

INSIDE



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 *wpxi.com*: **Would-be robber ID'd by bright blue eyes**

Police in a Pittsburgh suburb said a man's bright blue eyes helped a convenience store clerk identify him as a would-be robber.

Nineteen-year-old Conor McClelland of Bellevue was charged after walking into a Marathon Quik Serve gas station and demanding cash.

The clerk told police she recognized McClelland as a regular customer — despite the fact that he was wearing a hoodie and a bandanna over his face — because of his distinctive blue eyes.

Avalon Police Chief Thomas Kokoski told WPXI-TV McClelland ran away without any money and was hiding near a building where he was staying across the street from the store when police found him.

From *seattlepi.com*: **Runaway steer creates chaos on Arizona interstate**

A runaway steer stopped traffic on a major highway, hurtled over a brick wall and damaged two police vehicles during a chase that had four Arizona law enforcement agencies scrambling.

The male bovine escaped from a livestock trailer on Interstate-8, just east of Yuma, Yuma County Sheriff's Capt. Eben Bratcher told The Associated Press.

The driver of the trailer was getting on the freeway when he noticed that a side door was ajar. He pulled over, but one of his charges got away before he could shut the door.

"It was chaotic," Bratcher said. "It was running around in traffic on the interstate, which is why law enforcement got involved as quickly as it did. There was a lot of us out there chasing this thing around."

A sheriff's deputy roped the steer about a half-hour after the escape.

Bratcher said the steer was uninjured and returned to its owner.

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NEED A WEDGE



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WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday: Scattered thunderstorms; high: 89; low: 71; high tide: 11:19 a.m.; low tide: 5:13 p.m.
Saturday: Isolated thunderstorms; high: 86; low: 69; high tide: 12:13 p.m.; low tide: 6:09 p.m.
Sunday: Isolated thunderstorms; high: 84; low: 69; high tide: 1:09 p.m.; low tide: 7:09 p.m.
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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New program makes paying taxes online safer

By Jessica Tuggle
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Indian River County Tax Collector's office has added a lot of duties since taking over responsibilities from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, but that doesn't mean they're forgetting their first respon-

sibility. Tax collector Carole Jean Jordan announced last week that her office had fully installed a new system for taxpayers to use to pay their taxes online.

The new tax collection system, TaxSys, is a state-of-the-art, web-based tax collection and billing sys-

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Roadway named after deputy killed in line of duty

By Jay Meisel
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — As an Indian River County deputy, Richard Raczkoski dealt with a lot of bad people.

But when he talked about his job, he focused on the good that he could do, such as being the first to find an Alzheimer's patient who had wandered off, his brother, Marc



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Raczkoski, recalled last week.

"The only time he used to talk about his job was about the good things," the brother said.

Marc Raczkoski was on hand Sept. 23 when

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Volunteers needed for spoil island enhancement workdays

Melissa Daniel, a student at Florida Institute of Technology, plants native species of salt marsh vegetation on a spoil island in the Indian River Lagoon recently. The island known as BC47, is a recreational/research island in Brevard County.



Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

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INDIAN RIVER LAGOON — The vegetation on one spoil island in the Indian River Lagoon got a an upgrade last week.

The Sept. 21 planting day was organized by the Indian River Lagoon Aquatic Preserves branch of the state department of environmental protection in celebration of National Estuaries Day, said local DEP representative Jacqueline Owen.

"It was a great turnout. Everyone who RSVP'd was there," Ms. Owen said.

About two dozen volunteers from Brevard and Indian River counties planted 50 red mangroves, 171 salt marsh grasses, 25 sea-oxeye daisy, 15 sea purslane and 85 glasswort to enhance the habitats on one of the southern spoil islands in Brevard County, BC47.

The site is an active recreation island and receives constant visitors who enjoy

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Cassie Nicolace, an eighth grader at Storm Grove Middle School, was one of the student organizers of the school's International Day of Peace demonstration. She and about 900 other students, school faculty and staff made a 'human' heart on the school soccer field on Sept. 21.

Staff photo by
Jessica Tuggle

Students organize peace demonstration

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Storm Grove Middle School soccer field was used last week by about 900 students, staff and faculty, but not for sports.

The group of 900 assembled and stood shoulder-to-shoulder to create a "human" heart in celebration of the International Day of Peace and demonstrate their desire for peace around the world.

The idea was born in the classroom of gifted social studies teacher Cynthia Emerson, who teaches eighth grade.

Last year, her class rallied the school to create a "human" peace sign and decided to carry forward the tradition this year.

"Last year we made a peace sign, this year we made a heart and next year we will do a smiley face, for peace, love and happiness," said Cassie Nicolace, one of the students in Ms. Emerson's class this year.

"We feel like peace is a worthy thing to celebrate," she said.

A plane, flown by parent volunteer Ken Mishler, flew overhead to capture photos of the students standing together in the shape of a heart. They squeezed in tight so there would be no gaps and raised their hands toward the sky waving or making peace signs with their hands.

The International Day of Peace was created by the United Nations in 1982. It encourages humankind to

work together toward peace.

The day, celebrated annually on Sept. 21, is also a day of ceasefire and is used in many war-torn countries as a time to help children get immunizations, said Ms. Emerson.

"This isn't about being an anti-war demonstration, it's about helping these children," she said.

Ms. Emerson incorporated more than just social studies in the event by having the students do research to discover the dimensions needed to make the heart to fit all the students, faculty and staff who could participate.

School Principal Shawn O'Keefe said it was wonderful to see the students learning and engaged in a project that covered many

different areas of learning.

"Everyone did a fantastic job," Principal O'Keefe said.

The rest of the students in the class who helped plan and organize the event included: Nicole Smith, Jaden Monnett, Gabby Campone, Methos Alvaro, Taylor Levan, Jake McCoy, Mason Wonka, Tommy Doane, Thomas Miller, Naomi Hurtado, Caroline White, Brent Sharman, Breana Broxton, Elisa Sanchez, Michael Garcia, Samuel Zimmerman, Mia Fornabio, Aurora Arrington, Bradley Mentzer, Dathan Terry and Francisco Olarte.

Students at Sebastian Elementary also participated in celebrating the

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Four vie in two Fellsmere election races

By Jessica Tuggle
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FELLSMERE — Two challengers have arisen to take on the incumbents for seats on Fellsmere's city council.

Mayor Susan Adams and Councilwoman Sara Savage will be pitted against challengers Alberto DeLeon Jr. and John Allen Luke in the Nov. 8 general election.

Each candidate was asked four questions pertaining to their platform and reason for running. Three candidates responded by press time and their answers are presented in the order they were received.

Mr. DeLeon did not respond.

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

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Yvette Caruthers, a case-worker in Congressman Bill Posey's office and Frank Sakuma, with the Indian River Lagoon program, set native plants near the waterline on spoil island BC47 to help protect the island from erosion for National Estuary Day last week.

Cliff Partlow
 staff photographer

Island

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picnicking, hiking and overnight camping.

The spoil islands, though man-made, have become an integral part of the lagoon's eco-system, acting as nesting grounds for endangered bird species.

The sea grass beds and mangrove fringe act as nursery grounds for a variety of fish species and provide recreational opportunities for the public, a press release said.

Planting the sea grasses and other salt-marsh vegetation near the mangroves is a fairly new method of helping them reproduce on their own, and it seems to be working, Ms. Owens said

Among the volunteers present were students from Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne and representatives from Congressman Bill Posey's office. The island was actually adopted by the college back in 2009, so it was wonderful to see the

students helping out, she said.

Some of the jobs to be completed on the spoil islands can be a little strenuous for some volunteers, but there are other volunteer opportunities, Ms. Owen said.

A mangrove nursery on the St. Sebastian River is another place where willing volunteers can do less intensive, but just as important work, such as pulling weeds, she said.

The following is a listing of upcoming spoil island enhancement dates and launch locations. All projects begin at 8:30 a.m. and last until noon.

Oct. 8
 • Round Island boat ramp, Vero Beach. Trail clearing, barbeque grill installation, exotic plant removal, native planting and general island clean-up on SL3.

Nov. 12
 •Riverside Park, Vero Beach. Trail clearing, exotic plant removal, native planting and general island clean-up on IR36.

Dec. 10
 • Christenson's Landing, Grant. Exotic plant removal, enhancement monitoring, native planting and general island clean-up on BC47.

Jan. 14
 • Main Street ramp, Sebastian. Trail clearing, exotic plant removal, native planting and general island clean-up on IR10 and IR11.

