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**HOW WEIRD IS THAT?!**  
SEAN MCCARTHY

Spend any time surfing the Web and you are bound to find stories that are just too bizarre to be true. Here's a sampling, edited for length. And remember, just because it's online doesn't mean it's true!

From *king5.com*:  
**Neighbor asks permission to dump body in trash**

A man who asked his neighbors if he could dump a body in their trash was arrested.

Tacoma Police spokesman Sgt. Mark Fulghum said it was unclear if the neighbors actually gave the man permission to dump the body in their trash, but he allegedly did it anyway.

Police said the body was that of a 16-year-old Tacoma boy who had been shot in the head.

From *NBCSanDiego.com*:  
**Man dressed as Gumby fails in attempt to rob 7-Eleven**

A man dressed as Gumby attempted to rob a 7-Eleven, but his efforts failed, in part because the clerk couldn't take him seriously.

The suspect told the clerk he was robbing the store, San Diego Police Detective Gary Hassen said. The clerk, thinking the man was playing a prank, responded that he didn't have time and had to clean. Video surveillance showed the suspect fumbling in his pocket for a non-existent — or inaccessible — gun. After a few minutes, the suspect left with an accomplice in a van. The attempt occurred at 12:30 a.m., but the clerk didn't think to report it to police until 6 a.m.

From *buzzfeed.com*:  
**Dutch woman calls ex-boyfriend 65,000 times**

Dutch prosecutors are charging a 42-year-old woman with stalking after she allegedly called her ex-boyfriend 65,000 times in the past year.

The 62-year-old victim from The Hague filed a police complaint due to the persistent phone calls. Police arrested her and seized several cell phones and computers from her home.

Hague prosecution spokeswoman Nicolette Stoel said the woman argued to judges at a preliminary hearing she had a relationship with the man and the number of calls she placed to him wasn't excessive. The man denied they had a relationship.

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WEEKEND WEATHER



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**Saturday:** Isolated thunderstorms; high: 86; low: 74; high tide: 12:11 a.m.; low tide: 6:01 p.m.  
**Sunday:** Scattered thunderstorms; high: 85; low: 74; high tide: 12:14 a.m.; low tide: 6:18 p.m.  
*Weather courtesy of www.weather.com*

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## Congressman to host entrepreneur summit

By Jessica Tuggle  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Inspiring entrepreneurs with innovative ideas and providing networking opportunities are the catalysts behind one legislator's trip to Indian River County this month.

Congressman Bill Posey, R-Rockledge, will host an entrepreneur summit at the Richardson Center

at Indian River State College's Mueller Campus on Sept. 28 from 8 a.m. to noon.

"This is a great opportunity for Treasure Coast entrepreneurs to showcase their new products and innovative technologies to the public and potential investors with the goal of creating jobs and new businesses in the local area," said Rep. Posey in a press release.

George Cecala, Rep. Posey's press secretary, said the presenters at the

meeting show great potential and he hopes the public will come out to see what is on the horizon.

The congressman has already hosted four other similar summits in other locations within his congressional district, which currently includes all of Indian River, most of Brevard, most of Osceola

and a small portion of Polk counties. The new lines for the dis-

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## Aquatic Special Olympics is no doggy paddle



Special Olympics swimmer Amber Fallo practices her free-style swimming at the North County Aquatics Center last Thursday.

Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

## North County pool to host state championships Oct. 1-2

By Jessica Tuggle  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Practice, practice and more practice is the motto for the local Special Olympics aquatic team members, who hope for a chance to compete at the state championship meet in October.

Ten swimmers from the

team of about 40 will be chosen at random to compete at the Special Olympics of Florida state aquatic championship meet at the North County Aquatic Center on Oct. 1 and 2.

They've all worked as hard as they could to get to this level of competition, said Darla Danis, volunteer county coordinator with the Special

Olympics of Indian River County.

Athletes such as Amber Fallo, 22, train hard throughout the year and wait excitedly to find out if they will be able to swim in their favorite events at this high level of competition and keep practicing to hone their skills.

Ms. Fallo's specialties are the 50-meter freestyle

and the 50-meter breaststroke. She teaches others in the group how to perfect their movements while swimming, so they swim faster and don't get disqualified for an illegal stroke or kick.

"I love the water. My mom helps me practice a lot," Ms. Fallo said.

She demonstrated the

See **AQUATIC, A4**

## Six candidates to vie for three seats in Sebastian race

By Jessica Tuggle  
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SEBASTIAN — Three incumbents will face two challengers in the November election for three seats on the Sebastian City Council.

Sitting council members Andrea Coy and Vice Mayor Don Wright are seeking re-election and will be joined on the ballot by Amber Miller, Damien Gilliams, Bob McPartlan and David DeVirgilio.

Current city councilman Eugene Wolff qualified for re-election, but withdrew his candidacy due to family responsibilities.

Each candidate was given a questionnaire with questions pertaining to their platforms. Five candidates responded by press time.

Due to the length of the responses, we'll begin with the incumbents. Look for

interviews with challengers in next week's paper.

Mr. DeVirgilio did not respond.

*Hometown News* does not endorse candidates for political office, but instead, provides information about each candidate for voters to make and educated decision.

**Name:** Andrea B. Coy  
**Contact information:** (772) 388-0961

**Family:** Dunkin, Donut and Floyd (pets)

**Previous public office held:** Sebastian City Council since March 2005, including serving as mayor

**Q: What were some of the deciding factors in choosing to run for a seat on the city council this election cycle?**

**A:** Sebastian residents have been encouraging me to run again throughout the past year. I enjoy what I do and I have gained a reputa-

tion for being fair during the decision-making process.

During these extremely tough economic times, Sebastian needs level-headed, responsible citizens at the helm. As a retired U.S. Army master sergeant and 14-year resident of Sebastian with a master's degree in education from Penn State, I believe I can continue to make positive and effective contributions to our community.

**Q: What are some of the immediate issues you believe are critical and need to be addressed by the city council? How would you handle them?**

**A:** Jobs, jobs, jobs, a four-

letter word that is far easier said than done. Sebastian must continue to provide a climate that welcomes, encourages and assists new business development and expansion.

Council needs to maximize commercial development of the airport and our other limited commercial areas. At the same time, we must balance the fact that we are a bedroom community and most of our residents choose to live here because we are special.

Senior services and youth programs are a concern of mine and after the budget is resolved this year, we will be addressing transportation and recreation issues.

A community center for both senior and youth activities has been discussed at council many times and I think it's time that we con-

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Andrea Coy

## Humane Society opposes elephant center

By Jessica Tuggle  
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FELLSMERE — One organization is looking for a permanent home for a herd of pachyderms in Fellsmere, but other groups have grave concerns about the potential new development.

The National Elephant Center, a collaborative effort of 73 accredited zoos specializing in elephant care and conservation, filed site development permits with the city of Fellsmere on Sept. 8 to build a care facility on a 225-acre site.

The site is currently occupied by a citrus grove and surrounded by farmland.

The organization had been in talks with St. Lucie County officials for more than a year and received approval to build a center

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## Garden looking for scarecrow builders

By Jessica Tuggle  
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VERO BEACH — McKee Botanical Garden is looking for community members with creativity to design and build scarecrows for a special fall holiday event.

The second annual "Scarecrows in the Garden," will feature scarecrows made by local families, businesses and organizations that want to create something special together. They will be on display in the garden from Oct. 15 to Oct. 31, ending on the garden's annual "Trick-or-Treat" event, directors said.

Entry forms and submission guidelines are available on the McKee Botanical Garden website and must be received by Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. in the administration office.

