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Will Schlitt, Susan Relicke volunteer at Harvest Food Outreach Page A4



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**BEST OF THE BLOTTER**  
JAY MEISEL

Some criminal cases are unusual, humorous or just outright odd. And there's no shortage of them on the Treasure Coast.

This column will highlight cases that often leave observers shaking their heads.

### A bad decision

When Martin County deputies arrested four men from South Florida on suspicion of burglarizing a house, one of them started crying in the patrol car.

He admitted he provided most of the money to rent the vehicle they traveled in to commit the burglary. In exchange, he got to take his girlfriend out the night before their trip.

But now, facing the prospect of going to jail, the man looked at it differently.

"I knew this was stupid, and I should have stayed home," he told deputies.

He may well have a new home for awhile.

### Which language?

A Port St. Lucie man arrested on suspicion of leaving the scene of an accident told an officer he couldn't understand

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Ideas for a great Memorial Day feast

## WEEKEND WEATHER



**Friday:** Scattered storms; high: 84; low: 72; high tide: 12:00 p.m.; low tide: 5:53 p.m.  
**Saturday:** Sunny; high: 82; low: 72; high tide: 12:33 a.m.; low tide: 6:26 a.m.  
**Sunday:** Sunny; high: 82; low: 71; high tide: 1:17 a.m.; low tide: 7:16 a.m.  
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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## Group formed to combat domestic violence

By Jay Meisel  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — When an Indian River County woman read last year about a man fatally shooting his ex-girlfriend and injuring her cousin, it brought back distant shadows of her past, she said last week.

"I kind of thought that it could have been me," said Deidra Ausby, who recalled that she escaped an abusive relationship more than 20 years ago.

She said reading about a woman killed because she didn't escape her abusive relationship "touched my

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## WWII veterans escorted in D.C.

By Jessica Tuggle  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — On May 12, Washington, D.C., was flooded with silver, in the form of hundreds of World War II veterans visiting.

Four of those veterans, three men and one woman, were from Indian River County courtesy of Southeast Florida Honor Flight, a nonprofit organization created to give veterans, especially WWII and any veteran with

a terminal illness, a chance to see the memorials made to honor their service in the nation's capital.

Organizers said 169 veterans were flown in two chartered planes to see the WWII  
See **VETERANS, A2**



## Carriers step up to beat hunger

Thirteen-year-old Angel Andrade, volunteering with the Traditional Tung Soo Do Academy in Sebastian, helps empty a trailer filled with food for the annual Stamp Out Hunger, letter carriers rood drive Saturday, May 12. On average, the annual event collects thousands of pounds of food and distributes it to places such as the River Fund, the Ecumenical Food Pantry, Our Lord's Table and Abiding Presence International Ministries for those in need.



Cliff Partlow  
staff photographer

## Sponsorships needed for electrical class for students

By Jessica Tuggle  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Reading blueprints will soon be as easy as flipping on a light switch for some students in Indian River County thanks to a free intensive electrical class.

Feed the Lambs enrichment program and Indian River County Habitat for Humanity announced a partnership to bring a free 19-week electrical 101 class to students in Indian River County starting June 4.

Sponsorships are sought to make the class, a \$120 value, free to students ages 15 to 18. Young adults from 18 to 23 are also welcome to take the class, but need to pay the class fee, said Leon Foster, head instructor and creator of the course.

Each student will receive their own set of tools and a hard hat to work with for the

class. The students can keep the tools after they complete the course.

"It will be the tools they need to start any job after they are done here," Mr. Foster said.

The class will provide the fundamentals of electrical work with hands-on training and classroom work.

Students will be instructed in safety, basic wiring, basic math, basic tools, basic blueprint reading, switching and receptacles, lighting, fans and low voltage, according to a press release.

The class is offered for two hours every Monday, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mentors are needed to encourage and work with the students. The classes are taught by licensed electricians and teachers from both Feed the Lambs and Habitat for

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Dylan McMann volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and helps wire a house, thanks to his training in a free electrical class offered by Feed the Lambs enrichment program. Students in the 19-week electrical course have classroom training, hands-on labs and on-the-job training with licensed electricians. Financial sponsorships are still needed for the next series of classes, which begin June 4.

Photo courtesy of Leon Foster

## Youth baseball coming to Vero Beach

By Jessica Tuggle  
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VERO BEACH — A new youth baseball tournament is coming to Indian River County.

Last week, representatives from Vero Beach Sports Village and the Treasure Coast Sports Commission announced a partnership with the American Amateur Baseball Congress to bring a youth baseball tournament to Vero Beach Sports Village this summer.