Feb. 11
 •North Bridge Causeway, Fort Pierce. Trail clearing, picnic-table repair, exotic plant removal, native planting and general island clean up on SL8.

March 10
 •Christenson's Landing, Grant. Exotic plant removal, native planting and general island clean-up on BC47.

April 14
 •Christenson's Landing, Grant. Exotic plant removal on BC38.

For more information about the spoil island enhancement project and other volunteer opportunities, call (321) 953-5008 or visit www.spoilislandproject.org.

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Event to bring police, community together



Photo courtesy of Steve Marcinic

People enjoy free hot dogs at last year's night out event in Sebastian. This year's it will be held on Oct. 4 at Riverview Park. Night out helps people to get to know their neighbors and improves communication between residents and law enforcement.

By Jay Meisel

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SEBASTIAN — Sebastian's annual night out event on Oct. 4 will provide more than just an opportunity for people to meet their neighbors, get free hot dogs and see some demonstrations, a Sebastian Police Department official said last week.

The longer-term goals are for people to become more aware of crime prevention efforts and boost "communication between law enforcement agencies and the people they work for," said Steve Marcinic, community policing specialist.

He said through such

events, he hopes people will be more comfortable communicating with officers.

A person may see something and believe it's too insignificant to report it, he said.

"A lot of times, it is a piece of a puzzle that going to solve a larger problem," he said.

National Night Out started 28 years ago with the idea that people in individual neighborhoods would spend an evening together getting to know each other.

Throughout the year in Sebastian, they do that during neighborhood crime watch meetings, Officer Marcinic said.

The police department

conceived the idea of making National Night Out into a larger event because there aren't enough officers to spend time in each neighborhood on that particular night, Officer Marcinic said.

The larger event also will give people and business owners a greater opportunity to interact with a variety of law enforcement agencies, he said.

Besides the Sebastian Police Department, other participating law enforcement agencies will include U.S. Homeland Security, Florida Highway Patrol and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Homeland Security is expected to bring a boat to the event, Officer Marcinic

said.

The Florida Highway Patrol will display a rollover simulator that shows what can happen if someone is not wearing a seatbelt, he said.

There will be a blood drive, fingerprinting for children, a k-9 demonstrations and fire rescue equipment will be on display.

Other participants include Complete Alarm/Electric, B&J Locksmith, Home Depot, Nurse on Call, Crime Stoppers, Red Cross, Absolute Protection Alarms, health clubs and gyms, Affordable Water and Publix.

The event will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Riverview Park in Sebastian.

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Promoting reading, one book at a time

Coalition offers free literacy workshops for parents in October

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — A nonprofit coalition is hosting a four free workshops to help parents promote literacy and encourage their kids to read.

The Coalition 4 Kids is made up of Indian River County organizations such as schools, churches and children-oriented nonprofits that care about reaching children and helping parents equip their children for academic and life success.

Throughout October, the coalition is hosting four identical workshops at different locations in Indian River County titled, "Reading: The Road to Success."

In a press release, the coalition cites scientific studies that show 90 percent of brain development occurs before age 5, and watching television could be partly to blame for attention deficit disorder. Promoting literacy in the first years of a child life can be

crucial to developing good literacy and reading habits, organizers said.

Barbara Schlitt Ford, director of Youth Guidance, one of the organizations that helped start the coalition in 2007, said the "parent academies" or workshops they have organized have been well received by the community. This time they've decided to spread the workshops out around the community instead of holding one large one in a central location.

"We're going into neighborhoods, trying to go right where the families are to make it easier for them to come," Ms. Ford said.

Workshops will be held on Oct. 6 at the Vero Beach Boys and Girls Club building, Oct. 11 at the Fellsmere Boys and Girls Club meeting space in the Old Fellsmere Schoolhouse, Oct. 20 at the Sebastian Boys and Girls Club building and Oct. 27 at the Gifford Youth Activity Center.

All workshops are free and

include free pizza at 5:30 p.m. with the workshops running from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Free child care is also available for healthy children ages 4 to 11 by RSVP only. Space is limited.

In conjunction with the parent academy, the coalition is holding a community wide book drive. New and used donated books for all ages, infants to adults, are desired and will be given out to parents who attend the workshops in October.

Books can be dropped off at several locations throughout the county, including Boys and Girls Club locations in Vero Beach, Sebastian and Fellsmere, CrossLife Counseling, Florida Spine, Gifford Youth Activity Center, Healthy Start Coalition, Starbucks locations in Indian River County, Marine Bank and also at the Family Jamboree at the Indian River County Fairgrounds on Oct. 8.

Books will be accepted until Oct. 10. Presenters from The

Learning Alliance will talk about how reading occurs in the human brain, why it is important to spend time reading together and will offer suggestions on how to make reading time more valuable.

"It's making literacy fun and something the child wants to do. Even if it's just sitting on a lap and looking at the pictures and talking about them," Ms. Ford said.

Author Barbara Brooks, who wrote "Read to Babies," will also speak and share 10 benefits to reading to babies, along with other reading tips.

Information will also be presented on how to improve adult literacy skills and what resources are available in Indian River County, Ms. Ford said.

For more information about the literacy presentations, call (772) 226-3092. For more information about Connected 4 Kids, e-mail Ms. Ford at bford@ircgov.com.

Races

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Family: Did not answer. Previous public office held: City council member since 2006, mayor since 2007, Fellsmere planning

and zoning committee member in 2005.

Q: What were some of the deciding factors in choosing to run for re-election to the city council?

A: I believe Fellsmere is on a positive path forward and I would like to help continue that trend. We have been updating our land-development regulations, zoning maps and ordinances, so when the economy turns around we will be ready to go. I would like to continue working on these and other regulations, to ensure that we will be able to implement our

vision and attract jobs and commerce.

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: I believe we need to address the issue of jobs. Our residents need quality paying jobs. The city council has adopted an economic development plan and has implemented the Fellsmere Economic Enhancement District, a tax abatement program, as well as a streamlined permitting process to help take the

burden off of business. I feel that we need to continue to work on these programs to ensure that they are effective. We also need to continue working with our local chambers of commerce as well as Enterprise Florida, to attract jobs to our area and get our residents back to work.

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

A: I believe the city of Fellsmere has been very good at partnering with other agencies and organizations to help get more bang for the buck. We have had to cut services in certain areas, recreation being one of them.

However, we have been able to partner with the local Little League, football and soccer leagues, as well as the Boys and Girls Club to provide the programs that the city cannot.

By providing infrastructure and space, we have been able to cut costs while still ensuring that the services are being provided to the residents. I think we should explore more opportunities of this nature to keep taxes down, but continue to provide much-needed services.

Q: What makes you the best candidate for the job?

A: Being raised here and owning a business in the city of Fellsmere, has enabled me to understand the vision of the community, as well as the challenges that businesses face.

Further, I believe Fellsmere is one of the best communities in our area. It is a great place to live, work play and raise a family. We need to continue our posi-

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Police report

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Arrests listed were made from Sept. 13 to Sept. 20

Sebastian Police Department

- Ronald James Morrison, 41, 703 S. Easy St., Sebastian, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for possession of cocaine and tampering with evidence.
- Melanie S. O'Neal, 44, 133 Dahl Ave., Sebastian, was charged with felony child neglect.
- Anthony Musumeci, 43, 5116 Northwest 57th Terrace, Coral Springs, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana.

Fellsmere Police Department

- Jesus Becerra, 29, 60 Sunrise Square, Apt. 203, Fellsmere, was charged with domestic violence battery by strangulation.
- Sivinti Orlando Ross, 40, 1031 State St., Fellsmere, was charged with violation of parole and aggravated battery.

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

- Amber Marie Blair, 25, 2173 Second Ave. S.E., Vero Beach, was charged with third-degree grand theft.
- Jeffrey Daniel Fisher, 23, 1876 19th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with organized fraud.
- Arthur L. Pound, 26, 4550 38th Court, Vero Beach, was charged with lewd and lascivious battery.
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well, 19, 4224 38th Drive, Vero Beach, was charged with robbery of a purse by sudden snatching and a misdemeanor charge of battery.

- Glenn Henry Brown, 39, 1590 Polynesian Lane, Sebastian, was charged with burglary and possession of burglary tools.

- Gerald William Dees, 55, 2101 Orange Ave., Fort Pierce, was charged with driving while license suspended, failure to appear in court and misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence, refusal to submit to testing, attaching tag not assigned and driving while license suspended with a prior conviction.

- Matthew S. Fosson, 23, 5771 Sunberry Circle, Fort Pierce, was charged with being a fugitive from justice and a misdemeanor charge of selling of tobacco to minors.

