running time of 108 minutes.

Copies of each selection will be available for check out.

The Susan Broom Kilmer Branch of the St. Lucie County Library System is located at 101 Melody Lane. For more information about programs visit www.stlucieco.gov/Library.

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spectators. Experience an authentic Native American ceremony honoring the Mother Earth and Father Sky and learn about the significance of the Summer Solstice. 7-9 p.m., Savannas Preserve State Park, 2541 S.E. Walton Road, Port St. Lucie. Extra drums will be available for those who don't have one; please bring drums, shakers, tambourines, etc., if you have them. Also please bring a chair suited to outside seating

and drumming. Park entrance fee is waived due to \$5 cover; children under age 12 admitted free, children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult 21+. Family friendly community event will be held rain or shine. Bring your own drinks, no alcohol, no drugs. Donations are appreciated. For more information, visit www.friendsofsavannas.org.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

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The “Happiest Place on Earth” is getting even happier. Walt Disney World in Orlando is investing a ton of money on new rides, new worlds and even more. It is truly the best place to take a family on vacation, especially if everyone in the family has different interests. With summer upon us, there is no better time to go than the present.

Later this month Toy Story Land will open in Hollywood Studios. Star Wars Land is going up quickly, as is the new Guardians of the Galaxy in EPCOT. Disney also recently broke ground on a new Tron ride in the Magic Kingdom. There is a lot going on at the parks and even more elsewhere on the property.

For a family, there truly may be no better place to vacation. In addition to hitting the theme parks, there is golf, horseback riding, fishing, water parks, boat rentals, shopping and world-class dining, and just relaxing available at Disney World.

We just spent a weekend taking in the renovated and expanding Disney Springs downtown area. There are loads of shops, restaurants, and more there. You can even catch street musicians playing next to the fountains.

Our headquarters for the weekend was the Double Tree Suites right next to Disney Springs. In fact, the hotel is one of seven Disney hotels (www.disneyspringshotels.com) right in the heart of Disney World. In addition to a wonderful two-room suite, breakfast, refreshing pool, and other amenities, guests staying at any of these hotels, get early park entrance, shuttles to

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and from the parks, and discounts on golf and other things. Florida and Georgia residents, as well as military, education, first responders, AAA members, and seniors all receive package discounts.

Disney Springs Hotels are currently offering summer vacation packages, with rooms starting at just \$99 per night. If you stay at the Double Tree Suites (800-222-8733), you will also get those signature chocolate chip cookies at check-in and what may be the friendliest staff I have ever met. The hospitality here made us feel very welcome and set the mood for the day and evening at “magical.” The pool was refreshing, the drinks at the bar cold, and the room quite comfortable.

With all the tempting relaxation at the hotel and the new things to see and do at the parks, it was difficult to pull myself away for a round of golf. Somehow, I managed.

When most people think about golf at Walt Disney World, they think of the Palm and Magnolia Courses where the PGA Tour once played. Some of us however, are old enough to remember when the Tour also played at Disney’s Lake Buena Vista Course (www.golfwdw.com).

The PGA Tour last used the Lake Buena

Vista Course during the Disney Classic in 1997. The Tour may have left, but for me, the Lake Buena Vista Course is my favorite on the property. It’s not long by any means, but you can see some of the very-back tees the Tour added over time to lengthen the course enough to challenge the top professionals.

What Lake Buena Vista lacks in length, it makes up for with challenging greens, tree-lined fairways, lots of bunkers and some of the most beautiful trees and fauna on any of the Disney tracks.

Designed by Joe Lee, LBV has four sets of tees, playing to a par of 72 for the men and 73 for the ladies. The very back tees play to just a couple yards over 6,800. The forward tees come in at just over 5,200 yards.

The course starts you off with a par-5 that should allow you to get your round going early. While it’s not a long hole, at 514 yards from the back tees, it is fraught with danger.

The front nine wanders its way through pastel vacation villas and past a lighthouse. The short par-3 seventh features an island green.

Holes eight and nine are the number one and five toughest holes on the course. The par-5 eighth will test you on your second shot as the woods encroach from both sides



the closer you get to the green.