"Vero Beach Sports Village is rockin' and rollin,'" said Craig Callan, vice president.

The sports facility will host the Sandy Koufax World Series for baseball players in the 14 and under category from July 24-29.

The series is expected to  
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## Ready for four more years

### Current tax collector running for position

By Jessica Tuggle  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — In just under four years, Carole Jean Jordan, Indian River County tax collector, has implemented new services and streamlined existing services to the office of tax collector and she's ready for another four years.

Ms. Jordan is running for  
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The nonprofit Southeast Florida Honor Flight took 169 veterans to Washington, D.C., to visit the World War II memorial and other war monuments on May 12. Four Indian River county World War II veterans were able to make the trip. The nonprofit charters buses and aircraft to transport the veterans to the monuments for free. Volunteers and medical staff accompany the veterans at their own expense.

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## Veterans

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memorial, Arlington Cemetery and a few other memorials in the day-long trip to Washington, D.C. In addition to the veterans, dozens of volunteers and medical staff went on the trip to ensure the veterans' care.

In the wee hours of Saturday, May 12, former U.S. Navy WAVE Edith Swinney woke up and began to prepare herself for the day-long trip to see the sight in Washington D.C., but no amount of preparing would make her ready to receive the honor and respect and caring bestowed on her by the volunteers of Honor Flight and from countless other people, civilian and military.

"We were driving out to Port St. Lucie to get the flight at 4 a.m. and at that hour, the fire departments were out on the streets just saluting us as we went by. There were motorcycle riders and police escorts, all out there to meet us.

"At the airport before we left, the fire department shot the water cannons over the plane. It was quite a moment," Ms. Swinney said.

When they arrived in the

nation's capital, people were again out in droves to applaud them and honor their service. Police escorted the veterans, who rode in four buses, around the district and Ms. Swinney said she does not recall ever having to stop in traffic.

"It was absolutely an honor. I felt very unworthy. I was just overwhelmed," she said.

Arthur Grau, a U.S. Navy Air Corps veteran, had been to Washington, D.C., before, but had never seen "his" memorial.

He was impressed with the beauty and simplicity of the memorial design and enjoyed reading the inscriptions in the stones.

"It brought back a lot of memories. Memories of the different places in the Pacific (Ocean) I'd been to," Mr. Grau said.

Being there surrounded with other veterans who had been in the same fight as he had was a sobering, yet wonderful experience.

"It was the chance of a lifetime. I've been on the phone with my friends, other vets, and telling them if they don't go, they're giving up an awful lot," Mr. Grau said.

Gordon "Reece" Rogers,

who served in the U.S. Navy amphibious forces, also appreciated the opportunity to see the monuments and was honored by the public's interest in honoring people they didn't even know by name.

"It was very touching," Mr. Rogers said.

As a former teacher, Mr. Rogers said he was glad the memorials are available for all to see and for all to remember the hard work, sacrifices and history people have made while serving their country.

"I think we need to impress on the young people these stories of our history," he said.

"There were about 17 million of us guys spread all over the world and a lot of us got back safely, but not every one did," Mr. Rogers said.

The fourth veteran from Indian River County, John O'Brien, was unavailable for comment.

The next Honor Flights are scheduled for September and November and there is a waiting list of more than 300 veterans, organizers said.

The flights are free to the veterans, though the volunteers and guardians, or caretakers pay their own way.

Donations are always accepted to send veterans on a flight and donations can be made "in honor of" or "in memory of" a WWII veteran.

For more information about Honor Flight, call (772) 781-2212 or visit [www.honorflightsefl.org](http://www.honorflightsefl.org) or [www.facebook.com/honorflight](http://www.facebook.com/honorflight).

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Bill Messersmith, center, helps unload a bed of a pickup truck filled with non-perishable food during the Stamp Out Hunger, letter carriers food drive Saturday, May 12, in Sebastian. Hundreds of volunteers, letter carriers and their families were on hand to gather, sort and distribute food to The Ecumenical Food Pantry, Our Lord's Table, Abiding Presence International Ministries and the River Fund.

## Incumbent

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re-election against fellow Republican Tom Lowther in the primary on Aug. 14 and hopes to emerge victorious from the primary to face Barry Barnard in November, who is running under no party affiliation.

Candidates have until June 8 to file and qualify for election, so there is the potential for another candidate to join the race.

Ms. Jordan, who has lived in Indian River County since the early 1970s, got involved in the local Republican party soon after arriving and has held various state and local posts, including serving as chairwoman of the state

Republican party.

Since her time in office, she has overseen the integration of the services **o u s l y** offered by the Department of Motor Vehicles, including issuing driver licenses, survived budget cuts and made office operations more efficient, Ms. Jordan said.