- Joseph Robert Gage, 34, 706 Wentworth St., Sebastian, was charged with burglary of a dwelling and possession of burglary tools.

- Ryan Marie Hanna, 33, 1866 Ninth Place, Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for possession of cocaine.

- Jason Eric Logan, 37, 196 Creekside Circle, New Smyrna, was charged with grand theft of an automobile.

- Barbra Ann Parmenter, 25, 1770 Grant Road, Grant, was charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for possession of clonazepam.

- Thomas Allen Potzer, 25, 169 Day Drive, Sebastian, was charged with burglary of a dwelling.

- Kayde S. Powell, 26, 2216 18th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with aggravated battery domestic violence.

- Clifford Angelo Relford, 51, 5730 46th St., Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for third-degree grand

theft.

- Joseph Lee Bryant, 49, 3745 45th St., Vero Beach, was charged with felony criminal mischief and a misdemeanor charge of second-degree petit theft.

- Marilyn Gruslin, 39, 8735 51st Terrace, Sebastian, was charged with third-degree grand theft and criminal use of personal identification information.

- Joshua Robert Hathorn, 21, 5477 80th Ave., Palmetto, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for fraudulent use of a credit card.

- Brian P. McBride, 36, 6001 Northwest 62nd Court, Parkland, was charged with possession of cocaine and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

- Wade Wallace McLaughlin, 53, no address given, was charged with grand theft of an automobile and misdemeanor charges of willful wanton reckless driving and no Florida driver license.

- Robert Michael Potvin, 40, 33123 Oil Well Road, Punta Gorda, was charged with three counts of giving false information to a pawn broker, three charges of dealing in stolen property and third-degree grand theft.

- Joseph Sicurella, 41, 402 Pineapple Square S.W., Vero Beach, was charged with burglary, grand theft and misdemeanor charges of battery, trespass and resisting arrest without violence.

- Michael J. Simon, 52, 242 Kiwi Drive, Barefoot Bay, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Philip D. Vassello, 35, 1286 14th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of methadone and a misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest without violence.

- Clinton Michael Vuich, 19, 455 Eighth Manor, Apt. 103, Vero Beach, was

charged with four counts of burglary of an automobile, boat or conveyance, two counts of third-degree grand theft, carrying a concealed firearm and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana, driving while license suspended with knowledge, first-degree petit theft and second-degree petit theft.

- Ricky Lee Wright, 49, 4635 33rd Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with burglary.

- Carlos Portugal, 21, 2601 98th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with two counts of aggravated assault and two counts of sexual battery with a threat of violence.

- Jerard M. Ross, 21, 4435 31st Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation and dealing in stolen property. He was on probation for resisting arrest without violence.

- Willie Henry Williams, 47, 2440 42nd St., Vero Beach, was charged with burglary of a dwelling.

- Maria Ivette Socarras, 40, 4385 Forest Blvd., Jacksonville, was charged with trafficking in cocaine.

- Miguel Socarras-Ramirez, 40, 4385 Forest Blvd., Jacksonville, was charged with trafficking in cocaine.

- Damien Robert Wells, 23, 4243 38th Court, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a firearm, ammunition or electric device by a convicted felon and misdemeanor charges of trespass of a structure or conveyance and two counts of criminal mischief.

- Amy Lynn Welsh, 25, 5425 Fourth Manor, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Chris A. Bridge, 49, 9458 U.S. 1, Sebastian, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and aggravated assault.

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- Travis Demetrius Davis, 21, 4007 41st Square, Vero Beach, was charged with aggravated battery and a misdemeanor charge of failing to obey a law enforcement officer or fire emergency personnel.

- James Cutler Keene, 47, 1034 20th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with violating an injunction for protection.

- Nicholas Lyle Mobley, 24, 6960 41st St., Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for two counts of grand theft.

- Clinton Michael Mohan, 31, 1059 Wyoming Drive, Palm Bay, was charged with third-degree grand theft and dealing in stolen property.

- Joshua Lee Brown, 23, 4315 33rd Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with two counts of burglary.

- Oscar Eliazar Castanon, 23, 9908 Sweepstakes Lane, Apt. 2, Orlando, was charged with burglary of a dwelling with assault and battery and misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest without violence and driving while license suspended with knowledge.

- Ryan Keith Denning, 23, 1760 14th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation.

- He was on probation for organized fraud, uttering a forged instrument and forgery.

- Patrick Francis Haigler, 28, 475 10th Place Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with fraudulent use of a credit card and dealing in stolen property.

- Jerry Lee Hammer, 46, 3435 Third Place, Vero Beach, was charged with third-degree grand theft and a misdemeanor charge of trespass of a structure or conveyance.

- Jeffrey Alan Lessard, 42, 341 Mercury Ave. S.E., Apt. 204, Palm Bay, was charged with robbery.

- Hanuman Joyce, 18, 414 Ponoka St., Sebastian, was charged with dealing in stolen property and three counts of giving false ownership or identification information to a pawn broker.

- Curtis McCoy Kimbrough, 31, 1225 19 Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with being a fugitive from justice, introduction of contraband into a detention facility, possession of cocaine and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Thomas Patrick McAllister, 29, 2450 27th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with two counts of violation of probation. He was on probation for grand theft and driving while license revoked.

- Yashica Rena Pinkney, 24, 1806 Brookline Ave. Fort Pierce, was charged with felony battery.

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Join the fight against costly auto insurance fraud

Florida currently leads the nation in fake or staged accidents, aka personal injury protection fraud. Being the best at something is typically something to brag about, but in this case, these fraudulent actions are driving up the cost of automobile insurance for every policyholder in the state.

The masterminds of these schemes are collecting millions and it is costing the average Florida family with two cars in the driveway as much as \$100 in higher auto insurance premiums every year.

As your chief financial officer, I am committed to making sure that Florida will no longer lead the nation in reports of fake or staged accidents.

PIP fraud accounts for more than 40 percent of Florida's insurance fraud cases reported to the Division of Insurance Fraud, a law enforcement

agency within the Department of Financial Services.

My fraud division aggressively pursues fraud and leads the nation in recovering insurance fraud-related losses through court-ordered restitution.

PIP is the personal injury protection portion of your automobile policy and covers medical treatment for injuries suffered in a crash. According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, Florida has three of the top five cities nationally for questionable medical claims associated with staged accidents: Tampa, Miami and Orlando.

More than 3,000 staged accidents were reported in Florida between 2007 and 2009, more than twice the number reported by New York, which is No. 2 on the list.

So often, the architects of these crimes are not who you would necessarily suspect. They include:



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patients, clinics and clinic owners, attorneys, senior citizens, doctors and/or chiropractors.

PIP fraud is happening every day. Typical players involved in PIP fraud are:

- The patient. The patient must have insurance and most are aware that what they are doing is wrong. On the other hand, some patients may be unaware of the scam.

- The clinic. If the clinic's primary function is to treat accident patients, there is going to be some level of fraud. To compete and survive, accident clinics must "buy" patients, stage accidents or file fraudulent claims.

- The clinic owner. Typically, the "hands-on"

organizer of the fraud scheme is the clinic owner. Owners may provide cars for the staged accidents, train employees on how to commit PIP fraud, hire runners to supply patients to the fraudulent clinic and oftentimes, finance the staged accidents.

- The runner. An individual uses a scanner to listen for police dispatch of car accidents and may also obtain crash reports. The runner then contacts the accident victims with the promise of cash, car repairs or a settlement from a lawsuit. Often, the runner will tell patients they don't have to receive medical treatment, just sign the paperwork and receive cash on the spot for their insurance information.

- The attorney. An essential player in the scheme, he or she works closely with clinic owners and may also have runners on staff.

- The doctor. To commit

PIP fraud, the clinic needs a licensed doctor and/or chiropractor. Typically, doctors are medical directors at multiple clinics and may actually treat only a small number of patients in accident clinics. In some cases, the doctors are elderly or near retirement and are paid to fabricate or sign fake reports.

Seniors are not exempt from these predators and can fall victim to the schemes, especially when the scammer is a senior, as well.

All consumers should use caution when they receive phone calls after an accident, as it may be someone trying to initiate a fraud scheme. Thoroughly review all billing statements you receive for doctor's services and never sign blank insurance or medical forms.

According to the Insurance Information Institute, staged accidents and phony medical treatment

will add about \$1 billion to the cost of fraud in Florida's no-fault auto insurance system by the end of 2011, if the current trend continues.