Families and nonprofits may enter their scarecrows for free with an option to purchase a support stake from the garden for \$10. The

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# Scarecrow

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entry fee for businesses is \$25 and includes a stake, according to a press release. "We had such a great response from the artists, families and schools that built scarecrows last year, and we're looking forward to even more community participation this year," said Christine Hobart, executive director. Last year, the St. Helen's School student council donated a scarecrow schoolgirl sitting at a desk for the exhibit, while other local artists submitted a scrap-metal scarecrow with a triangle-shaped head and curly hair made of springs. McKee Garden volun-

teers submitted scarecrows of all shapes and sizes, including themed ones such as The Sugar Glum Fairy, Captain Jack Sparrow, Crow-cahontas and Drearly Beloved, complete with a lacey bridal veil. "Building a scarecrow is a great way to show school spirit or increase awareness of a business or organization," Ms. Hobart said. Each entry will be marked with a sign identifying the title of the scarecrow and the name of the submitting entity for the entire two-week exhibit. Participants will also receive two free guest passes to the garden valid Oct. 15 through Nov. 15. The scarecrow submission guidelines include no controversial or political messages, blood and gore

or blatant advertising. Cara Chancellor, director of marketing, said she was excited to see this year's round of scarecrows and encouraged folks to come and participate. Scarecrows in the Garden will be on display from Oct. 15 to Oct. 31 and general admission fees apply for entry. Admission fees are \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens, \$4 for children 3 to 12 and children younger than 3 are free, through Oct. 30. Garden members receive free admission. For more information about the Scarecrows in the Garden event or other activities at McKee Botanical Garden, call (772) 794-0601 or visit [www.mckee-garden.org](http://www.mckee-garden.org).



'Scarecrows in the Garden' will return to the McKee Botanical Garden in Vero Beach, once again Oct. 15-31. Garden directors encourage individuals, nonprofits and businesses to put together scarecrows for this year's exhibit. Submitting a homemade scarecrow is free for families and nonprofit organizations, with an optional \$10 donation for a stand. Businesses are \$25 per entry and the fee includes a stand. Pictured is Drearly Beloved from last year. Photo courtesy of Cara Chancellor

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All about Hat-a-tude was part of 'Scarecrows in the Garden' at McKee Botanical Garden in Vero Beach last year. This year's contest will be held from Oct. 15-31. For more, call the garden at (772) 794-0601 or go to [www.mckee-garden.org](http://www.mckee-garden.org).

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# Reading challenge at library



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With the help of Ronald McDonald, Dwight Sapp of Vero Lake Estates, was able to balance a ball on his finger during the McDonald's Reading Challenge at North County Library last Saturday.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Five-year-old Aidan Shaw and his mom, Brittany, watch as Ronald McDonald puts on his magic show at the North County Library last Saturday. Students in grades K-5 can earn prizes for reading library books during September.

Nearly 60 children and their parents were on hand at the North County Library last Saturday to see Ronald McDonald and sign up for the McDonald's Reading Challenge. Alexis McCullough proved to be a great helper to Ronald during his magic show.



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**Aquatic**

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 tricky technique of the breaststroke in perfect rhythm, saying aloud, "You have to pull, breathe and whipkick, pull, breathe and whipkick."  
 She has participated in several state-championship level meets and taken home gold, silver and bronze medals in past years, but not all of her experiences ended in a medal, said Lynne Gagnon, her mother and a recreation leader for Indian River County at the North County Aquatic Center.  
 "You have to do the strokes properly," Ms. Gagnon said.  
 "Even though they're special needs, they (the judges) don't cut them

any slack. There are rules just like the regular Olympics," she said.  
 The energy at the state championships, which are open to the public, is very high. The excitement of more than 500 athletes, family members and coaches is palatable and enthusiasm by the crowd is wonderful for the morale of the athletes, Ms. Danis said.  
 "They train for this all year long and there's such a joy in their faces when they come out of that water," Ms. Danis said.  
 Special Olympics of Indian River County is only funded through donations and includes sports such as bowling, golf, tennis, equestrian events, track and field and soccer, she said.  
 The organization is entirely run by volun-

teers, usually family members of athletes, and costs about \$30,000 a year to operate.  
 "My pay is lots of hugs and high fives," Ms. Danis said with a smile.  
 Donations to the Special Olympics of Indian River County are always accepted. Checks must be made out to the organization by their full name, otherwise the funds will go to the state organization, instead of the local chapter, Ms. Danis said.  
 To learn about the Special Olympics of Indian River County, visit [www.facebook.com/pages/Special-Olympics-Indian-River-County-FL/111870356028](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Special-Olympics-Indian-River-County-FL/111870356028). For more information about the North County Aquatic Center, visit [www.swim-trainflorida.com](http://www.swim-trainflorida.com).

**Elephants**

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 on 300 acres of land near the border of St. Lucie and Okeechobee counties, but the approval came with restrictions.  
 St. Lucie County commissioners approved the site permits, but limited the number of elephants to 10 and prohibited the use of bullhooks, a tool used to train elephants in some facilities. A bullhook is a metal rod with a sharp hook at the end, and animal rights groups said they were unnecessary and inflicted pain on the animals unnecessarily.  
 The board directors of the National Elephant Center decided to make the move to Fellsmere because they felt the site was better suited for long-term care of the elephants, according to a press release.

**Candidates**

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 sider putting our money where our mouth is.  
 Six years ago, I was on the city council that committed the responsibility of drainage to the city. Since that time, we have spent millions to resolve very serious drainage issues and I remain committed to protecting our city residents and business owners from flooding.  
 I also remain committed to protecting our natural resources. Our river, lagoon and conservation areas attract many visitors and residents to our area.  
 Tourism is a very large business industry in Indian River County and we must remain vigilant in our watch over the natural resources and beauty that draw people to Sebastian.  
 Directly connected to this issue is the improvement of our downtown (community redevelopment agency) district. Providing a destination for visitors, residents and businesses to enjoy is vital to our success.  
 Q: What measures would

you support during the next budget cycle to continue operating the city (raising taxes, cutting specific services, etc.)?  
 A: At this point, the economy is still fluctuating and no one can predict what will happen next month, let alone next year. My crystal ball broke many years ago so I threw it away.  
 The city needs to deal with budget and funding issues on a daily basis and be prepared to change course when conditions change, for better or worse.  
 We have to leave all possibilities on the table, but I believe we must consider other options before increasing taxes and/or decreasing levels of service.  
 These options include partnering with our neighboring municipalities and Indian River County, maximizing grant opportunities and public/private relationships.  
 Q: What makes you the best candidate for the job?  
 A: My experience and record will show that I am all about being fair and equitable to all members of our residential and business community.  
 My military career gave me a clear path for ethical decision making that has become central to my individual core.  
 Whether as mayor, or as a

council member, I have always recognized that I am but one vote of five on city council. I have no aspirations to move up the political or social ladder and no delusions of grandeur. My intent is pure and my concern for quality-of-life and the environment is genuine.  
 I believe that I support and fight for the most varied groups and greatest majority of Sebastian residents, more than any other candidate. I fight for economic development; I fight for seniors; I fight for education; I fight for the environment and I fight for low taxes. But most importantly, I fight for doing the right thing, each and every time.  
 Name: Don Wright  
 Contact information: e-mail: [wrightsbstn1@aol.com](mailto:wrightsbstn1@aol.com). Phone: (772) 913-4720  
 Family: married to Beverly, 43 years, son Donald Wright Jr.  
 Previous public office held: current vice mayor of Sebastian  
 Q: What were some of the deciding factors in choosing to run for a seat on the city council this election cycle?  
 A: One, continue to move the city ahead in a fiscally responsible manner and keep taxes low.  
 Two, follow through on the

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the press release said the Humane Society has "concerns about the propagation and housing of any captive, non-native wildlife in our community."  
 "This includes the possible breeding of Asian and African elephants or keeping them in a setting other than a permanent sanctuary. It is our position that such endeavors are more suitable and humane when accomplished in a species' natural habitat.  
 "Keeping elephants may also have a negative environmental impact on our county's fragile ecosystem and presents concerns for human health and safety," the press release said.  
 Many groups, including residents, government officials, humane and environmental groups in St. Lucie County had time to debate the impact of elephants in the community, but Indian River County counterparts have not, the press release said.  
 Officials from the center expressed excitement about the Fellsmere location.  
 "Fellsmere offers a welcoming community with a strong conservation ethic and great wildlife habitat," said Rick Barongi, chairman of The National Elephant Center and director of Houston Zoo in a press release.  
 "We are very excited about the possibilities Fellsmere offers for elephants and look forward to joining this great community," he said.  
 The center would not be open to the public, but school groups could organize trips as part of the center's educational program.  
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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 were made from Aug. 30 to Sept. 6

## Sebastian Police Department

- Jason Allen Covington, 27, 661 Bayfront Terrace, Sebastian, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for burglary of a conveyance.
- Richard George Dalton, 48, 1315 Hickory Moss Place, Trinity, was charged with being a fugitive from justice.
- Kala Jean Griffin, 20, 809 Haverhill Ave., Sebastian, was charged with failure to appear on charges of third-degree grand theft and giving false information to a secondhand dealer.
- Ruth Melanie Mendez, 44, 8055 101st Court, Vero Beach, was charged with theft, burglary, aggravated assault domestic violence and misdemeanor charges of battery domestic violence and battery.
- Shawn William Tucker, 23, 1471 Abbott Lane, Sebastian, was charged with sexual battery on a physically impaired person.
- Daniel Joseph Dubois, 22, 118-B Ormand Court, Sebastian, was charged with third-degree grand theft and dealing in stolen property.
- Erik Alexander Arnold, 22, 372 Keen Terrace, Apt. A, Sebastian, was charged with tampering with or destroying evidence and misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana.