"The most visible highlight is the driver's licenses," she said.

Instead of waiting until the state DMV office closed to take on the responsibility, Ms. Jordan hired and trained



Carole Jean Jordan

staff to slowly start learning the processes and began getting the equipment necessary to carry out the task.

In St. Lucie County, the tax collector's office just took over the DMV responsibilities last week and the wait time for driver licenses is about two and a half hours.

"We're getting 20 to 50 additional licenses per day because they can't get waited on down there," Ms. Jordan said.

If re-elected, Ms. Jordan said she would continue to work hard for the taxpayers of Indian River County in the future, just as she has been.

"I am running for re-election to continue to serve the citizens of Indian River County in the most economical way utilizing new ideas and advanced technology to

enhance one-stop shopping in the tax collector's office, electronically or through the mail," Ms. Jordan said in a prepared statement.

Ms. Jordan ran for tax collector in 2008, but lost in the primary to Rep. Stan Mayfield. Rep. Mayfield died before the November general election, and in accordance with state election law, the county Republican executive committee named a replacement, which was Ms. Jordan.

Ms. Jordan defeated Jeff Smith in the 2008 general election.

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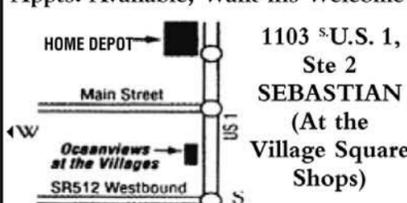
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 Back row, from left: Will Schlitt, Kevin Grady, Michael Kissner, Ryan Cobb, Kelly Kite, Shaun Fedder and Jarrod Owen. Front row, from left: Susan Relicke, Elizabeth Sorensen, Macy Story, Vicki Brown, Kerry Bartlett and Cindy Hejljk, outreach center volunteer coordinator.

**Group puts philanthropy into action**

**For Hometown News**  
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**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY** — Ten young professionals from a variety of financial industries set a record March 2 at Harvest Food and Outreach Center for the greatest number of pallets of food and hygiene items sorted, priced and readied for distribution in an hour.

The volunteer project was organized by the Indian River Community Founda-

tion for members of the Future Leaders Professional Advisors Council.

Formed last year, the council includes attorneys, estate and financial planners, accountants, investment advisors and other professionals. The members share a common interest in understanding the most effective resources available for clients who want to include philanthropy in their financial and estate plans.

The project was the first of many according to Michael Kissner who is a member of the Council's Executive Committee.

"It was an honor to work alongside the staff at Harvest Food to see firsthand the role they play in providing families a hand-up, not a handout," said Mr. Kissner.

"We need opportunities like this to keep a fresh perspective on why philanthropy is so important to many of our clients."

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**Blotter**

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English.

When the officer read him his rights in Spanish, the man said he's an American citizen and couldn't understand Spanish.

Later, when talking to another officer, he insisted he couldn't understand English.

In the end, none of it mattered. He was taken to jail on numerous charges.

**Failing to be good Samaritans**

A Port St. Lucie woman

left her purse containing more than \$200 at a restaurant in Port St. Lucie.

She returned and none of the employees could find her purse.

But video showed two employees, Ryan Slown and Ferris Gazzalla, taking the purse to the back.

They went through the purse and found cash and other items.

Mr. Gazzalla claimed he returned the purse to the victim when she came back, but the owner said otherwise.

Mr. Slown said he had no idea what happened to the purse.

Both men were charged with theft.

**Obituaries**

**Charles Joseph McKenna Jr.**

Charles Joseph McKenna Jr., 83, of Sebastian, died May 2, 2012.  
 Arrangements by Cox Gifford Seawinds Funeral Home.

**Richard James 'Dickey' Morgan Jr.**

Richard James "Dickey"

Morgan Jr., 81, of Barefoot Bay, died May 11, 2012.  
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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.*

## Fellsmere Police Department

•Alden McLeod Lay, 29, 618 Seagul Drive, Barefoot Bay, was arrested May 14 and charged with possession of oxycodone without a prescription, possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana and driving while license suspended.

## Sebastian Police Department

•Javonte Lewis, 28, 110 Dahl Ave., Apt. B, Sebastian, was arrested May 11 and charged with possession of cocaine, possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana and possession of oxycodone without a prescription.

•John Wstley Howard, 42, 8345 104th Court, Vero Beach, was arrested May 11 and charged with being a habitual traffic offender.

•Michael A. Knerr, 26, 1052 Warbler Court, no city given, was arrested May 11 and charged with being a fugitive from justice on a charge of possession of dangerous drugs.