We will put a stop to these fraudsters who take money out of the pockets of hard-working Floridians. With the support and assistance of consumers, law enforcement and our partners in the insurance industry, my department will continue to bring these criminals to justice.

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Soft on crime is nonsense

The soft-on-crime crowd is alive and well. Having read all the sociology text books in the Ivy League schools, they think they can change man to make him good. Rather than put criminals in jail, they believe in "a more nuanced prosecutorial approach."

They talk about "decriminalization" of marijuana and we "over-incarcerate" law-breakers.

All this may appeal to intellectuals, but to the common man on the street it is nonsense.

Cheating teachers?

Organized cheating on tests was first revealed in 2001 in 44 Atlanta public schools. The culture of circling the wagons had kept this criminal activity secret.

Over time, however, the dirt oozed out. Teachers had organized elaborate "cheating parties" to change pupils test scores. All this was done "to preserve the high salaries of teachers and administrators" according to an expose. We wonder whether our teachers are above reproach.

Who creates jobs?

Have you ever been hired by a poor person? Probably not. Usually the well-to-do are the ones who are able to start businesses and expand them.

Democrats want to increase taxes on the rich, but that will not encourage them to create jobs. The rich should be encouraged to create jobs, private-sector jobs, that will stimulate the economy, create opportunities and benefit us all.

Some suggestions to cut spending

Hi all. I don't originate very many e-mails, but I think it's time we started a movement.

Congress and the president have begun to talk about lowering the federal debt by reducing a lot of different areas. Most of those areas are directly related to folks who can least afford a reduction. I feel that instead of reducing Medicare, Social Security and especially the retirements of those veterans who spent most of their lives defending this country that there are other, much better places to cut.

For example, let's cut the pensions of all of those who have served in Congress by two-thirds. Most of them are millionaires anyway.

Second, let's take away the first lady's personal staff, except one or maybe two people. She has a larger staff than all of the previous first ladies combined.

Also, let's eliminate those trips and vacate country for

ions she takes at government expense. We can't afford vacations, why should we pay for hers?

Next, why don't we get a law passed requiring the president to remain in Washington and do his job instead of taking Air Force One all over the country for no apparent reason, other than he doesn't seem to know how to conduct the business of representing the people of this country, which is what he (and all of the senators and congressmen) was elected to do.

He has already traveled more than any two-term president ever traveled. What do you think?

Approval is down

A dirty little secret is out. The approval rating for congress has fallen to an all-time low, partly because people are starting to recognize that they are getting scammed.

When congressmen talk about future spending cuts, they are really saying government will spend less than planned.

For example, they budget a 10 percent increase but spend just 5 percent more, and they call it a reduction. Only in Washington, not in the real world.

On the public's tab

It should be common knowledge that we, the general public, are forced to pay the costs of litigation, the costs of our legal system. The lawyers do not pay. The bad guys do not pay. But we allow ridiculous lawsuits.

A mom wants her son to play on the girl's field hockey team, so she sues. A dad is unhappy when his son is declared ineligible for the basketball team, so he sues. A town team is booted from a tournament, so an attorney for the town sues.

All this costs money. The system permits it and we, the taxpayers, foot the bill.

Schools are failing

America's public schools are failing our kids. For years, test scores in math, science and reading have been embarrassingly poor.

To make matters worse, a study titled Guardian of Democracy indicates that inadequate civics education is setting our country up for disaster.

As hard as it may be to believe, only a third of our fellow citizens can name the three branches of government. Less than 20 percent of eighth graders know why the Declaration of Independence was written.

It would be interesting to be a fly on the wall in our public school classrooms.

About the post office

What is wrong with this picture? The post office loses money each and every year. It is projected to lose billions this year. Fed Ex earns money. Fed Ex pays substantial taxes each year.

Apparently, one is inefficient. The other is efficient. So the question might be asked: why are we forced to continue to subsidize an inefficient, government-run post office?

Easy answers

There should be no confusion about why our economy is on the skids. Our government pays out more than \$100 billion each year to people who do not have jobs. Worse yet, an audit indicates that 11.2 percent of the total is obtained through fraud. People are cheating mainly by cashing checks after they find a job. What is totally lacking is accountability.

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David Morgan, Judge 19th Judicial Circuit, left, and Bruce Colton, State Attorney 19th Judicial Circuit pay respects to Marc Raczkoski and his family during the dedication of the Richard Raczkoski Memorial Highway sign Friday, Sept. 23. Marc is the brother of slain Indian River County Cpl. Richard Raczkoski, who was Sept. 23, 1986, at 82nd Ave. and State Road 60.

Cliff Partlow staff photographer

Highway

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officials re-named a section of State Highway 60, from 82nd Avenue east to 23rd Ave., in honor of his brother.

The dedication took place near the spot where 25 years ago, Cpl. Raczkoski was gunned down on Sept. 23, 1986. He is the only law enforcement officer in Indian River County to have died in the line of duty.

"This is way overdue," said Gordon Michael, a reserve deputy who pushed for the re-naming of the highway.

For that to be achieved, it required approval by the Indian River County Commission, the Vero Beach City Council and the State Legislature, he said.

The re-naming had been attempted unsuccessfully several times in the past, he said.

Indian River County Sheriff Deryl Lohr gave a lot of credit to State Sen. Debbie Mayfield.

While people attending the event were happy the highway was renamed after the deputy, some voiced frustration that his killer, William Reaves, remains on death row.

And he could remain there for some time. The U.S. District Court for southern Flori-

da has granted him a new trial, but that decision is expected to be appealed.

According to the sheriff's office, the situation leading to the murder began when Cpl. Raczkoski responded to a call and arrived at the Zippy Mart at State Road 60 and 82nd Avenue.

During an interview with a man at the scene, later determined to be Mr. Reaves, a gun fell from Mr. Reaves' clothing, the sheriff's department said in a press release.

The deputy and Mr. Reaves struggled over the gun and Mr. Reaves shot Cpl. Raczkoski four times in the chest and the abdomen, the sheriff's office said.

Susie Erhardt, who was an Indian River County dispatcher at the time of the incident, said Cpl. Raczkoski went to the scene after a 911 hangup call from the payphone at the Zippy Mart.

But after the deputy arrived at the scene, he told her that "everything is OK," and that the man was just waiting for a cab, she recalled.

Everything wasn't OK, though, as within a few minutes, a newspaper carrier called to say that the deputy had been shot, Ms. Erhardt said.

Kenny Hamilton, a lieutenant and shift supervisor, who is now retired, said he was the first to arrive at the

scene. He held Deputy Raczkoski until an ambulance arrived.

"That's something I'll never forget," he said.

He said Cpl. Raczkoski asked if he was going to be OK. But he died hours later at a hospital, Mr. Hamilton said.

It wasn't hard for authorities to determine the identity of the suspect, said L.E. Bud Spencer, chief deputy for Indian River County.

Cpl. Raczkoski called in Mr. Reaves' name and also wrote his name in a notebook, actions crucial to investigators developing a suspect.

Twenty-five years later, Chief Deputy Spencer remembered Deputy Raczkoski as a great person who was very dedicated in his job.

"Nobody wanted to serve Indian River County more than him," Chief Deputy Spencer said.

Mr. Hamilton said Cpl. Raczkoski needed little direction.

"I knew he would complete everything I asked him to do," he said.

Mr. Hamilton recalled the deputy as someone who was always smiling, but that also, the smile was real.

"In the worst of times, that man would have a smile on his face. That smile was always sincere," he said.

OBITUARIES

Leonard Mark Maday

Leonard Mark Maday, 59, of Barefoot Bay, died Sept. 13, 2011.

He was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and moved to Barefoot Bay 11 years ago.

He was a musician. He was a member of St. Luke's Catholic Church.

He is survived by a daughter, Chassidy; a son, Ryan; a sister, Ann; two brothers, John and Michael and four grandchildren.

Arrangements by Seawinds Funeral Home and Crematory.

Charles O. Cooler

Charles O. Cooler, 77, died September 17, 2011 at Sebastian River

Medical Center, Sebastian.

He was born in Okatie, S.C., and lived in Indian River County for 41 years.

He worked with the St. John's Water District for 29 years.

He is survived by his wife, Joan; a son, Otis; four stepsons, James, John, Daniel and Donald; two daughters, Janice and Candace; a foster daughter, Trudy; a stepdaughter, Joann; his mother, Edith; a brother, Joseph; two sisters, Edith and MaryAnn; 34 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dollie; a daughter, Joyce; a son, Curtis and four brothers, Allen, James, Edwin and Richard.