## Fellsmere Police Department

- Deborah Ann Watson, 46, 9090 86th St., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

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- Dominique Louise Brice, 28, 955 Ahmad St., Miami, was charged with two counts of vehicular homicide.
- Thomas Daniel Cox, 24, 2545 84th Court, Vero Beach, was charged with robbery.
- Erwin Estrada, 21, 428 Seventh Road S.W., Vero Beach, was charged with two counts of violation of probation. He was on probation for sale or delivery of cannabis and resisting an officer with violence.
- Shalayn Marie Gregory, 42, 6214 Fourth Lane, Vero Beach, was charged with violation of a domestic injunction for protection.
- Floyd S. Hoffman, 24, 4365 34th Drive, Vero Beach, was charged with armed robbery with a deadly weapon, third-degree grand theft and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana, violation of probation and two counts of driving while license suspended with knowledge.
- Johnny Eugene Lott, 18, no address given, was charged with aggravated battery on a pregnant woman and a misdemeanor charge of violation of pre-trial release.
- Jaci Davys Rodriguez, 35, 1115 Jasmine Ave., Fort Pierce, was charged with second-degree grand theft, two counts of third-degree grand theft, 24 counts of uttering a forged or counterfeit bill, two counts of forgery and 22 counts of forging bank checks.
- Aubrey Keith Smith, 31, 8856 104th Court, Vero Beach, was charged with battery with a prior conviction.
- Dora Kaprina Speed, 46, 3060 44th Lane, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of cocaine, tampering with or destroying evidence and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Shaunna Janae Whitfield, 37, 1560 Fifth Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of methamphetamine.
- Lindsay Leigh Wilson, 23, 1216 43rd Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of oxycodone and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Steven Lee Woodson, 25, 5563 10th St., Malone, was charged with battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest with violence and giving a false name while detained.
- Isaac Lamar Beatty, 23, 4566 33rd Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of marijuana, introduction of contraband into a detention facility and misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest without violence and two counts of driving while license suspended.
- Alicia Dawn Byrd, 28, 1652 14th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with three counts of uttering forged or counterfeit bills.
- Jennifer Ellen Carver, 44, 1415 90th Ave., Lot 31, Vero Beach, was charged with driving while license suspended, habitual offender and a misdemeanor charge of violation of probation. She was on probation for operating while driver license revoked with a prior conviction.
- Andrew Jeff Coffee, 31, 3155 27th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a firearm, ammunition or electric device by a convicted felon and possession of marijuana with intent to sell.
- Christopher Joseph Jemery, 24, 530 Belltower Ave., Apt. 101, Deltona, was charged with grand theft.
- John William McBride, 45, 2473 Madden Ave. S.W., Palm Bay, was charged with tampering with or destroying evidence, possession of oxycodone and a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana.
- Zachari Paul Walls, 25, 1506 39th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with third-degree grand theft.
- Michael William Duprey, 54, 373 Eighth Ave. S.W., Vero Beach, was charged with aggravated battery on a person older than 65.
- Jackson Eustache, 39, 1034

- S.W. Dartmouth Ave., Port St. Lucie, was charged with issuing worthless checks.
- Samit Amit Irving, 22, 3849 42nd Place, Vero Beach, was charged with third-degree grand theft.
- Darriale Shakita Vaughn, 21, 7126 Prato Ave., Orlando, was charged with third-degree grand theft.
- Anthony Joseph Aspromonte, 23, 1128 Ninth Square, Vero Beach, was charged with third-degree grand theft.
- Chad Edward Holland, 40, 119 Cardinal Drive, Sebastian, was charged with possession of cocaine.
- John Edward McEnerney, 50, 4510 Sixth Lane S.W., Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for resisting arrest without violence, driving under the influence and refusal to submit to submit to testing.
- Darrell Eugene Morgan, 38, 667 Spangler Drive, Zanesville, Ohio, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for grand theft of a motor vehicle.
- Matthew Joel Raulerson, 27, 36 47th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of hydrocodone and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Kenneth Antonio Nathaniel Stokes, 28, 8411 58th Court, Apt. 2, Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for lewd or lascivious battery.
- Courtney S. Davis, 22, 4460 34th Court, Vero Beach, was charged with burglary and misdemeanor charges of giving a false name while detained and shoplifting/retail theft.
- Henry Allen Schwab, 49, 1061 Second St., Vero Beach, was charged with dealing in stolen property.
- Jason Douglas Wolfe, 29, 1275 35th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor charge of battery.
- Michael Darren Baker, 42, 1932 25th Ave., Vero Beach,

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- was charged with four counts of possession of a controlled substance.
- Susan Patricia Fritschi, 43, 806 35th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence.
- Delta Dawn Voorhees, 38, 2276 17th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with third-degree grand theft.
- Dino Eduardo Warzel, 31, 1733 Cynmar Drive, West Palm Beach, was charged with driving while license suspended, habitual offender.
- Vincent Walter Laurie, 40, 1610 North 42nd Circle, Apt. 208, Vero Beach, was charged with fleeing and eluding, leaving the scene of an accident with property damage and a misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest without violence.
- Ellyn Elizabeth Molton, 22, 2205 84th Terrace, Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for third-degree grand theft.
- James Alexander Molton, 21, 2205 84th Terrace, Vero Beach, was charged with refusing to aid a law enforcement officer or a watchman and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- David Fraser Moshier, 47, 1060 S. U.S. 1 Lot 120, Vero Beach, was charged with theft.
- Darriel Antione Reason, 29, 900 Turtle Run Drive, Apt. 104, Sebastian, was charged with trafficking in oxycodone and two counts of sale of oxycodone.
- Edward Andrew Anderson, 57, 4636 34th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a firearm, ammunition or electric device by a convicted felon and a misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest without violence.
- Jennifer M. Maugeri, 31, 1125 Fairfield Lane, Sebastian, was charged with third-degree grand theft.
- Jenna Michelle Smith, 21, 520 Carnival Terrace, Sebastian, was charged with possession of oxycodone and possession of drug cultivation paraphernalia.
- Joshua Jacob Starr, 31, 2410 Southeast 21st Court, Fort Pierce, was charged with uttering a forged instrument and a misdemeanor charge of first-degree petit theft.
- Joseph Michael Thomas, 47, 1596 Quail Drive, West Palm Beach, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for stalking a minor.

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- Philip Earl Marsh, 33, 3991 46th St., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of oxycodone with intent to sell, two counts of selling oxycodone and a misdemeanor charge of driving while license suspended.

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The monthly ritual has become easier with online bill-paying services that most utilities have added to their systems.

Here's the way life used to work every month: The bills would come in at the beginning of the month. I'd go through each one with the checkbook and a book of stamps. I'd write a check, write it in the check book, stick it in the envelope along with that month's payment stub, write my return address on the outside of the envelope, stick a stamp on it and drop it in the mail. It was a chore that consumed a bunch of stamps, checks and time and usually resulted in writer's cramp.

How are things now? The bills still come in every month, but the hassle of writing checks and dropping them in the mail is almost a thing of the past. The chore of sitting down and paying the bills is still there, but with my trusty PC and Internet connection, I can get the job knocked out in half the time, and I can get a book of stamps to last months now.

So, what's involved? It helps to have a credit card (or a check card with the Visa logo that most banks are happy to provide), a computer and an Internet connection. Connect to the Internet and navigate to the companies' websites whose bills you are trying to pay and follow the onscreen instructions. You will usually find a link that says "pay online."