The back nine features dense woods surrounding the course. At one point you will tee off over a canal as a Disney boat meanders by.

Eighteen is a stout par four that measures well over 400 yards. The hole rewards the daring golfer who can play a tee shot from left to right with a shorter approach. This may come in handy as you must hit a narrow green surrounded by bunkers and trees.

The best thing about your entire stay is that you get to enjoy your time while surrounded by the magic and enchantment of Disney.

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



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Father's Day doesn't mean taking Dad out to dinner

Here it is, my big day and guess what? I am still cooking the dinner ... what's up with that? But I'm not the only father cooking on Father's Day.

A lot of dads like to cook on our special day. That's probably why not as many families go out to eat on Father's Day. More than 80 million people dine out on Mother's Day. Almost that many on Valentine's Day, too, which seems like a replay for the same person.

Now don't get upset, I think that's fine. But what about Dad's Day? We are always playing second fiddle to mom. Look at TV sports awards or championship games. Players are always saying, "Hi Mom" or "I love you Mom" or "this is for you Mom."

Guys, we need to step up our game. Maybe we should show our loved ones how much they mean to us by cooking for them that day and making it a memorable experience each year. Food has a way of



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creating a memory that can last a lifetime. Of course, it better be good.

I can help you with that, and here are some great recipes that can do the trick. Oh, by the way, as far as a gift for Dad, make it simple. A call from family far away or not so far away is great and personal. A card always touches my heart with a hand written note inside. Don't just buy something to give as a gift, try to share your emotions with dad. He will love that.

Now how about a recipe for baby back ribs. Come on, it's Father's Day and we love them. Or, if it must be a salmon filet, you

can use the same seasoning ... almost.

BABY BACK RIBS

Serves 4-6

Ingredients

- Two 2-1/2 to 3 pound racks baby back pork ribs
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1/2-cup Teriyaki sauce
- 1/2-cup orange juice
- 1 cup sweet barbecue sauce
- 2 tablespoons paprika
- 2 tablespoons melted butter

Directions

Pre-heat oven to 325F. Salt and pepper the ribs on both sides and place on a sheet pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes and remove from oven.

In a bowl, mix all ingredients except the salt and pepper to make the sauce. Coat ribs with sauce on the top and bottom and return to oven an additional 15-20 minutes or until the meat pulls away from the bone. Let the ribs rest 5 minutes then cut and serve.

SAUTÉ SALMON FILET

Ingredients

- Two 6-ounce fresh salmon fillets, 1-1/8 to 1-1/4 inches thick, pin bones removed
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon butter
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup teriyaki sauce
- 1/4 cup fresh orange juice

Directions

Mix teriyaki sauce and orange juice in a zip lock bag and add salmon filets; marinate for an hour.

Set a 10-inch nonstick sauté pan on medium heat and melt butter and oil together. Place the fillets in the pan, flesh side down. Cook for 2 minutes or until golden brown. Turn each fillet over and continue to cook for another 2 minutes. Take off heat, cover and set aside for 2 minutes before serving.