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tive move forward and I am dedicated to making that happen.

Name: Sara Savage
Contact information: Did not answer.

Family: husband, Evencio Pablo, parents, Richard and Mary Weaver, son, Tim Cruce and grandson, Shane.

Previous public office held: Fellsmere City Council

Q: What were some of the deciding factors in choosing to run for re-election to the city council?

A: I would like to continue the work we have begun. In the past five years, we have implemented many policies that will help Fellsmere with tourism, such as our greenway trails, purchases of land for parks and conservation.

We have brownfield designations that will help with taxes and job creation. And we have implemented the redevelopment of the downtown and main corridor to help bring businesses to Fellsmere.

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: We need more sidewalks and we need to repair a few of the older ones by using grants and budgeting for them.

One of our biggest complaints from businesses is the impact fees. Hopefully, we can work with the county to restructure these in a way to make them affordable to small businesses.

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

A: We have held a tight rein on our budget and feel raising taxes is not necessary.

Q: What makes you the best candidate for the job?

A: My experience on the council and how government works and my continuing efforts to improve the way our residents interact with staff in addressing their concerns and changing what needs to be changed.

Name: John Allen Luke
Contact information: (772) 633-9988

Family: Wife and stepson
Previous public office held: None, but have many years of experience as a supervisor of nuclear power plants with as many as 80 men under me.

Editor's note: Mr. Luke's answers were paraphrased by the reporter after a phone conversation and published with his permission.

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

A: I see the dollars that the city gets not being used wisely. They bought that

piece of property by city hall for storm water, but now, they are going to have to put a fence all the way around it. They bought it and now it's off the tax roll, so that's money not coming into the city. And they have to fence it because now they're liable for anything that happens on it, a kid could drown, or the water could have amoebas in it. A 6- or 7-year old kid is not going to read signs posted up if we don't have a fence. We will be liable if a kid gets in there and drowns.

We have flooding in our streets they could have spent the money on, or on a recreation director for the kids.

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: We have got the highest water rates in Port St. Lucie, Melbourne or Palm Bay. People are leaving because of it.

Also, our permit costs are double what they are in Sebastian. There has got to be a change in Fellsmere.

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

A: I would cut the salaries, like all the other cities are doing. And take a day off every once and a while, take furlough days.

Q: What makes you the best candidate for the job?

A: I was born here and the people know me and they talk to me. No one else really wants to get involved. No one has challenged the current city council in a long time and they do what they want.

It's not their city, it's not the city manager's city, it's the people's city.

For more information about city elections, contact city clerk Deborah Krages at (772) 646-6301. 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.

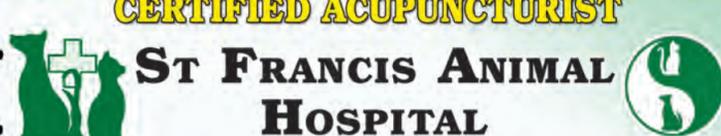


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Taxes

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tem produced by Grant Street Group, which is based out of Pittsburgh, Pa., and has a satellite office in Jupiter.

The program went live on Sept. 12 and nearly 100 customer transactions were processed with credit cards, according to a press release.

The county tax collector's office collects more than \$230 million in property taxes on more than 100,000 accounts each year, the press release said.

The new system is much more than a new online payment program, said Craig Lombard, executive director of the tax collector's office.

The system will improve efficiency in processing cus-

tomers transactions with a universal cashing program, allows for more reports to be compiled and available to the public online and three levels of redundancy in case of an emergency or a disaster. These are just a few of the helpful and more efficient processes the new program will allow, he said in an email.

Future capabilities with the coupon include payment option with mobile devices and smartphones, Mr. Lombard said. Prior to TaxSys and the relationship with Grant Street Group, credit cards were not accepted in the tax collector office branches, though they could be used for online payments with another company, Ms. Jordan said in an interview.

"Moving to TaxSys was a

strategic decision to ensure our tax collection system and infrastructure are secure, with the most advanced technology now and in the future. The new system increases the number of services we can offer online, increases automation within the office and also, allows us to accept credit card payments in all the tax collector offices across the county," Ms. Jordan said.

There is a convenience fee of \$2.95 to use the online payment service, with an electronic check, or 2.5 percent on the property tax amount when paying with credit cards, because the payment is made through a third-party processor.

Statistics describing the percentage of taxpayers using the online payment system, versus mailing in their payment or paying at an office before TaxSys was implemented were not immediately available.

"TaxSys provides enormously powerful technology, and more importantly, the tools the Indian River Tax Collector's office needs to better serve the taxpayers," Ms. Jordan said.

The tax collector hopes more people will take advantage of the new, secure and convenient payment method.

"Carole Jean Jordan and her staff are exceptional professionals who understand that a fully integrated tax collection solution helps streamline operations and better deliver taxpayer services," said Ian Yorty, director of Florida business development at Grant Street Group, in a press release.

"We look forward to working with them for years to come," he said.

The cost to maintain the programs with the Grant Street Group are about \$150,000 per year, compared to the \$110,000 the office was previously using to provide online and other report services.

Ms. Jordan said the difference is about the same as the cost of an employee, but the amount of work that can be streamlined and the time saved by having a system that can reduce data entry is well worth it.

For more information, call (772) 226-1338. To search for properties and pay taxes online, visit the Indian River County Tax Collector's new public website, www.indianrivercountytaxes.com/public.

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Symphony season begins Oct. 1

By Jessica Tuggle
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Seventy-six trombones may not literally be marching down the streets of Vero Beach this weekend, but the stirring brass will certainly be heard if the Space Coast Symphony Orchestra has anything to say about it.

The symphony will kick off its 2011-12 concert season with the rousing and energetic music of Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man," on Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. in the Waxlax Center for the Performing Arts at Saint Edwards School in Vero Beach.

The symphony will present the music as an unstaged production of "The Music Man," and bring in more orchestra members for a full sound.

Baritone Stephen Mumbert will star as Professor Harold Hill and soprano Eliza Dopira will take the role of Marian Paroo, according to a press release.

Songs such as "Til There Was You," "Ya Got Trouble" and "Seventy-Six Trombones," are sure to get the audience engaged and excited.

Maestro Aaron Collins, in addition to directing the

symphony orchestra, will guide a chorus of local singers in the larger numbers of the musical.

"This will be a really fun program," Mr. Collins said in a press release.

"The Music Man' is one of the greatest musicals written and bulking up the pit orchestra will give it an even more exciting sound. If you enjoy the radio show style of 'A Prairie Home Companion,' you're going to love 'The Music Man,'" he said.

There will be a total of 15 concert dates in the symphony's 2011-12 season in Vero Beach.

Advanced tickets are \$20, and an additional \$5 at the door. Students 18 and younger are admitted free.

This year, the symphony has undertaken a new community outreach ticket program, Symphony for Everyone. The program will provide complimentary or discounted symphony tickets to those who could not financially afford to attend, Mr. Collins said in an interview.

The goal of the program is to expose more people to live symphonic concert experiences and potentially inspire budding musicians to pick up instru-

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Photo provided by Buzz Biz Public Relations
Director Aaron Collins and the Space Coast Symphony Orchestra return to Vero Beach for a new season of music. An unstaged production of 'The Music Man' will be presented at the Waxlax Center for the Performing Arts in Vero Beach on Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. The show will be presented 'radio style,' with music and voice actors.



STAR SCOPES

James Tucker
Week of 9-30-2011

Aries-March 21-April 19

You have so much courage. When the chips are down, you play it through to the end. Others may quit, but you hang in there. Victory will come more times than not. Yours is a great attitude and highly attractive for success. You are doing a great job. Keep it up. Life is going your way. Very little can stop you now.

Taurus-April 20-May 20

You handle responsibility very well. You know what is expected from a leader. You give it. Your heart is large and your spirit is strong. Don't forget that your needs are important, too. Take a break when you feel your energy sagging. Take a walk on the beach. Stay relaxed and happy. Now you are your best again.

Gemini-May 21-June 21

Your spirit is so strong that few of the things you worry about ever come to pass. Your good intentions will always be honored. Your love of family and friends is legendary. When the world gets to you, go back to your roots. You don't have to do it all, you know. Let your friends help a little. Now everyone feels needed.

Cancer-June 22-July 22

Aren't you glad you held firm to your beliefs when others tried to sway you with theirs? Your power, love and belief are unmatched. Your feelings run deeper than anyone else. People may not always understand the methods but they are always awed by the results. Life thrives because of this glorious inner strength.