Each website is set up differently, so you have to think about what you are trying to do on each site and follow their particular set of links.

Some sites may have you sign up first to create an account on their website before you can pay your bill online, but you only have to do that the first time. When



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you log in the next month, all of your information from the last time should be there.

Not comfortable using a credit card online? You are actually safer with credit card orders because the bank spends an enormous amount of resources preventing fraud and will usually back you up if something does go wrong, but I can understand the worry.

In lieu of a credit card, many sites will allow for electronic fund transfers by asking for your bank account and routing numbers (is that really safer?), or you might have luck checking to see if your bank's online system allows for web-based bill pay to the companies you pay each month. You can also check PayPal. They've been offering a bill-pay service for a while.

Let's go back to paying the bills individually. You can navigate to [www.fpl.com](http://www.fpl.com) to pay your electric bill. You have to set up an account online first, and then every month, log back in and make a payment.

Do you have a telephone setup through AT&T? You can go to [www.att.com](http://www.att.com) and sign up for online bill pay there. Again, you have to set up an account the first time, but every time after that, just log in and pay.

That's just a couple of the companies we pay each month, and I'm glad I took the time to learn each system.

If only I could find a way to use my computer to eliminate all my bills. Now that would be something!

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## Storms erode area beaches



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

A string of storms along the Atlantic coast have stirred up the ocean and caused heavy erosion to area beaches. A surfer at Wabasso Beach Park drops from the erosion left by storms that passed well to the east of Indian River County.

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### Responding to the editor

As per your editor's note on mosques and Muslims (Sept. 2 issue),

As for me, a Christian American, it is my opinion there will soon be 12,000 mosques in the U. S. and more coming. How many "Christian" churches are there in the above mentioned countries? How many Christians are murdered in the name of "their" God? How many professors of Christian doctrine are there in "their" countries? Why is it that Christians must like it or lump it when it comes to other people's ideologies?

Are we to cower like beaten dogs when they or other factions are offended by our Nativity scenes, our Pledge of Allegiance, our In God We Trust, etc.? If so, why are they so gung-ho in coming to America? Why is just about every country in the world moving in on us?

Our politicians better get things straight. There is no "CAS" (Christian American Society), in these countries. Christians are persecuted all over the world. Are we to be persecuted in America and not get our backs up?

I stand by my stating 12,000 new mosques are being built in the U. S., spending millions. Are we to believe anything and/or everything they report? Not me.

### Phone service woes

My wife and I finally moved to the area full time to take care of her elderly parents. My in-laws put the local AT&T service in their name when we closed on the house last year. They have now moved into a retirement community and have had the service disconnected.

Prior to the disconnect, I contacted AT&T on Aug. 24, to have new service initiated in my name. Due to the necessity to have uninterrupted service for my wife's pacemaker/defibrillator monitor, I was assured that the new service would be turned on the next day, Aug. 25.

It is now Sept. 2, the service is turned off and after I spent two hours trying to get AT&T to have the new service turned on, and my wife tried for over an hour, we find ourselves without local land line service.

The AT&T customer service representatives were rude, could not connect us with supervisors and transferred us to billing and service departments, who in turn, transferred us back to customer service.

It's no wonder why Comcast, Magic Jack and other providers do a brisk business in this area.

We came from Virginia where we had Verizon, and were never treated with so much indifference as AT&T does here.

If my wife has an incident, and her monitor fails to report it due to lack of phone service, I wonder how much liability AT&T is willing to pay!

### Simply said

When a bad economy hands you lemons, Republicans say, "Make lemonade." Democrats say, "Tax lemonade stands."

### About the government, etc.

"The people deserve the government they get." I don't know who said it or when, but it has never been more true than these days.

I read the papers and watch TV every day to realize, in my disappointment, that the people of this great nation are caught up in a trap of ignorance and misinformation.

We eat it without hesitation from the politicians and their surrogate commentators who appeal to the people's misguided sense of party loyalty. The high degree of idiocy from the people aligned with both political parties is so obvious that it's almost laughable if it wasn't so harmful to the country.

You can see it when they express their opinions. People

are like parrots repeating word for word the sentences they hear from the so-called political commentators.

It's clear when they are O'Reilly or O'Donnell viewers. Please understand that the likes of Limbaugh, Schultz, Beck and Olbermann already made their millions and they don't care about the average American taxpayer. They are no longer part of the middle class. Because it benefits them, political commentators advocating for lower taxes are sincere. Their argument about looking out for the little guy is not.

Very rarely you find an educated opinion coming from the people. Nobody seems to take the time to check the facts or inform themselves.

If people applied some basic common sense, they would be able to see the truth. There are at least two sides in a story. Please try considering the opposite side once in a while to make up your own mind. As long as we continue repeating their talking points we have no chance.

"On the back of the middle class," "the job creators," "less government," "protect our borders," "illegal aliens," "killing the unborn child," "no more taxes," "take our country back," are just brainwashing cookies the powerful give us to keep us fighting against each other. Divide and conquer.

"Let's take our country back," alright; but from the corrupt political establishment, not the illegal alien struggling to survive, the poor pregnant woman unable to support herself or the Arab Muslim fighting for the right to worship.

When did we start bullying the weak and underprivileged?

When asked if I was Democrat or Republican, I used to say: neither, but many times, I find myself identified with the principles of the Republican party. Who doesn't like lower taxes and less intrusive government?

So when I started writing this comment, I made an effort to stay neutral and use examples from both parties to illustrate the corruption infesting our politicians. However, the Republican representatives are providing so much material that I gave up on that idea. But the Democrat followers shouldn't rest comfortably because I have a couple of tokens that can make them very resentful.

Power breeds corruption. It's unavoidable. It's in our nature. The political establishment has reached a stunning level of corruption from national to local government that it's surprising there is not a revolt. It's so ruthless, that our so-called leaders don't bother to hide it. The shameless arrogance of Republican politicians to say it out loud, in your face, that they are in favor of extending tax breaks for the super rich and maintaining the loopholes for companies posting all time record high profits.

With no respect for the American people, they argue that taxes on the super rich are "job killers" without worrying about the repercussion of such statements.

A few years ago, a politician would never risk the perception that he/she was in favor of special interest groups. These days they flaunt it.

During the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill hearings, Texas Republican Congressman Joe Barton expressed his support for BP and accused the white house of a "\$20 billion shakedown," when the Obama administration pressed BP to put aside \$20 billion to pay for oil spill claims.

Republicans are not afraid to say that they support cutting Social Security and Medicare and are against health insurance reform. They even campaign on the promise to repeal President Obama's affordable health care plan.

If you believe health-care insurance reform is not absolutely necessary for the benefit of the entire U.S. population, you must be getting it for free.

States where Republicans control the legislature are out-of-the closet union busters, crushing the little guy, and protecting big business. These governors and state legislators were elected by the people. There is a general feeling of buyer's remorse now but it's too late. The damage is done.

And then, there is Florida: Why would the people elect governor a rich man using his millions to campaign, whose business was involved in Medicare fraud? But wait, the governor is getting 29 percent, the lowest approval ratings. When he is done cutting unemployment benefits, firing state government workers, privatizing Medicaid, making abortion illegal and abolishing corporate taxes and the Sunshine laws, approval ratings will not matter.

And don't expect the Democrat politicians to fix it because they just will not do it.

If you are prepared to abandon misguided party loyalty in favor of rescuing the country, allow me to respectfully submit an idea for your consideration: We have the power of the vote. Let's use it to clean house. Let's use our vote to remove every single public official currently in office regardless of their political party affiliation by electing the challenger. This is not as simple as it sounds. To keep the political machinery running, not every representative in office is due for re-election at the same time. The cleaning-house process will be a continuing effort that can only be accomplished by a "no public official should be re-elected" culture. I will elaborate more if this is published.

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# Candidates

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improvements to U.S. Highway 1 and Indian River Drive and parking in these areas.

Three, continue to encourage activities that promote economic growth and jobs and work to change rules that prevent positive growth.

**Q: What are some of the immediate issues you believe are critical and need to be addressed by the city council? How would you handle them?**

**A:** Important issues facing the city include infrastructure improvements, individually owned property that is falling into disrepair, economic development to bring jobs to the area, providing more adequate space for all age groups to have meeting areas and activities and managing major areas of expense, such as insurance programs.