•Otis D. Nathan, 41, 2526 Lipscomb St., Melbourne, was arrested May 14 and charged with being a habitual traffic offender and giving

ing a false name to a law enforcement officer.

## Indian River County Sheriff's Office

•Jonathon M. Jones, 25, 2363 Desoto Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested May 11 and charged with battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting an officer without violence.

•Eric Lee Hamrick, 25, 8546 E. 98th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested May 10 and charged with failure to appear in court on charges of felony criminal mischief, leaving the scene of an accident and felony driving while license suspended.

•Trevor Justin Shane, 34, 240 N.E. Mainsail St., Port St. Lucie, was arrested May 10 and charged with four counts of giving false information to a second-hand dealer and high-speed fleeing.

•Shikeria Marshall, 15, 4305 31st Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested May 11 and charged with aggravated battery on a pregnant female.

•Dawn Erin Axiotis, 36, 1455 90th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested May 12 and charged with possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear in court on a charge of battery.

•Kevin Wayne Frances, 22, 1646 40th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested May 11 and charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

•Shelia L. Armish, 55, 4141 16th St., Apt. 4, Building 2, Vero Beach, was arrested May 11 and charged with possession of cocaine and driving without a license.

•Michael A. Burdge, 31, 8556 103rd Court, Vero Beach, was arrested May 11 and charged with being a habitual traffic offender.

•Jesus Andres Pena III, 21, 1150 Old Dixie Highway, Unit B, Vero Beach, was arrested May 11 and charged with burglary of a structure, third-degree grand theft, and 13 counts of dealing in stolen property.

•Shaneria Holmes, 32, 4305 31st Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested May 11 and charged with aggravated battery on a pregnant female.

•Shannon M. Sposato, 25, 937 Schumann Drive, Sebastian, was arrested May 11 and charged with burglary of an occupied dwelling, grand theft of an automobile, being a habitual traffic offender, theft and giving false name while detained.

•Joseph Clayton Cooler, 38, 784 Carnation Drive, Sebastian, was arrested May 10 and charged with grand theft of a firearm.

•Justin Michael Kalinowski, 22, 923 19th St., Vero Beach, was arrested May 13 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud.

•Cynthia Bohannon, 65, 8846 93rd Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested May 14 and charged with aggravated

battery on a pregnant woman.

•Kiley Michelle Yandle, 23, 1345 44th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested May 14 and charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for felony criminal mischief, possession of oxycodone without a prescription and third-degree grand theft.

•Willie Vernon Loudermilk, 56, 9305 126th St., Fellsmere, was arrested May 14 and charged with felony driving under the influence.

•Deita Renee Henry, 34, 305 46th Place, Vero Beach, was arrested May 14 and charged with third-degree grand theft.

•Keino Chavez Jackson, 28, no address given, was arrested May 14 and charged with burglary and trespass.

•Lesia M. Riffey, 54, 1310 Fourth Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested May 15 and charged with battery on an elderly person.

•Steven Hill, 27, 691 Collier Lake Circle, Sebastian, was arrested May 15 and charged with reckless driving and fleeing.

•Marvin Ward Jr., 35, 1035 10th Court Southwest, Vero Beach, was arrested May 15 and charged with failure of a career criminal to report a change of address to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

•Zachary Michael Rubino, 27, 2495 Fourth Place, Vero Beach, was arrested May 15 and charged with obtaining or attempting to obtain a

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controlled substance by fraud.

•Andrew J. White, 25, 165 Spring Valley Ave., Sebastian, was arrested May 15 and charged with felony petit theft.

•Jessie Louise McDonnell, 24, 158 Engler Drive, Sebastian, was arrested May 15 and charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for burglary of a structure.

•Jacob Michael Schaffer, 28, 312 Pineapple St., Sebastian, was arrested May 16 and charged with carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Dustin N. Everson, 28, 2036 Jefferson Ave., Sanford, was arrested May 126 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for commercial fraud and giving false information to a pawnbroker.

•Shawn Michael Deblasio, 24, 3044 Sixth St. S.W., Vero Beach, was arrested May 19

and charged with uttering a forged instrument.

•Patrick A. Knight, 17, 1335 29th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested May 16 and charged with fleeing an eluding.

•Craig R. Bothen, 28, 1934 Robalo Drive, Vero Beach, was arrested May 16 and charged with first-degree petit theft and violation of probation. He was on probation for criminal use of personal identification.

•Karen Elizabeth Nadeall, 32, 1510 Sixth Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested May 16 and charged with unlicensed practice of a health care professional.