Leo-July 23-Aug. 22

You always start your day in a happy mood with a positive attitude. Why? Because of your inner fire. You have much courage. This continues to bring blessings of love, peace, abundance and happiness. You show gratitude. Your heart literally sings with gladness for all you have been given. Much more is on the way.

Virgo-Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Your love of life, nature and

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Out & about

THROUGH SEPT. 30

• **Flametre Clay Art Gallery** will be hosting "Meet the Locals" pottery show through Friday, Sept. 30. The exhibition features the work of local clay artists, both beginners and professionals. The gallery's regular summer hours are 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.flametreclay.com.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 30

• **Breast cancer awareness blood drive:** Breast cancer awareness will be the theme, as the Indian River Blood Bank returns to Indian River Federal Credit Union's Vero Beach office, 2800 20th St., for a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Donors will receive a limited edition "Fight Cancer" T-shirt. Donors must present identification. For more information, visit www.indianriverbloodbank.com or www.irfbcu.com.

SATURDAY, OCT. 1 – SUNDAY, OCT. 2

• The Indian River County Recreation Department will host the **Special Olympics State aquatic championship** at North County Aquatic Center located at 9450 95th St. in 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 feature guest artists or special events, and artists will be on hand to

discuss their work and greet visitors. Many other businesses in the district will be open for browsing and shopping, and 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. 8

• **Central Assembly of God is hosting a family fun day** on Oct. 8, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Featuring tons of free family fun, including inflatable houses, food, games, prizes and more. This event will be held at Central Assembly of God on State Road 60, 6767 20th St., Vero Beach. For more information, call (772) 562-4505 or visit www.centralassembly.com.

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 breakfast and expo are open to the public, regardless of run participation. For more information, call (772) 563-9118 or visit www.beachside-halfmarathon.com.

SUNDAY, OCT. 16

• **16th annual Italian dinner fundraiser** hosted by the GFWC Treasure Coast Women, will be held at the Elk's Club, 1350 26th St., from 4 to 7 p.m. Dinner will include fresh salad, penne with marinara sauce, meatballs, homemade desserts, tea and coffee by Starbucks. Tickets are \$12.50 adults and \$8 children 10 and under. There will be prizes, baskets and drawings. All proceeds go to local charities. Tickets are available through Madelyn Rogers at (772) 713-0615 or Sue Bertolette at spb7745@comcast.net.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22 – FRIDAY, OCT. 30

• **Haunted House at Riverside Children's Theatre**, the annual ghoulish event with scares and surprises in store for ages 5 and up. This year prepare for a pirate invasion. The event will take place at 3280 Riverside Park Drive, Vero Beach; Oct. 22, 28 and 29 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Oct. 30 from 5-8 p.m. Tickets are \$5-\$10. For more information, call (772) 231-6990 or visit riversidetheatre.com.

SATURDAY, OCT. 29

• **53rd annual Halloween parade:** The parade starts at 10 a.m. from the parking lot of The Freshman Learning Center and goes north along 14th Avenue to the Vero Beach Community Center. The line-up for the parade begins at 9:30 a.m. in the school parking lot and costume judging will take place at the end of the parade inside the Vero Beach Community

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the universe is evident in the renewed health and interest in the past few months. Virgoians are very grounded. You are a great teacher for all on the virtues of simplicity. You can make a lot from very little. These are virtuous ideals saved for you. This keeps your spirit strong and eager.

Libra-Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Your teaching and communication skills will continue to be called on to help others who are ready to know more about all that you know. Educating is one of your greatest gifts, along with healing and creativity. You love to share and are generous with your time and wisdom. Your reward is the joy that comes back from the giving.

Scorpio-Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Relax. Release, regenerate and re-group. Let go of the past and allow the universe to move you in the direction of your higher desires. Meditate, center your thoughts and quiet your mind. Just allow yourself to be. Find that comforting oneness within and ask spirit to surround you with its loving, healing power. It will.

Sagittarius-Nov. 22-Dec. 21

This is a time to work on your greater long-range goals. Stretch your limits. Expand your power. Positive energy alignment for

Sagittarius has moved into place in the universe. Higher wishes are ready to be fulfilled. Increased spiritual awareness helps even more. You now have the vision to change things for the better.

Capricorn-Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Strive to simplify your life rather than complicating it. Focus on today. Tomorrow will be here soon enough. Do what is needed now. Live a natural life. Sometimes less is more. Peel away illusion and cut to the bottom line. Is this good for me or not? Answer that question and every other thing will fall in place.

Aquarius-Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Now is a good time to fine tune your life. Set your goals, get clear on your priorities and manifest the desired results. Don't wait around. Now is the time for action. You are in the right place at the right time. Timing is good to begin new projects. Transform blocked energy into new beginnings. Go for it with gusto.

Pisces-Feb. 19-March 20

Set healthy, productive boundaries. Work within them to the fullest. Refuse to allow yourself to be pushed around. Now is a good time to clean up loose ends and nagging responsibilities left hanging too long. Open your imagination and vision. You know what is right. Trust this great inner vision and all will be well.

— James Tucker

Humane Society benefit slated for Oct. 13

For Hometown News
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Chili's restaurant will be hosting a fundraiser for The Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County on Oct. 13, from 4-11 p.m. at Chili's, located at 940 U.S. 1 in Vero Beach.

Chili's has made it easy to help. Present the server with a special flyer and Chili's will donate 10 percent of all proceeds to the HSVB and IRC.

Flyers are available at either the Humane Society, located at 6230 77th St., Vero Beach, at the Humane Society's two thrift shops

located at 4445 20th St., Vero Beach and 441 Sebastian Blvd., Sebastian or the shelter's mall location.

The can also be e-mailed by notifying ccotherman@hsvb.org or calling (772) 388-3331, Ext. 26. Flyers can also be downloaded directly from www.hsvb.org.

Patrons will be able to get free pet ID tags and speak with HSVB and IRC staff about the shelter's many animal protection and care services.

The Humane Society's mascot, Max the lovable mutt, will also be on hand early in the evening to welcome diners.

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.

All classes cost \$7. For more information, call (772) 581-2629 or e-mail namaste52bellsouth.net.

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

Try water class at aquatic center

The North County Aquatics Center is offering Aquanautics, a water fitness class, designed to strengthen and firm muscles, improve cardio and respiratory function and increase flexibility.

Other benefits include better balance and coordination. Participants benefit from the water with less strain on the bones and joints. Exercise movements are choreographed to music. The classes are offered Tuesday and Thursday, from 10-11 a.m. Fee is \$4 per class or a

punch card for eight classes for \$28

For more information, call (772) 581-7665.

Medical center offers outpatient nutrition counseling

Do you have diabetes, hypertension or high cholesterol? Are you interested in losing weight or just interested in improving your overall health?

Outpatient nutrition counseling is a one-on-one service provided by licensed, registered dietitian located in the diagnostic center at Sebastian River Medical Center.

To make an appointment, call (772) 589-5000.

League meetings scheduled

The La Leche League is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help mothers breastfeed through mother-to-moth-

er support.

The La Leche League of the Treasure Coast meets in different locations from Palm City to Sebastian. Mothers with their nursing babies, and mothers-to-be, are welcome.

For directions to meetings, or more information, call Sophy at (772) 233-1883.

Group posts presentations to Internet

The Indian River County Extension Service now offers presentations on the Internet, created and narrated by agents on agriculture, environmental horticulture, pond maintenance, irrigation, 4-H and storm water pollution. The list of available presentations will continue to grow.

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Breast cancer awareness event planned

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Indian River Medical Center will host the second annual "Break for Breast Cancer Breakfast On the Go" event on Oct. 14 from 7-9 a.m.

The first 250 people who drive through the entrance loop at the Cancer Center at IRMC will receive a free

continental breakfast to go, including Panera's pink ribbon bagel.

Greeted by nurses wearing special pink T-shirts, participants will also receive educational information about breast cancer, a commemorative breast cancer pen and a complimentary coffee mug.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women, except

for skin cancers. The chance of developing invasive breast cancer at some time in a woman's life is a little less than one in eight.

About 230,480 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women in 2011, according to the American Cancer Society.

The hospital, cancer program and radiation oncology services have earned accreditation by the Joint

Commission, the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer and the American College of Radiology, respectively.

IRMC's comprehensive cancer program uses a multi-specialty team approach to coordinate the most up-to-date treatment options available.

For more information, call (772) 794-3333.

Symphony

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ments and play, he said.

Here's this year schedule:

- "A London Symphony," Trinity Episcopal Church, Vero Beach, Oct. 23, 3 p.m.