In all of these areas, I am already involved. As a city, we are continuing to work on storm water and drainage improvements.

Infrastructure improvements need to be made working with the county, the metropolitan planning organization, water and sewer authority and major service providers such as AT&T and Comcast and possibly a natu-

ral gas company.

The issue of maintaining property has come before council for discussion and a stronger effort to get financial institutions involved where there are loan deficiencies and have them take over some responsibility for property maintenance is needed.

As with respect to economic development, working with the Chamber of Commerce, I am co-chairman of the North County Business Development group. This group was formed to bring city officials from Sebastian and Fellsmere together, along with north county business people and a county commissioner, Wesley Davis, to focus on north county business development needs.

At council, we have discussed the need for additional space for residents and the concept of a civic center has been discussed.

This may be over the top right now, but better utilization of existing space may be possible and using the old city hall area next to the art club facility might be possible and some plans to remodel the exterior have been around for a while. We need to bring these back and re-consider what we can do.

As with respect to the insurance programs, the health insurance program for all

employees was just changed and has been substantially modified. The worker's compensation and property and liability insurance program have been renewed with nice savings. I have worked with staff to implement programs to assist in keeping these costs down; specifically, a program to manage and close worker's compensation claims and having property owned by the city professionally appraised to satisfy underwriters needs to know what the property exposure is and get the city the best rate.

**Q: What measures would you support during the next budget cycle to continue operating the city (raising taxes, cutting specific services, etc.)?**

**A:** In our budget discussions, we have projected out that it is possible to maintain the same millage rate for this next year and the following year. This is the result of ongoing, very careful decisions that are made on a regular basis to assure fiscal responsibility.

I believe that Sebastian will be able to maintain existing city services without the need to raise taxes, as long as we maintain a strong discipline to keep spending down.

I have been working as a volunteer on behalf of the city and in the county for many years. Prior to being elected, I

served on the Sebastian parks and recreation committee and eventually, became chairman. I was a member of the citizen's advisory committee for the metropolitan planning organization, appointed as a city representative. I was a director of "Stop Ocean Concrete" dealing with a serious threat to our environment and quality of life in Sebastian, and there have been many other committees and activities that I have been involved in both from a city and county level.

In conclusion, my approach to governing is fiscally responsible and promotes an improved economic quality of life for our residents.

My service to the city in volunteer activities and experience working for the city should be valuable. My professional background, serving in private industry as president of a medium-size company for many years, provide the business and budgeting experience necessary to provide guidance to the city.

For more information about city elections, contact city clerk Sally Maio at (772) 388-8214. For more information about early voting, precincts or polling places, contact the Indian River County Supervisor of Elections office at (772) 226-3440 or visit www.voteindianriver.com.

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- September 22, October 6 • 2:00 pm**  
Bereavement Support Group
- September 27 • 6:00 pm**  
Surgical Weight Loss Support Group  
Lynn Williams, Psy.D., MSN
- September 28 • 3:00 pm**  
Congestive Heart Failure Support Group
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# Summit

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tract will soon be drawn in accordance with the decennial census results.

In previous summits, the business leaders left feeling energized and seeing the ideas the entrepreneurs have been a great morale booster.

"It really stimulates the imagination as to what is possible and we really welcome folks to come and participate," Mr. Cecala said.

Congressman Posey will give a keynote address during the event, and participants will be able to hear presentations from various

company representatives, as well as from the Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce.

"We are glad to provide an opportunity for each of these entrepreneurs to solicit input and feedback from the local investment community on how to grow their business," said Michael Corbit, business projects consultant for Workforce Solutions in a press release.

Seven companies will give presentations, including MyVenueNow.com, Florida Organic Aquaculture, Good Horse Products, A.I. Soft, PHR Solutions, PsyGineering Corp. and Atlantic Renewable Resources.

"Start-up companies with sufficient financial

resources are an important source of new jobs for our region. We expect the Research Coast Entrepreneur Summit held at IRSC's Mueller Campus will provide a unique opportunity for innovative new companies to connect with investors to enhance their business success and support our region's economic strength," said Edwin R. Massey, president of Indian River State College in a press release.

Networking and a continental breakfast begin at 8 a.m., and the program will begin at 9 a.m.

For more information or to make a reservation, call (772) 778-3534 or visit www.ircsbiz.com.

## COMMUNITY NOTES

### Exercise classes offered

- Qi gong at Riverview Park in Sebastian, next to the long dock, Fridays 6:15 p.m. and Sunday 7 a.m.

- Walking qi gong at Wabasso Beach, where State Roast 510 meets the ocean. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

- Qi gong for mind, body and spirit at Kashi Studio on Roseland Road. Saturdays at 8 a.m., and Tuesday at 10 a.m.

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# Obituaries

**Emile Ouellette Jr.**

Emile Ouellette Jr., 84, of Vero Beach, died Sept. 1, 2011. He was born in Salem, Mass., and moved to Barefoot Bay 28 years ago. He was a member of the Barefoot Bay Golf and Country Club. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Audrey; a son, William; two daughters, Kathleen and Lori; a sister, Rita; seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Phillip, Raymond and Ernest. Arrangements by **Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory**.

three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren  
Arrangements by **All County Funeral Home & Crematory Treasure Coast Chapel**.

**Florence 'Rose' Evans**

**Omas Morris**

Omas Morris, 84, died Aug. 28, 2011. He was born in West Palm Beach and lived in Sebastian for 29 years. He was a member of Roseland United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Kay; two sons, Larry and Gary; a daughter, Terry; a stepson, Rusty; four stepdaughters, Diane Deborah, Dawn and Catherine; 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a stepson, John. Arrangements by **Strunk Funeral Home**.

Florence "Rose" Evans, 86, of Sebastian, died Aug. 31, 2011. She was born in England and moved to Sebastian five years ago. She is survived by a daughter, Cynthia; one grandchild and one great grandchild. Arrangements by **Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory**.

**Violet Doherty**

**Donald George Reimer**

Donald George Reimer, 88, of Barefoot Bay, died Aug. 30, 2011. He was born in Beloit, Wis., and moved to Barefoot Bay 26 years ago. He served in the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Beverly; two daughters, Cynthia and Nancy;

Violet Doherty, 83, of Sebastian, died Sept. 1, 2011. She was born in Thornton, Ill., and moved to Sebastian 19 years ago. She is survived by her husband of 15 years, James; a son, Gary and a daughter, Diane. Arrangements by **Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory**.

**William Link**

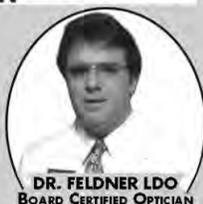
William Link, 89, of Sebastian, died Aug. 9, 2011. He was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Sebastian 10 years ago. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He is survived by his niece, Alice and a great-nephew, Jamie. Arrangements by **Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory**.

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**Tips on disaster planning**

The Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County has published a new brochure on disaster planning for pet owners. The brochure covers topics including pet identification, determining if you and your pets live in a surge zone, pet supplies needed if someone must evacuate with their animals and how to create a pet first aid kit. The free brochure can be obtained by visiting the Humane Society at 6230 77th St., Vero Beach, by calling the shelter at (772) 388-3331, Ext. 18

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### Out & about

THROUGH FRIDAY, SEPT. 30

• **Flametree Clay Art Gallery** will host "Meet the Locals" pottery show. The exhibition features the work of local clay artists, both beginners and professionals. The opening reception for this event coincides with "Summer Downtown Art Walk" on Aug. 26, from 5-9 p.m., an event that attracts many of the areas year-round residents. The gallery's regular summer hours; Friday, 1-6 p.m. and Saturday, noon-5 p.m. or by appointment. The gallery is located at 2041 14th Ave., Vero Beach. For more information, call (772) 202-2810 or visit [www.flametreeclay.com](http://www.flametreeclay.com).