## Florida Department of Corrections

•Kenneth Stokes, 29, 1755 38th Place, Vero Beach, was arrested May 11 and charged with violation of community control. He was on community control for lewd or lascivious battery.

## Facility

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draw about 25 teams this first year, and even more in subsequent years, said Tom Colucci, executive director of the Treasure Coast Sports Commission

The tournament will come at a time when, his-

torically, businesses have struggled to reach sales goals. The tournament is estimated to bring in \$875,000 into the local economy, said Peter O'Bryan, county commissioner.

The tournament will give the local economy a boost, while exposing a new group of visitors to the beauty of

Indian River County, he said.

"I'm looking forward to some great baseball this summer," Commissioner O'Bryan said.

The Sandy Koufax World Series has previously been held in Surprise, Ariz., said Richard Neely, president of the American Amateur Baseball Congress.

The contract between the organizations is for three years, with options to extend to 10 years, said Michael Stutke, vice president of the Treasure Coast Sports Commission.

The American Amateur Baseball Congress also announced the move of two of its other tournaments to

Port St. Lucie's Digital Domain Park in July and August.

Mr. Colucci spoke highly of Vero Beach Sports Village and its potential to be an attractive place for many sports.

"It's our Disney World, our World Wide of Sports," Mr. Colucci said.

*For more information about events and activities at Vero Beach Sports Village, visit [www.vbsportsvillage.com](http://www.vbsportsvillage.com). For more information about events and activities through the Treasure Coast Sports Commission, visit [www.treasurecoastsports.org](http://www.treasurecoastsports.org).*

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## Mouse provides clues when used properly

One of the things that I've noticed over the years is that it's real easy to forget to pay attention to what the mouse is doing.

With everything else that happens on a typical computer it's easy to get distracted by all the other "stuff" that's going around the pointer and you end up missing clues that your mouse is trying to tell you.

A lot of people don't realize just how precise an instrument the mouse really is. The very tip of the pointer, when pointed at objects just so, will often reveal clues that can be used to help you do whatever it is that you are trying to do. The secret is to pause at an object and see if something happens.

Many times, objects on computer screens, such as buttons icons, will respond not just when clicked, but often when the mouse just passes over. These "mouse-overs" can be the source of many a hint to help you on your way.

You may have noticed while browsing the Internet that some things on websites change as you move your mouse around. Sometimes a button will change color or a picture's title will appear if the mouse is held over it for long enough. If your mouse passes over a link, the pointer may change from an arrow to a pointing finger. In Windows programs, buttons, menus and controls often brighten as your mouse passes over them to give you a visual clue you are now pointing at a clickable control. There, again, the secret is to pass your mouse slowly over an object and pay attention in order to see anything.

The reason I keep harping on that is sometimes I work with someone who just can't resist the urge to wiggle that mouse. Every time something's loading or we're trying to work out how to do something, he's moving the mouse all over the screen. Many times we'll be trying to work out a procedure but with that mouse flying all over, we can't get any thinking done! But, as soon



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as the mouse stops, and we start pointing at things and pausing and start paying attention to our mouse, we start to make progress.

So, what are some of the clues to watch for when your pointer passes over something? Sometimes, when you are passing over the edge of an object or window, your pointer will turn into a double-sided arrow. This is your computer's way of telling you that you can stretch whatever it is that you are currently pointing at. All you have to do is click and hold while it's a double arrow and you should be able to change the size of the object just by dragging the mouse.

In many Microsoft programs such as Internet Explorer, Outlook Express and Word, holding your mouse over buttons and controls will often yield a small pop-up window with a short, two- or three-word description of the control. Many times this little pop-up doesn't appear for a second or so, so if you're all over the place with the mouse, you just may miss it.

In things such as word processors or email programs — anything that you can type in — you may notice the mouse turns into this oversized capital "I." This pointer is called the "I beam," and its shape is specifically designed to get right between the letters to make it easy to make text changes.

Yeah, there sure is a lot on a computer that can serve to distract you. One of the best ways to stay on track is to pay attention to what your mouse is pointing at, take it easy and follow your mouse. Many times the answers that you are looking for are right under your pointer.

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

## Bird walk turns into adventure



Callie Houck, 12, left, a sixth-grade student at Sebastian Charter Junior High School, reacts to seeing a pair of scrub jay babies land on a branch only a few feet away. She and fellow student, Angel Mosher, 12, took part in a new bird walk program sponsored by the Pelican Island Audubon Society.

Cliff Partlow  
staff photographer

A pair of baby scrub jays pose for a picture during the Sebastian Charter Junior High School bird walk last Friday in the North Sebastian Conservation Area. Sixty sixth-grade students were on hand for the inaugural event. Students were paired up and kept a list of what they saw on their walk.