- "Out of this World: Science Fiction Film Favorites," Trinity Episcopal Church, Vero Beach, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.

- "An Evening with Basie, Ellington and Friends," The Emerson Center, Vero Beach, Nov. 20, 2:30 p.m.

- "A Leroy Anderson Christmas and The Nutcracker," The Waxlax Center for the Performing Arts, Vero Beach, Dec. 2, 7 p.m.

- "A Stan Kenton Merry Christmas and Duke Ellington's Nutcracker," The Emerson Center, Vero Beach, Dec. 18, 2:30 p.m.

- "New Year's with The Three Tenors," Trinity Episcopal Church, Vero Beach, Jan. 6, 7 p.m.

- "Pines of Rome," Trinity Episcopal Church, Vero

Beach, Feb. 5, 3 p.m.

- "Tosca," The Waxlax Center for the Performing Arts, Vero Beach, Feb. 12, 3 p.m.

- "American Icons," Trinity Episcopal Church, Vero Beach, Feb. 24, 7 p.m.

- "An Evening with Buddy Rich, Woody Herman and Thad Jones," The Emerson Center, Vero Beach, March 11, 2:30 p.m.

- "French Classics," Trinity Episcopal Church, Vero Beach, March 17, 7 p.m.

- "Verdi's 'Requiem,'" Trinity Episcopal Church, Vero Beach, March 23, 7 p.m.

- "Rodgers and Hammerstein at the Movies," Trinity Episcopal Church, Vero Beach, April 21, 7 p.m.

- "The Gondoliers," Trinity Episcopal Church, Vero Beach, April 29, 3 p.m.

For more information about the Space Coast Symphony's concert dates, call (321) 536-8580 or visit www.spacecoastsymphony.org.

Out

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Center. There will also be prizes for best costumes, as well as goody bags for all the children with or without costumes. For more information, call (772) 567-2144 or visit www.covb.org

ONGOING EVENTS

- **Sunset Saturday night concerts:** The Oceanside Business Association of Vero Beach's Sunset Saturday night concerts moves to Humiston Park and Ocean Drive April 9 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.

- **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.

- **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 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.

ART GALLERIES

- **Artists Guild Gallery,** 1974 14th Ave., Vero Beach. Call (772) 299-1234 or visit 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

- **Tiger Lily Art Studios and Gallery,** 1903 14th Ave., Vero Beach. (772) 778-3443.

BARS AND CLUBS

- **Bodega Blue,** 2115 14th Ave., Vero Beach. Call (772) 569-4400.

- **Capt. Hiram's Resort,** 1580 U.S. 1, Sebastian. For a look at the full entertainment lineup, visit www.hirams.com. (772) 589-4345

- **Duke's Lounge,** every Friday night, alternative night club. 4700 N. A-1-A, Vero Beach. 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Call (772) 231-1600.

- **Earl's Hideaway Lounge and Tiki Bar,** 1405 Indian River Drive, Sebastian. Live Delta Blues music Tuesday nights by Ernie Southern. (772) 589-5700, (772) 388-2597 or www.earlshideaway.com.

- **Kelley's Irish Pub,** 484 21st St., B, Vero Beach, Friday night sing-along in the piano bar. (772) 567-3838

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Junior athletes, cheerleaders get recognized



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Hundreds of children, their parents and coaches, filled the Citrus Bowl last Friday evening as part of the recognition of the Indian River County Recreation Department's youth football and cheerleading program. The county's youth basketball sign-up begins Oct. 4.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Mark Hanlon, 8, of the Yellow Jackets, is hoisted in the air during the Indian River County youth football and cheerleading program recognition before last Friday's game in the Citrus Bowl.



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Seven-year-old cheerleader Abby Oaks proudly displays her Raiders sign as she and hundreds of players, coaches and family members with the IRC Recreation Department's youth football and cheerleading program, filled the Billy Livings Field for recognition last Friday evening.

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- The GFWC Treasure Coast Women meet the first Monday of each month at the Community Center, 2266 14th Ave., at 7 p.m. Women over 18 are welcome. This is a community service volunteer organization and that promotes fellowship among women. For more information, visit www.gfwctreasurecoast-women.org.
- Exchange Club of Indian River meets Wednesdays from noon-1 p.m. at Culinary Capers, 737 22nd Street, Vero Beach. This civic club is a group of men and women working together to make the community a better place to live. For more information, call (772) 532-4398, e-mail to bluewateropen@gmail.com, or visit,

www.exchangeclubofindianriver.org and www.bluewateropen.org.

- The Sebastian Fishin' Chic's meet the last Thursday of the month, at the Sebastian Entertainment Center. For more information, call Michelle Barkley, at (772) 473-9462, Kristen Beck, at (772) 794-9900, or Karen Herndon, at (772) 633-2043.
- The Mental Health Association in Indian River County bipolar support group will meet at the Mental Health Association offices at 777 37th St., Suite D-105, Vero Beach, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Family members and loved ones are also welcome to attend. For more information, call (772) 569-9788.
- Treasure Coast Archeological Society for Treasure Hunting and Metal Detect-

Clubs & classes

ing meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the North County Indian River Library on County Road 512 in Sebastian. Anyone interested is welcome. For more information, call (321) 388-9047.

- Humanists at Barefoot Bay meets the second Saturday of every month at the South Mainland Library, 7921 Ron Beatty Blvd., Micco, at 2 p.m. All compassionate and critical thinkers are invited. For more information, call (772) 664-0170, or e-mail downeast_ggo@bellsouth.net.
- TOPS 641: Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Chapter No. 641 meets every Thursday at the Roseland Fire Department, located on 129th Court, off Roseland Road in Sebastian. Weigh-in is from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 8:30 a.m. For information call (772)-589-8445.
- TOPS 470: Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Micco Chapter No. 470 meets every Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the South Mainland Library, 7921 Ron Beatty Blvd., Micco, next to Barefoot Bay. New members are always welcome. For more information, call (772) 388-3984.
- Rotary Club of Sebastian meets at 12:15 p.m. every Thursday at Sebastian River Medical Center, 13695 U.S. 1, Sebastian. For more information, call (772) 360-5837 or visit www.sebastian-rotaryclub.org.
- Quilting bee: Join the

ladies of Christ the King Lutheran Church for quilting the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. Christ the King is located at 1301 Sebastian Blvd., Sebastian. For more information, call (772) 589-7117.

- Personal Computer Users Club meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the North County Library, 1001 County Road 512, Sebastian. For more information, call (772) 388-5248.
- COPE Support Group: The Indian River County Council on Aging with the Visiting Nurse Association offers a support group to help caregivers cope with the day-to-day care of a loved one. The group meets the third Thursday of every month from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Presbyterian Church, 1405 Louisiana Ave., Sebastian. For more information, call (772) 569-0760.
- Democratic Club of Barefoot Bay: Meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in Building D-E at the Golf Course in Barefoot Bay. For more information, call (772) 664-3895.
- Asthmatics meets on Mondays at 4:30 p.m., in the South mainland community center, 3700 Allen Ave., Micco. Cost is \$5 per class.
- Chess Club meets the first and third Monday each month from 4 to 6 p.m. at the North Indian River

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From left: Donna Clements, Tatiana and Will Dyer, Katy Mulligan and Tom Maher, Hibiscus CEO.

Auto group, restaurant partner to support children

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Dyer Auto Group recently donated \$3,000 to Hibiscus Children's Center to help meet the needs for abused, neglected and abandoned children.

Their donation is part of Dyer's ongoing support for local nonprofit organizations in the county.

Dyer is one of the sponsors of the upcoming Hibiscus Children's Center gala

held on Dec. 10 at The Moorings Club.

As part of the award, Dyer also included funds in honor of the work Katy Mulligan does to help children with school supplies.

Each summer Katy, now a senior at Saint Edward's Upper School, has organized and implemented the means to secure backpacks completely filled with school supplies to ready the Hibiscus children in residential care in Vero Beach for the new school year.

On a personal volunteer basis, Katy visits local businesses, shares Hibiscus' mission and asks for donations to equip children for school.

Over the last eight years, Katy, known as the "Backpack Fairy," has provided more than \$50,000 in supplies and cash contributions for the children at the shelter and village. Watching the excitement of the children when Katy arrives each summer is very emotional.

"We praise both the Dyers and Katy for their ongoing efforts to help children in need," said Tom Maher, Hibiscus Children's Center CEO.

Hibiscus Children's Center, founded in 1985 by LaVaughn Tilton, is a nonprofit organization serving Martin, Indian River, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties.