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

• **Cub roundup in the park** from 10 a.m.-noon at Kivannis Hobart Park, 5750 77th St., Wabass. Near the Indian River County Fairgrounds. Boys in grades 1-5 are invited to join Cub Scout program. New scouts can earn their first Cub Scout award, Bobcat rank at the event by visiting each of the 10 Cub Scout Packs of Indian River District at their booth to help with the requirements.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18

• **Maestro Aaron Collins** and the Space Coast Symphony Orchestra begin their third performing season with an "Opening Night Gala" concert at Trinity Episcopal Church, 2365 Pine Ave., in Vero Beach at 7 p.m. \$20 advance tickets may be purchased online at [www.SpaceCoastSymphony.org](http://www.SpaceCoastSymphony.org), at one of three Vero Beach ticket outlets: Marine Bank & Trust (beachside and mainland branches) Madison Avenue Consignments, or by calling (321) 536-8580. Tickets at the door are an additional \$5. Students 18 years of age and under admitted free. Those unable to afford the price of general admission, the new SCSO Symphony for Everyone program will provide discounted tickets to anyone wishing to attend the symphony performance. See details at [www.SpaceCoastSymphony.org](http://www.SpaceCoastSymphony.org).

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23-  
SUNDAY, SEPT. 25

• **The Treasure Coast Music Festival** will take place at the Indian River Fairgrounds. There will be three stages See **OUT, B2**

## Seniors get special billing in dance contest

Family jamboree for families of all ages, sizes

By Jessica Tuggle  
[jtuggle@hometownnewsol.com](mailto:jtuggle@hometownnewsol.com)

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Looking for the mashed potato, the hand jive the funky chicken or the hustle? Look no further than the Family Jamboree.

CrossLife Counseling, a nonprofit counseling center in Indian River County will host the second annual Family Jamboree of Indian River County on Oct. 8 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Indian River County Fairgrounds and for the first time there will be a dance contest exclusively for attendees ages 55 and older, directors said.

"Last year it was a wonderful event with about 10,000 people attending, but we didn't have as many families without children," said Linda Carlson of CrossLife Counseling.

"Seniors and people without children deserve a fun afternoon, too," she said.

The dancing is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. in



Graphic by Cliff Partlow

Come join the party and the 55-plus dance contest at the Family Jamboree Oct. 8 at the Indian River County Fairgrounds.

the air-conditioned expo building just north of the food court.

Live music for the contest will be provided by Len Turner and the American Express Band and will feature music from the 1940s through the 1960s.

"This will not be the kind of ballroom dancing they have other places; we're hoping to see some jitterbug, and I've been

asking for a twist contest," Ms. Carlson said with a laugh.

"It's just going to be for people 55 and older and it will be the dances they did when they were young. Maybe a cha cha or two," she said.

Radio personality Rhett Palmer will emcee the event and local dance professionals will provide demonstrations during breaks.

Lauren Chapin, known for her role as Kathy on the television series "Father Knows Best," will be a dance contest judge and will make time for a meet and greet that day.

Champion Home Health Care is the sponsor and promoter of the dance contest and has done an amazing job so far of encouraging people to come and participate.

See **CONTEST, B3**

## A proud display

Amber Fallo proudly displays the ribbons and medal she earned at the 2011 Special Olympics area aquatics games Aug. 20. For a complete story on the games, see page 1A.



Cliff Partlow  
staff photographer



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**Taurus-April 20-May 20**

Your only limits are those you place on yourself. Mighty forces are there willing to come to your aid. This is potent energy. The ball is in your court. What you do with your visions and inspirations determines the final result. Invest in yourself. It's your life and destiny. You were born to do great things. What a great life.

**Gemini-May 21-June 21**

Life has its ups and downs. Enjoy the highs. Manage the lows. Refuse to give in or up to stressful situations. Your very first impression is always the best when you are open to and trusting of it. Refuse to let your mind or the world talk you out of what the universe truly wants you to have. You are a winner in life.

**Cancer-June 22-July 22**

If you were to measure the quality of your life by the hope, joy and happiness you bring to others, then you are a rising star in spirit. Everyone gains strength from your light and energy. It keeps your family bonds strong. It earns you respect in the workplace. You are a master of life. You set the pace for all of us.

**Leo-July 23-Aug. 22**

Life for you is like a grand adventure. Keep a strong focus on the desires in your heart and you will see grand results. You know what you want. Take action and move these powerful dreams along. Ask the universe to guide you and it will. You are always helping others now let spirit help you in your time of need.

**Virgo-Aug. 23-Sept. 22**

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For Hometown News  
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VERO BEACH — The 53rd annual Halloween parade and costume contest will be held Oct. 29.

The parade travels a few blocks on 14th Avenue to the Vero Beach Community Center. The line-up begins at 9:30 a.m. and the parade begins at 10 a.m. The parade will begin on the east side of the Freshman Learning Center in Vero Beach.

A costume contest will take place for ages 0-17 directly following the parade at the Vero Beach Community Center.

Everyone is encouraged

to dress up, however, the free goody bags and contest are for children. There will be prizes for outstanding costumes.

Groups can enter a float or walk in a group during the parade. There is no entry fee. However, no political floats or advertising will be allowed.

Businesses sponsors are needed for the event to help fill goody bags. Monetary donations, as well as candy, pencils, pens, stickers, tattoos or anything safe for children to enjoy are being accepted.

For more information, call (772) 231-4787 or visit [www.covb.org](http://www.covb.org).

## Treasure hunting



Will Rose of Sebastian scoured Humiston Beach with his metal detector recently in search of goodies. Recent storms have made searching for treasure easier due to beach erosion from storms and high swells.

Cliff Partlow  
staff photographer

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**SATURDAY, SEPT. 17**

• Meeting of the U.S. Navy Armed Guard and Merchant Marine at 9 a.m. at Marsh Landing Restaurant, 44 N. Broadway, Fellsmere. speaker will be Tim Hanson from Port St. Lucie. He spent over 20 years in the USAF as a combat pilot. On his last official Air

Force flight while on duty in Saudi Arabia he had mid-air collision and lived to tell about it. Come and hear his amazing story and see his photos. If any World War II veteran needs an application for the honor flight to Washington, D.C. to see the memorial, contact the club. There will be a memorial prayer service for Fred Jung Jr. who died on June 21 and Lacy Milam who died on July 29. For information, call (772) 664-3927.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 27**

• Friends of St. Sebastian River will have a special presentation on bats. Cyndi and George Marks, founders of the Florida Bat Conservancy

([www.floridabats.org](http://www.floridabats.org)) and authors of "Bats of Florida" will give a presentation. The presentation includes photos and information on bats from around the world, plus live native Florida bats that they will be showing us. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. at the North Indian River County Library at 1001 Sebastian Blvd., in Sebastian and all are welcome to attend. For more information, visit [www.fssr.org](http://www.fssr.org) or call (772) 202-0501.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 1- SUNDAY, OCT. 2**

•The Indian River County Recreation Department will host the 2010 Special Olympics state aquatic

championship at North County Aquatic Center located at 9450 95th Street Sebastian. The championship will include more than 155 heats. This event will be held on two days, which will include a long course on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and a short course on Sunday beginning at 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call (772) 226-1732.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 7**

• Art galleries in the downtown dine and design district of Vero Beach (14th Avenue and beyond) will host their monthly gallery stroll from 5-8 p.m. Art galleries will be open to the public offering refreshments and showcasing their artists' newest work. Some galleries will be featuring guest artists or special events, and artists will be on hand to discuss their work and to greet visitors. Many other businesses in the district will be open for browsing and shopping, and the numerous restaurants and cafes in the area will be open. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (772) 299-1234.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 15**

• The third annual Beachside half marathon will be held at Riverside Park. New this year is a 10K run in addition to the half marathon. All proceeds benefit Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition. A \$5 pancake breakfast hosted by the Lion's Club will follow the 6:30 a.m. run along with a health and fitness expo. Both the break- See OUT, B5

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# Scopes

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and spirit. You wake up each morning with joy in your heart. It's up to you to do something with it. Life is about balance. Just be sure to do something nice for yourself each day. Choose harmony over chaos and your love will be sure to work.

## Libra-Sept. 23-Oct. 22

You have such a wonderful soul. You are the sign of justice and balance. This means that you have patience and love for all. Your sense of humanity and humility always gives you the right words and actions needed to bring about positive results. You do make a huge difference. Live on the edge of truth. All is well.