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staff photographer

## Rants & raves

### Got something to say?

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### A rave

Let me add a rave in this column for the Thrifty Body Shop at 1066 U.S. 1, Vero Beach. Twice I had damage done to my rear fenders in a parking lot and the employees spent 15-20 minutes working on them, got both back in place, wiped off the black marks and refused to accept any money for their work. The insurance company had given me an estimate of more than \$400. It has restored my faith in one workplace.

### All rants, no raves

I liked this paper and appreciated the hometown feel, the local news and the coupons. However, I've had my fill of bigoted and/or "slam the president" unsigned rants in this section, so if that doesn't change, this reader will be gone.

The most recent was given the heading of "Illegal aliens in school." Come on, that writer had no way of knowing if the children she or he were seeing were aliens or natural-born citizens, and neither did the paper. Then the writer went on to denigrate the sitting president of the U.S. Not cool.

You have every right to voice your opinion, and that's true for bigots as much as for the rest of us, but, have the guts to sign your name when you're making accusations about other people. Rants and raves you've turned into one big rant, very few raves. Maybe you should check your policy and look more closely at what you're printing. I pointed this out to several other people who feel as I do, that the anonymous rants do more harm than good. I wonder how many, if any, you'd get if these people actually had to stand behind what they were saying by including their names.

*Editor's note: We're not planning any changes on our policy on anonymity, however, readers, who has some positive feedback for the community?*

### Cut the waste

One way to get our taxes reduced is to cut the redundant, waste and inefficiencies in our local governments.

Every time there is an effort to reform the establishment, there are baleful cries of anguish by people who claim they cannot possibly survive without this or that government supplied service. Palm Beach

County has 11,000 employees plus 21,000 people employed by the schools. No telling how many Martin County employs, but surely there are far too many.

### Let's support the governor

Improvements in Florida's government operations are proceeding at a snail's pace despite prodding by Gov. Rick Scott. He is pushing for approval for private companies to replace government employees. We should be using competitive bidding for vehicle maintenance and repair. And, we should look into privatizing parking at our train sta-

tions. All great ideas but the bureaucracy is dragging its feet. The governor deserves and should have our support.

### Remember veterans

Many veterans are heroes. All of them have stories to tell, often of fallen comrades and brave deeds. We should always remember them. We are free people because of them and their sacrifices for us. Let's not forget on this Memorial Day, Monday, May 28.

### Be careful of who's in charge

Don't put the Republican party in charge, because there will be no one left to speak for you.

An old story with a few updates:

First they came for the Jews, and I said I'm not a Jew, so I didn't speak up. Then they came for the Catholics and I said well, I'm not Catholic, so I didn't speak up. Then they came for people of color and again, I said I'm not a person of color, so I didn't speak up.

Today with one out of two Americans in or near the poverty, level they came for the poor, and because I had a job, I didn't speak up.

Then they came for the gays. I'm not gay so I didn't speak up. Then they came for union workers, and I said, "Hey wait a second I am a union worker. I need someone to help me."

No one answered and there is no one left to speak up for the people. The Republicans are only there to speak up for the wealthy and the corporations.

The Republican party has come after poor people with food stamp cuts, students with Pell Grant cuts, Latinos with, "show me your papers" laws, the elderly with Medicare and Medicaid slashed or ended, settled law of more than four decades having to do with women's reproductive rights and birth control, the laws that make sure the water we drink and the air we breathe are clean and pure the medicines we take are safe, act.

And you think the Republicans should be in charge. Really?

### About healthcare

The United States is the only major industrialized country which has not provided health care for all its citizens. That should change. Those who complain about its cost likely have their own health care.

### Who's a hen?

The left is embarked on a crusade to abolish gender roles altogether. A children's book pioneered a new pronoun, hen, as an alternative to "he" and "she."

The do-gooders probably mean well, but they are ushering in a politically correct era where anyone who refuses to march in lock step is to be ostracized (or worse).

### Where's the stimulus?

If you've ever wondered where the stimulus money went, consider the \$500,000 spent used to advertise home weatherizing loans. The idea was to save energy and, perhaps, create jobs. The result: only 15 loans.

You can do the math.

### More like Europe?

Youth unemployment is 51 percent in Greece. It is 51 percent in Spain. In Ireland, it is 30 percent and in Italy, it is 36 percent. Get the pattern here? Do we really want to become like socialist Europe?

President Obama's programs are leading us there. We still have time to change course. Let's seize the moment.