For more information, call (772) 334-9311, Ext. 103 or visit www.HibiscusChildrensCenter.org.

Clubs

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County Library, 1001 Sebastian Blvd., Sebastian. Open to all ages.

American Cancer Society, North Indian River, board of directors meeting is held on the third Thursday of the month at noon at Seacoast National Bank, U.S. 1, Sebastian.

Man-to-Man North Indian River, prostate cancer support group, meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Sebastian River Medical Center dining room, 13695 U.S. 1, Sebastian

CLASSES

The Sebastian Community Center, located at 1805 N. Central Ave. in Sebastian will have the following dance lessons:

Swing dance lessons will be held at on the second Saturday of each month, taught by instructors Jerry Morrison and Michele Holm at 7 p.m. For all levels of dancers. Open dance follows the lesson at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10, and includes entry to the dance that follows. Snacks will be provided and water is available for purchase.

Swing dance lessons for beginners will be held every Wednesday night, taught by instructors Jerry Morrison and Michele Holm at 7:30 p.m. Intermediate class at 8:30 p.m. No partners necessary. The class is \$10 per class or \$16 for both. The Sebastian Community Center is located at 1805 N. Central Ave., Sebastian.

For more information call (772) 532-2800.

Yoga classes will be offered at the North Indian River County Library on the third Wednesday of each month from 4-5 p.m., with

instructor Babaji Spina from the Kashi School of Yoga. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call (772) 589-1355.

Sebastian Senior Center: The Sebastian Senior Center is located at 815 Davis St., Sebastian. Live music Tuesday through Friday from 9-11 a.m. Refreshments will be served. Classes of interest:

Mondays: nutrition bingo meets at 10 a.m.; Mahjong classes meet at 12:30 p.m.; art class meets at 1 p.m.; Weight Watchers meets at 5 p.m.; Tuesday: mindful breathing meets at 1 p.m.; lectures on wellness meets at 1 p.m.; Wednesday: chikung meets at 11 a.m.; cribbage and pinochle meets at 12:30 p.m.; Friday: TOPS meeting at 8 a.m.; Weight Watchers meets at 9 a.m.; sing-a-longs with Bill and Jane at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call (772) 469-2062.

Kashi Ashram is located at 11155 Roseland Road, Sebastian. For more information, (772) 589-1403, (800) 226-1008, or visit the Web site www.kashi.org.

Kali Natha yoga: Based on yoga's ancient roots, this type of yoga is for everyone. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Thursdays at 8:30 a.m., Fridays at 8 a.m., Saturdays at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., and Sundays at 9 a.m.

Kirtan (devotional chanting): Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Donations accepted.

Meditation: Wednesdays at 7 p.m. with Swami Moksha Ram.

Interfaith service: Saturdays at 6 p.m. with May Jaya. Vegetarian meal follows at 8 p.m.

Pilates classes, body sculpting, basic and beyond: Held every Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. All ages and levels welcome.

College offering automotive classes

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TREASURE COAST — Automotive enthusiasts and those interested in an automotive career can increase their skills by enrolling in Indian River

State College's auto body I course.

Students will learn about auto body shop operations and procedures, as well as using equipment in metal surface preparation, abrasive, plastics, primers, top-coats and more.

Auto body I (ARR1002, Ref #160606) will be offered on Saturdays through Nov. 19 from 8 a.m. to noon at the IRSC main campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce.

For more information, call (866) 792-4772 or visit www.irsc.edu.

Out

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p.m.-1 a.m. Wednesday, open mic jam session; Thursday, trivia with Jason; Friday, live music; Saturday, live music. Call (772) 569-5533.

Long Branch Saloon, 2199 Seventh Ave., Vero Beach. (772) 569-4075

Marsh Landing, 44 N. Broadway St., Fellsmere: Folk/acoustic duo HairPeace every Saturday, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Call for other entertainment schedules. (772) 571-8622.

Morrissey's Irish Pub, live music every Saturday night from 8 p.m.-midnight. 740 S. Fleming St., Sebastian. (772) 589-1238.

Riverside Cafe, 1 Beachland Blvd., Vero Beach, Live entertainment. (772) 234-5550

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A few weeks ago, I told you all about some of the newest drivers on the market. If you're hitting your driver well, the next clubs you need in your bag are great wedges. After all, what good is hitting the ball far if you cannot hit it close with your next shot?

Next to your putter, your wedges are the most-used clubs in your golf bag. You use them for shots from the fairway, pitches and chips around the greens and to get out of green-side bunkers or other trouble you may find.

Having a wedge that has the right feel and puts the right amount of spin on the ball, which allows you to control those delicate shots, is a must for any golfer. And now that the USGA has banned manufacturers from making wedges or irons with square or box grooves, we are seeing a lot of different

ideas on how to get the ball to still spin and keep you in control.

Nearly every manufacturer has taken to milling the faces of their wedges to give golfers the flattest and most consistent surface possible. They are also using those milling marks to add more spin to shots.

Nike's (www.nike.com) newest wedge is the VR Pro Forged. It features the company's X3X technology. Nike has added more grooves, made them deeper and put them closer together on the face.

In addition to the new grooves, a precision laser crosshatch pattern is applied to the face between the grooves. This unique pattern adds three times the surface texture of conventional faces. The result is a wedge that spins the ball from any lie, in any condition.

Forged from S20C steel, the VR Pro wedges also



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provide excellent feel for shots around the green. There are 10 different lofts available, allowing golfers to find the right wedges to fill their set and game. I found the pair I tested to produce great spin and control. I even spun back a few shots from the fairway!

My friends at Tour Edge Exotics (www.exoticsgolf.com) came up with the Xtreme Spin wedge line to comply with the new USGA rules.

Exotics' milled wedges feature a 1025-milled carbon steel face that is a mere 1.5mm thick and backed by a hollow core that is filled with a thermal plastic elastomer. Coupled with milled grooves and

micro-edging on the face, Exotics has created a wedge that spins the ball equally well on full and partial shots.

Not stopping there, designers added to the uniqueness of these wedges by placing a removable weight screw, allowing golfers to adjust the swing weight of the club by changing the screw and dialing in the precise feel and performance they desire. The Xtreme wedge line comes in six lofts from 50 to 60 degrees.

In my testing I really liked being able to adjust the swing weight. I prefer a heavier wedge and was able to bump these up a bit. The insert also provided for a soft feel on touch shots.

All wedges come with what is called "bounce." This is the angle between the leading edge and the bottom of the sole. A wedge with high bounce

prevents digging and works well from fluffy lies and sand. Low bounce insures performance from tight lies, such as you find in the fairway or closely mowed areas around the greens.

The V-Sole wedge line from Eidolon Golf (www.eidolongolf.com) is designed to give you the best of both. Depending on how you address the ball with the club, you bring one portion of the sole into play.

Another great feature is that Eidolon's wedge line features lofts from 47 to 61 degrees. Each wedge is cast from soft 8620 carbon steel and then CNC-milled for ultimate feel and precision. I can attest that the V-Sole works well. These wedges were very easy to hit from any lie.

The Niblick from Cleveland Golf (www.Clevelandgolf.com) is a truly unique club. The company calls it

a "Short Iron Hybrid," a combination of a wedge sole, putter length, iron shape and hybrid stability.

With this club players are able to hit four different types of shots including chips, pitches, approaches and recoveries. The Niblick comes in three lofts: 42, 49 and 56 degrees.

I found it performed very well on tight lies around the greens and from off pine needles. It allows you to hit many shots with just one club.

If you want to lower your score, you need to hit the ball close to the hole. Today's technology will help you do just that.

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 stammeregolf@yahoo.com.

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This annual gathering of some of the finest high-school bands in Florida is presented in a preliminary and finals format.

The preliminary competition begins at 10 a.m. and the finals competition begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for both events.

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petition are \$10 per person and will be sold at the stadium gate only.

The festival is sponsored jointly by the Vero Beach High School Band and the Fighting Indians Band Boosters.

Formed 29 years ago by band director Jim Sammons and Gordon Popple, former assistant principal and director of community education, the festival is one of the oldest and most successful of its kind in Florida.

The festival requires many dozens of volunteers from the booster organization, community, band alumni and current band members.

These volunteers manage and work every aspect of the logistics of the festival from bus parking, to concessions,

guiding bands around the campus and stadium, ushering and ticketing to name just a few.

"The festival requires many hours of planning and lots of meetings," said Mr. Sammons.

"The festival brings together a large contingent of boosters, community volunteers and of course, our Fighting Indians Band members work all day and then perform at the very end of the finals," he said.

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