## Scorpio-Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Two of your strongest qualities are insight into top priorities and making wise choices. You are a problem solver and a strong force in the

world. You were born with an uncanny knack of strong vision. All truly successful people have and use this gift. Maybe your most special gift is to teach us how to use our gifts.

## Sagittarius-Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Important decisions are looming in the near future. Make your choices based on inner vision and instincts, not on analytical thinking. Your first impressions are always the best when you are open and listening to them. Immense progress can now be made. The results will stagger your imagination.

## Capricorn-Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Courage is one of your greatest assets. You are known for taking positive action. Your tenacity to complete challenging tasks is legendary. Your other fine qualities are loyalty, honesty and compassion. You give 100 percent in everything you do. These things used by other winners like you insure success. Great job.

## Aquarius-Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Your strong belief in doing things right is a major factor in your success. When you get the "right" feeling nothing can slow you down or stop you from achieving victory over life. You are very deep. You have an awesome reservoir of passion, creativity and wisdom. You get the job done. You are universally loved by all.

## Pisces-Feb. 19-March 20

Your generous attitude with others is such a great blessing. It starts with family, friends and associates. You are a happy sign. It's your great spirit that shines through. Stick to your plans and continue to manifest positive results. There are no short cuts or quick fixes. You know the path. It's through the heart, of course. Star visions

Call (772) 334-9487 or e-mail jtuckxyz@aol.com for details. Have a starry week everyone.

— James Tucker

# Contest

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"We couldn't do this without them," Ms. Carlson said.

The purpose of the Family Jamboree is to provide a day of affordable fun for people in Indian River County. There is no admission or parking fees, and many of the activities during the day are free, as well. Some activities will have a minimal fee to participate, Ms. Carlson said.

"It's all being done because we see people struggling in our counseling offices," she said.

CrossLife Counseling is a faith-based ministry, but is not affiliated with any church and does not charge clients fees, but instead, asks for donations of whatever they can give, Ms. Carlson said.

During these economic times, many people are seeking counseling for depression and anxiety issues and most have heightened stress levels and are constantly strained because of financial issues. Their clients rarely take an opportunity to do something relaxing with their families because many times, they simply can't afford it.

"We don't want people to worry about the cost. Last year, it was so neat to look out across the fairgrounds and see people have a good time," Ms. Carlson said.

During the earlier part of the day, youth organizations and performers will use the expo center to show off their skills, including karate, gymnastics and dance demonstrations. The Vero Beach recreation department will be performing its famous aerial antics routines

throughout the day, she said.

"There will be a community yard sale and flea market that the public can participate in, karaoke contests, bounce houses, pony rides, a mechanical bull, hay rides and lots more to keep everyone happy," Ms. Carlson said.

Live music will be played onstage all day long and there will also be an artists and crafters bazaar.

Nonprofits, food vendors, businesses and other organizations will have booths set up at various places in the fairgrounds. Only entities from Indian River County were allowed to participate in this year's event, Ms. Carlson said.

For more information on the Family Jamboree, call (772) 563-0430 or visit <http://cross-life.org/Jamboree.html>.

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# Organization holds open house



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

The Special Equestrians of the Treasure Coast help special needs family members learn self-esteem, balance and coordination from riding horses. The organization held its open house last Saturday. Here, Robert Timblen from Vero Beach shows off his muscles to the delight of onlookers. For more information, go to [www.special-equestrians.org](http://www.special-equestrians.org).

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The Special Equestrians of the Treasure Coast held their open house for those with special needs children and family last Saturday. The 2011 season began Sept. 12. Cameron Wingate, left, and Christine Marsh got to know one of the horses named Greta Garbo. For more information, go to [www.special-equestrians.org](http://www.special-equestrians.org).

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# Register for art classes

For Hometown News  
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VERO BEACH — Registration continues for the Vero Beach Museum of Art's school fall term of art and humanities classes.

The fall term begins on Oct. 3, so there is still time to register. A printed fall-term booklet is available at the museum. Students are invited to register in-person at the museum during business hours or visit [www.verobeachmuseum.org](http://www.verobeachmuseum.org) for greater convenience.

Those who choose online registration can visit the website's home page, move the cursor to the tab for Museum Art School, then on the "pull-down" menu, select class schedule. Class information, cost, dates and descriptions for all of the classes can be found there.

Registration and payment using MasterCard, Visa or American Express credit cards can be done on the site.

The museum hosts a wide variety of five and 10-week courses, as well as master artist workshops, convenient for beginning, intermediate and advanced students.

All classes are taught by qualified professional art instructors and working artists.

For more information, call (772) 231-0707, Ext. 116. Classes are limited in size and are available on a first-come first-served basis. The museum's website is [www.verobeachmuseum.org](http://www.verobeachmuseum.org) or The Vero Beach Museum of Art is located at 3001 Riverside Park Drive, Vero Beach.

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Alice Gaskill, Exchange Club of the Treasure Coast board member and Richard Paugh, president, present Kerry Bartlett with the Book of Golden Deeds award.

## Club presents award for outstanding community service

**For Hometown News**  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — In recognition of outstanding community service, members of The Exchange Club of the Treasure Coast honored Kerry Bartlett with the Book of Golden Deeds award on July 7 at the organization's monthly luncheon.

"The Book of Golden Deeds recognizes dedicated volunteers who give endless hours of time and talent toward making their community a better place," said Alice Gaskill, club member and organizer of the award ceremony.

"Kerry has shown selfless dedication to her hometown in so many ways that it was an easy decision to honor her."

Born and raised in Vero Beach, Ms. Bartlett returned to Indian River County in 1987 after earning a bachelor of science in journalism from the University of Florida. She launched a successful career in public relations and eventually transferred her experience to the nonprofit sector through positions with the United Way, the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice Foundation.

In 2009, Ms. Bartlett became the first executive director for the Indian River Community Foundation, a position, which she continues to fill.

Under her leadership, the organization has experienced unprecedented growth and now holds more than \$9 million in assets designated for charitable use.

In 2005, Ms. Bartlett helped establish Indian River County's first chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, an organization dedicated to promoting ethical practice and professionalism throughout the fundraising community.

She served as president for two years. The chapter has since grown to include 72 members and is recognized as one of the fastest growing and strongest chapters in North America.

As a member of the Treasure Coast Gator Club, three years ago, Ms. Bartlett took on the task of reviving the organization's signature event, the Treasure Coast Gator Toast, to raise money for college scholarships. She has chaired the event for three consecutive years, during which time the club's scholarship program has

grown to provide 18 annual scholarships to University of Florida undergraduates from Indian River and St. Lucie counties.

Of all her professional and volunteer work, Ms. Bartlett said her most rewarding experience was in 2010, when she participated in the Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition Dancing With Vero Stars. Ms. Bartlett spent three months raising money for Healthy Start while learning to ballroom dance.

She raised the most money during the competition and has continued to train in ballroom dance.

This is only the second time the Exchange Club of the Treasure Coast has presented the Book of Golden Deeds. The previous recipient was attorney Bernard Grall in 2010.

The Exchange Club of the Treasure Coast is an all-volunteer organization that gives members the opportunity to share their time and talents to help others. The principal focus areas of the club include youth, Americanism, community service and child-abuse prevention.

Membership information is available at [www.tcxchangeclub.org](http://www.tcxchangeclub.org).

## State park seeking volunteers

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SEBASTIAN — Sebastian Inlet State Park is currently recruiting volunteers.

With many volunteer opportunities, everyone is sure to find worthwhile, satisfying work, while enjoying the oceanfront views the park provides.

Volunteer jobs range

from working outdoors to the cool indoors, history lovers can consider volunteering at the Sebastian Inlet Fishing Museum or the McLarty Treasure Museum, while nature lovers can assist in the park's more than 800 acres.

Some volunteer opportunities include: beach clean up, entrance stations, bird rescue, park

construction, litter patrol, photographer, computer work, interpretive programs, park watch, manatee stranding team, monofilament recycling, turtle scout, administrative support or park maintenance.

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## Classes for adults available

**For Hometown News**  
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VERO BEACH — A water exercise class will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. from Nov. 1 to Dec. 15; class will be held in Wabasso. Cost is \$46.

A certified nursing assistant program will run from Oct. 26-Dec. 21. Students will attend class Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost is \$865.