*Editor's note: According to the CIA world fact book, Italy's youth unemployment rate for 2012 is 25 percent.*

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**BUSINESS**

# Hospitality award winner announced

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Amy Behm Selby, director of sales at Springhill Suites by Marriott-Vero Beach received the 2012 Indian River County hospitality award.

The award was presented to Ms. Selby by Monica Smiley at the 2012 Florida tourism month annual luncheon held by the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Smiley is the current chairwoman of the chamber's tourism division.

"Amy is a great contributor to our county's tourism marketing and promotion and very deserving of this award," Ms. Smiley said.

Ms. Selby is an active

member of the chamber's tourism division where she is chairwoman of the group meetings committee. She has provided help and experience in marketing Indian River County as a tourist destination at trade shows, and she has spearheaded local visitor marketing sales blitzes in Orlando and Tallahassee.

She has also assisted the chamber with familiarization tours for travel writers, editors and others related to the visitor industry.

Ms. Selby worked in the hospitality industry for many years, with previous positions in sales at the conference center at Dodgertown in Vero Beach and as director of sales at Hilton worldwide - Melbourne Beach Hilton Oceanfront in Melbourne.

For more information, con-



Photo courtesy of Indian River County Chamber of Commerce. From left: Monica Smiley, director of sales and marketing for Costa d' Este Beach Resort and Amy Behm Selby, director of sales at Springhill Suites by Marriott-Vero Beach.

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# Women build week a success

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FELLSMERE — Rep. Debbie Mayfield showed a lot of skill and great enthusiasm as she, along with about 30 Women Build team members and other volunteers, measured, cut and nailed siding on Indian River Habitat for Humanity's 284th house on May 5 in Fellsmere.

The women were divided into four teams, each of

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Photo courtesy of Indian River Habitat for Humanity

Back row, from left: Nichole Harris, Hyacinth Brown, Emily Wicht, Sue Croom, Indian River Habitat for Humanity volunteer coordinator; Cyndy Hazlewood, Rep. Debbie Mayfield, Maddie Higgins, Janet Mulally and Lanie Frame. Front row, kneeling: Rosa Kates, Kristin Higgins, Jackie Assante and Sam Rohlfing Baita.

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# Build

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which were assigned one side of the house, with the task of measuring, cutting and nailing siding.

Headed by Sue Croom, whose local WB leadership earned her a national Habitat Volunteer of the Year award, the team leaders were: Cyndy Hazlewood, Lanie Frame, Hyacinth Brown and Pat O'Hara.

Typical of all Habitat builds, the homebuyer's family and friends worked side by side with the volunteer crew, to earn their required sweat equity hours.

"It was extremely rewarding to be a part of such an amazing project. I enjoyed the opportunity to work with a great team of committed volunteers to build affordable homes for families," said Rep. Mayfield.

Since the local Women Build was established in 2005, it has totally or partially sponsored 11 Habitat houses, and the Women Build volunteer workforce has built at least 16 Habitat homes.

For more information, email SueACroom@aol.com or ewicht@irchabitat.org.

# A tranquil setting

One of the longest active Florida East Coast Railway bridges is the one that crosses the St. Sebastian River at mile post 212 in Roseland. The bridge brings back memories of rail travel in years past. A good place to view the bridge is from the dock behind the Roseland Community Center.



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# Violence

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heart."

In response to the tragedy, Ms. Ausby and others formed the Indian River County Citizen's Advisory Support Group, which works to prevent future such domestic abuse incidents.

The group, she said, came together "in the fight against abusive behavior," she said. "It just touched so close to home we felt the need to do something."

Part of the effort involves educating people about the signs of abuse, she said.

What stirred the participants to action was the Dec. 14, 2011, shootings of Shanice Smith, who died, and Brittany Jackson, the estranged girlfriend of Leshannon Jerome Shelly, the suspect in the case.

Belinda Bristol, a participant in the advisory board, said educating people about abuse hopefully will allow situations to be dealt before the point is reached

where someone is killed or injured.

She said one of the keys to saving women from abuse is building their self-esteem to the point where they feel they can leave the relationship and function on their own.

Celia Brown, another Indian River County woman involved with the advisory group, said she's known a family where domestic abuse was passed down from generation to the next.

She said oftentimes the victims of abuse don't talk about it to anyone.