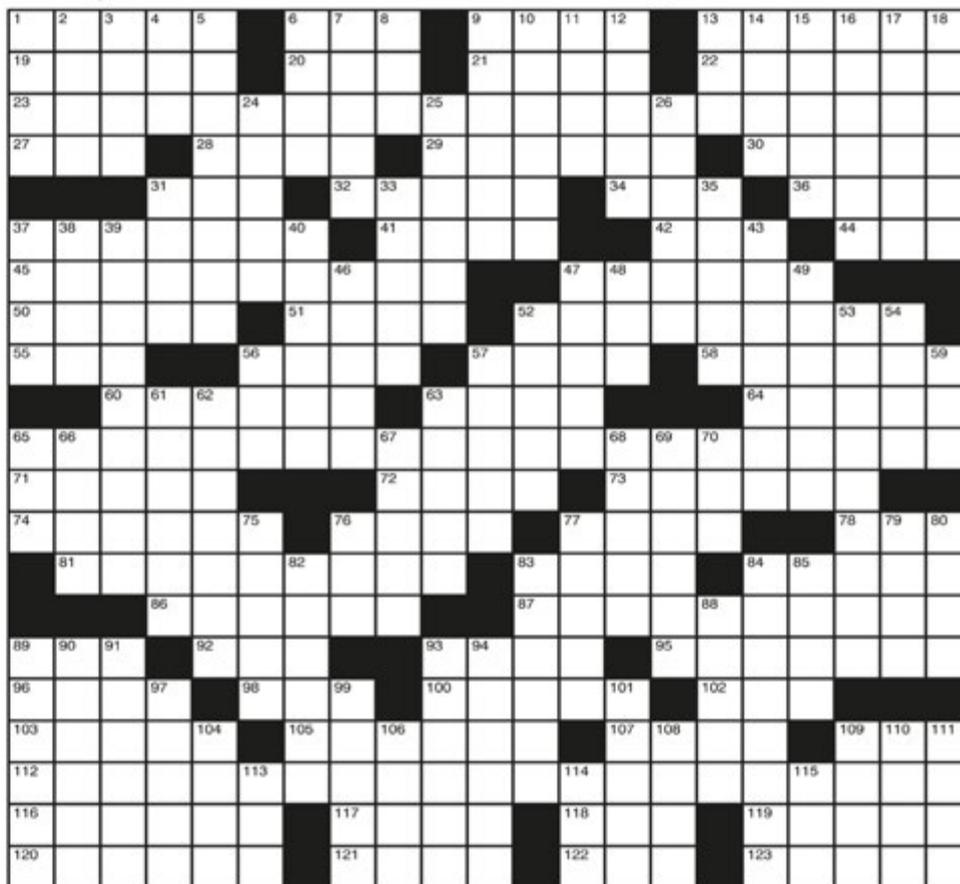
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- **Tuesday Night Jazz Jam:** Presented by the Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society from 7-10 p.m. at the Black Box at Sunrise Theatre, 117 S. Second Street, Fort Pierce. Sit-in participation welcome. Call (772) 460-5299 or visit www.jazzsociety.org.
- **Bingo & trivia:** Entertainment by AJ the DJ, plus drink specials, free bingo, prizes, and pop-quiz trivia, every Tuesday from 8-10 p.m., St. Lucie Lanes, 6759 S. U.S. 1, Port St. Lucie. For more information, call (772) 461-5390.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

- **Family Fun Night:** Entertainment by AJ the DJ, plus bingo, prizes, and pop-quiz trivia, every Wednesday from 5-8 p.m., Wing-Stop, 2575 S. U.S. 1, Fort Pierce. One child eats free with purchase of one adult entree. For more information, call (772) 242-1064.
- **Weekly Latin Dance:** Every Wednesday night, 8-11 p.m., Midtown Grill & Bar, Fort Pierce. Salsa, Merengue, Bachata. \$5. For more information, (703) 402-3645.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

- **Ukulele Jam:** 5:30-7:30 p.m., third Thursday each month, Morningside Branch Library, 2410 S.E. Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Join an informal group of ukulele enthusiasts of all skill levels who play, or want to learn to play, the ukulele. Learn from more experienced players and help those with less experience. If you don't have a uke, come anyway and try one of ours or just sing along! Free, public is welcome. This program is in partnership with the Treasure Coast

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Nice Catch!

Parker Layman, 13, of Stuart, caught this 30-inch Large-mouth bass in a pond in Tropical Farms.



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Ukulele Club and is geared towards adults. No unaccompanied minors please. For more information, contact Sandy Henry-Gordon at (772) 337-5632 or email Henry-GordonS@stlucieco.org

• **Dance:** 7-9:30 p.m. every Thursday, Polish American Club, 343 Prima Vista Blvd., Port St. Lucie. \$8 per person. BYOB and soda. For reservations, call Cindy, (508) 287-3370.