A medical assistant program is scheduled to start Oct. 24 and run through Dec. 21. This is a fast-paced program and students should consider this full-time obligation carefully prior to

enrolling. Students will attend class Monday to Friday from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Students are then expected to complete reading and homework assignments outside of class. The cost for this program is \$1,106.

An Italian I class will be available Oct. 31 to Nov. 16. Students will attend class on Monday and Wednesday from -3 p.m. Cost is \$56.

An armed security officer G class will run Oct. 17-24. Students will attend class from 6-10 p.m., Monday to Friday for one week and then spend the following, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the range. Cost is \$128 plus range

fees. A one-day digital camera workshop will take place Sept. 20. Students will attend class from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost is \$32.

Other one-day classes include: computer introduction on Oct. 22; Internet/e-mail on Nov. 9; intermediate Word on Oct. 22; intermediate Excel on Nov. 19; eBay on Oct. 11 and web-page design on Dec. 10.

For more information, visit or call (772) 564-4970 [www.indianriverschools.org](http://www.indianriverschools.org). Adult Education, a division of the Indian River County School District, is at 1426 19th St. in downtown Vero Beach.

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### ONGOING EVENTS

- **Men's singles tennis pyramid:** Play runs from 6-8 p.m. every Thursday at the Riverside Racquet Complex, 350 Dahlia Lane, Vero Beach. This is an adult league for ages 18 and older; men's levels of 3.5/4.0. The fees are \$2 per week for members and \$5 per week for non-members (plus \$1 light fee per hour when applicable). Participants must check inside the pro shop with the attendant on duty and pay before going to the courts. Players must register weekly by sending an e-mail to Brian Orzel, singles pyramid coordinator at [orzelp@gmail.com](mailto:orzelp@gmail.com) by noon on Thursdays. A maximum of 14 players will be accepted for these pyramid or ladder format sets against three different opponents. For more information contact Gaby Dwyer, tennis supervisor, at (772) 231-4787 or contact Brian Orzel at (772) 538-0465.
- **Sunset Saturday night concerts:** The Oceanside Business Association of Vero Beach's sunset Saturday night concerts moves to Humiston Park and Ocean Drive through November. The Idol Gossip swing/Big Band will perform from 6:30-9:30 p.m. It's free,

bring your friends and family. For more information, visit [www.VeroBeachOBA.com](http://www.VeroBeachOBA.com).

- **Sunset at the plaza** sponsored by Mulligan's Beach House will have arts, crafts, live music, kids eat free and more every Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at the Vero Beach Mulligan's, 1025 Beachland Blvd., Vero Beach.

### ART GALLERIES

- **Artists Guild Gallery,** 1974 14th Ave., Vero Beach. Call (772) 299-1234 or visit [www.artistsguildgalleryverobeach.com](http://www.artistsguildgalleryverobeach.com).
- **The Gallery at Windsor,** 10680 Belvedere Square, Vero Beach. By appointment only. (772) 388-4071.
- **Gallery 14,** 1911 14th Ave., Vero Beach. (772) 562-5525
- **The Laughing Dog Gallery,** 2910 Cardinal Drive, Vero Beach. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. (772) 234-6711
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# Heroes are not made on athletic fields

We all have our own version of what makes someone a "hero." When we are young our heroes can be our parents, an older sibling or even a sports figure. But can a sports figure really be a hero?

When we look at our sports heroes, we see them doing things that we would love to do. I can't hit a drive 350 yards. I couldn't ride my bicycle 125 miles a day for two weeks. My chances of even hitting a Major League pitch, much less blasting it over the fence, are slim at best. So it's easy to see why we look up to professional athletes when it comes to talent. Does that make them heroes?

I think we have to look beyond their performance on the field. Many athletes give back to their communities through their foundations and by using their celebrity status to raise money and awareness for good causes.

Phil and Amy Mickelson spend a lot of time helping kids in their hometown. On the days before every new school year begins, the Mickelsons, through their foundation, give away school supplies to kids whose parents couldn't otherwise provide them. So, yes, athletes can be heroes to an extent.

You may wonder why I am bringing this up. Well,



**GOLF  
JAMES  
STAMMER**

as we paused this week to remember the events of 10 years ago, I think we need to celebrate our heroes. While athletes may be heroes to some, the heroism we witnessed on Sept. 11, 2001, tops any I have ever seen in my short lifetime.

When we were attacked that Tuesday, our world forever changed. For many their barometer for gauging heroes forever changed as well.

I once heard an announcer call a five-iron from 185 yards out of a fairway bunker to a pin tucked just over the water a courageous shot. Ten years ago we watched rescuers run into a burning building that they knew would surely fall to save thousands of strangers. After seeing men and women write their names, phone numbers and Social Security numbers on their bodies knowing full well that they may die trying to save but one life, we know what true courage is.

After watching police, firefighters, paramedics and just regular people from the streets roll up

their sleeves and dive in to lend aid we realized that we had true heroes among us. Some found the hero inside themselves they didn't know existed.

Ten years ago, in spite of the darkness of that day, we became a better nation. We stood beside one another. We helped, we cried, we comforted. We all became heroes in some fashion.

A true hero isn't a star on television or in sports. A true hero is a star in his or her community. All it takes is the desire and the will to help. Many receive little compensation for their efforts, other than satisfaction. When you think about it, could you truly pay someone enough to save your life or that of a loved one?

How many of us would run toward a burning building that is threatening to fall? Would you shield a stranger from a piece of flying debris? Could you honestly say that you could put your life on the line for a total stranger? I'd like to think that I could, but I can't say for sure. Thankfully, I have never been faced with that decision.

Watching my television that week was difficult at best. Trying to explain to my children why I suddenly needed to hold them and why the tears were streaming down my cheeks was nearly impossible. Imagin-

ing the grief and heartache of those closest to the tragedy ... was impossible then, and is to this day.

To everyone who had their life on the line that day and in the time since, including Americans across this great land that come forward to aid and assist, and those who are serving overseas protecting us from further harm, you are the true heroes of this world. We offer you our sincere thanks. You may never play in a stadium filled with screaming fans or have a gold medal draped on your neck, but to you we owe so much, along with our deepest thanks in our darkest moments.

As a nation, we remember 9/11 with pain. We will forever mourn and remember the shock. Even today, we're still grappling with the "unreality" of those awful events. While we have gone forward and many of us have found our way back to our normal lives, we should stop to not only remember, but to celebrate. Celebrate the true heroes.

*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 stammegolf@yahoo.com.*

# Races planned for Oct. 15

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VERO BEACH — The third annual beachside half marathon will be held Oct. 15, beginning at Riverside Park in Vero Beach.

New this year is a 10K run in addition to the half marathon.

All proceeds benefit Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition. A \$5 pancake breakfast hosted by the Lion's Club will follow the 6:30 a.m. run, along with a health and fitness expo.

Both the breakfast and expo are open to the public, regardless of run participation. Reservations for expo booths are still being accepted. In lieu of a booth rental fee this year, vendors are asked to con-

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Proceeds from the day's events will allow the Healthy Start Coalition to continue offering intensive perinatal education, one-on-one assistance, classes and moms groups addressing parenting, nutrition, post-partum depression, pregnancy, breastfeeding, infant safety, Lamaze and child development.

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# New agency aims to redefine home care

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Margot Kornicks, a seasoned home health administrator and registered nurse, has officially received the license for her new home health care agency, Indian River Home Care, and is now accepting patients.

The agency not only provides professional home health services but also provides personal care and supportive services; anything from post operative care, to grocery shopping, to their innovative SmartAngel Telemedicine program.

With a culture of professionalism and trust, Ms. Kornicks and her nurse directors, Roseanna Goewey, Tracy Jenter, Jolene Johnson and Tiera Brown, are breaking down barriers to enhance tradi-

tional home care and enliven their client's quality of life.

As the sole owner of Indian River Home Care, Ms. Kornicks is turning her passion into reality.

"You can never go wrong if you keep the patient first," said Ms. Kornicks. "I always tell my staff that."

Although Indian River Home Care is a new organization, its staff has more than 100 years of nursing experience together.

After starting as a hospice field nurse and working her way to chief operating officer of the Visiting Nurse Association, where she worked for 19 years, Ms. Kornicks took on a new challenge as the administrator of Sebastian River Home Health.

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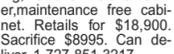
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