THROUGH FRIDAY, JUNE 22

• **'Just Four Fun:'** Four Florida artists will be presenting an exhibit full of surprises from May 4 to June 22 at the A.E. Backus Museum & Gallery, 500 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce. Call (772) 465-0630 for more information or visit www.backusmuseum.com/services.html.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

• **Movie Matinee:** Showing 'Black Panther' at 2 p.m., Zora Neale Hurston Branch Library, 3008 Avenue D, Fort Pierce. Rated PG-13, 134 minutes. Anyone younger than thirteen who would like to attend a film rated PG-13 must have a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian. Permission slips will be available at the front desk. For more information, contact Gabe Gresham at (772) 462-2154 or email greshamg@stlucieco.org

• **Movie Matinee:** Showing 'Spider-man: Homecoming' at 2 p.m., Lewis Library, 2950 S.W. Rosser Blvd., Port St. Lucie. Featuring Tom Holland, Robert Downey Jr. and Michael Keaton, Peter Parker balances his life as an ordinary high school student in Queens with

his super-hero alter-ego Spider-Man, and finds himself on the trail of a new menace prowling the skies of New York City with a little help from Tony Stark (aka Iron Man). With a running time of 133 minutes, the film is rated PG-13. Anyone younger than thirteen who would like to attend the film rated PG-13 must have a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian. Permission slips will be available at the front desk. Free. For more information, call (772) 871-5470, email limal@stlucieco.org, or visit www.stlucieco.gov/library.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 26

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF ROSANN PEARSON, Deceased. File No.: 2018CP647

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Rosann Pearson, deceased, whose date of death was November 20, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 250 NW Country

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The date of first publication of this notice is June 15, 2018. Personal Representative: Virginia-Deann D'Orsi 2 Sedgewick Park Woburn, Massachusetts 01801-3109 Attorney for Personal Representative: Eric S. Kane, Esquire Florida Bar No. 0847941 Eric S. Kane, PL 20900 NE 30th Avenue, Suite 403 Aventura, Florida 33180. Pubs: 6/15/18 & 6/22/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF MICHAEL F. WARD, Deceased. Case No. 2018CP000534

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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estate of Suzanne Ward, deceased, whose date of death is November 23, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 700, Fort Pierce, FL 34954. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Personal Representative: Suzanne Ward, 318 SE Ines Avenue, Port St. Lucie, FL 34984 Attorney for Personal Representative: Rodolfo Suarez, Jr., Esq., Attorney for Petitioner, Florida Bar Number: 013201, Suarez Law, 2950 S.W. 27th Avenue, Suite 100, Miami, Florida 33133, Telephone: 305-448-4244, E-Mail: rudy@suarezlawyers.com Pubs: 6/15/18 & 6/22/18

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF WALTHERE V. OOMS, Deceased. File No.: 312017CP001036

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Walthere V. Ooms, deceased, File Number 312017CP001036, is pending in the Circuit Court for Indian River County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1028, Vero Beach, The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Florida Bar No. 0874401 Pubs: 6/15/18 & 6/22/18 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF ETHEL A. GARDNER, Deceased. File No.: 2018CP000418

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Ethel A. Gardner, deceased, whose date of death was October 13, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 700, Fort Pierce, Florida 34954. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Walnut Avenue, Bohemia, New York 11716 Attorney for Personal Representative: Robert J. Kulas, Attorney, Florida Bar Number: 398195, Kulas Law Group, 2100 SE Hillmoor Drive, Suite 105, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952, Telephone: 772-398-0720, Fax: 772-398-9331, E-Mail: information@kulaslaw.com, Secondary E-Mail: kristin@kulaslaw.com Pubs: 6/15/18 & 6/22/18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ST. LUCIE COUNTY STATE OF FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF DOROTHY AGNES DUNKLEY, Deceased. File No. 562018CP000730

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(Summary Administration) You are hereby notified that a Petition for Summary Administration has been filed in the estate of Dorothy Agnes Dunkley, deceased, date of death March 16, 2018, in the Circuit Court for St. Lucie County, Florida, Probate Division File No. 562018CP000720, the address of which is P.O. Box 700, Fort Pierce, FL 34950.

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5060 Notice of Sale

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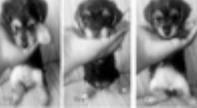
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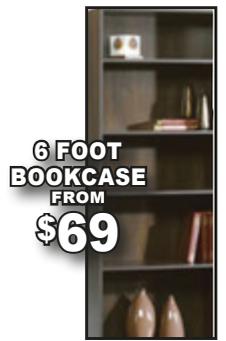
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