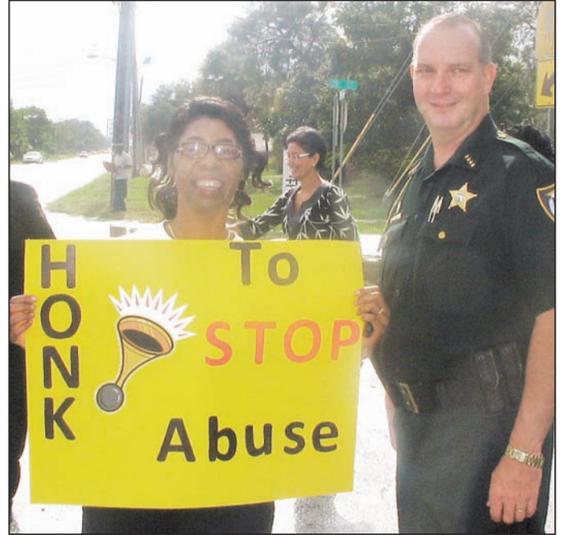
The advisory group plans to hold educational events to help people before it's too late for them, Ms. Ausby said.

On June 30 at the Gifford Youth Activities Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., they will hold an event for teenagers and adults that will include topics of dating violence and bullying.

The event is free and open to the public.

Last week, members of the group participated in a rally holding signs urging people to honk their horns as they drove by, and many did.

Indian River County Sheriff Deryl Loar applauded



Staff photo by Jay Meisel

Deidra Ausby, who helped organize a rally as part of campaign to combat domestic violence, is joined by Indian River County Sheriff Deryl Loar during the rally in Gifford last week.

ed the group's efforts to stop violence. He said the rally was small, but believes more people will get involved.

Ms. Ausby, who held a sign during the rally, recalled that when she said no to the abusive behavior, it changed the life of she

and her son, who recently graduated from college, for the better.

"I was lucky enough to have woken up (and gotten out of the situation)," she said.

For more information, send an e-mail to irccas-group@yahoo.com.

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# Class

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Humanity, Mr. Foster said.

The classes will be taught at the Habitat for Humanity campus on U.S. 1 in Vero Beach.

Mr. Foster is the co-owner of Stoney Electrical Contractors in Boynton Beach and Vero Beach, which services the Orlando to Miami region.

"I live in Orlando, but my heart is here because this is where I grew up," Mr. Foster said.

John May, director of Feed

the Lambs, said the electrical class has been offered three times before and has made a great impact on the students and set them on a good course for their future.

"We want to get them away from drugs, alcohol, violence, away from anything that is bad," Mr. May said.

"Why not learn a trade, doing electricity instead of selling drugs on the street, carpentry instead of robbing people? We want them off the streets into something positive.

"It's something they can learn and work at. It's an hon-

est living," Mr. May said.

Mr. Foster said one of his standout students is Dylan McMann. He has been so impressed with his electrical work he hired Dylan to work with him part-time.

"He's been exceptional," Mr. Foster said.

The class was formerly held at Faith Temple Evangelistic Church in Vero Beach, but the new location will provide more space for the students to complete their projects, Mr. Foster said.

Parents of students in the class, ages 15-18, must volunteer to help in the course at least once during the course, Mr. May said.

Class size is limited and sign ups are required. If the class is full, a waiting list will be put together and students will be notified if there is an opening, Mr. Foster said.

For more information on how to get involved in the electrical class, or to sponsor a child, call Mr. Foster at (772) 501-2617.

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### Ensemble to offer two free hand bell concerts

By Jessica Tuggle  
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VERO BEACH — New and familiar tunes will soon ring out in the Grace Chapel at the Community Church of Vero Beach, literally.

The Atlantic Ringers, an auditioned hand bell ensemble under the direction of Ryan Kasten and Megan Mash, will give two hand bell concerts on June 3. Concert times are scheduled for 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

More than 60 bells, ranging in weight from a half pound to 8 pounds and spanning more than five octaves, will be rung, swung, plucked and struck by 15 excellent musicians from around the Treasure Coast during the concert.

The first half of the concert will include more traditional pieces such as "Just as I Am" by Sandra Eithun and "Jerusalem My Happy Home" by Cathy Moklebust. The second half of the concert will pull from a more popular and contemporary repertoire.

"My favorite piece has to be the 'Pirates of the Caribbean,' it's so much fun," said Linda Moore, an English teacher at Vero Beach High School and a longtime bell ringer.

Other songs arranged for bells that will be performed by the ensemble include "In the Hall of the Mountain King," "You Raise Me Up" and "Peacherine Rag."

The concert is open to the public at no charge, but a freewill offering will be



Photo courtesy of Ryan Kasten

The Atlantic Ringers, a semi-professional Treasure Coast hand bell ensemble will be performing two free concerts at the Community Church in Vero Beach on June 3. The music will range from traditional hymns to popular music all arranged for hand bells.

taken, said Mr. Kasten, artistic director of the group.

"It's going to be a light-hearted, child-friendly concert. This is really a fun ensemble. We laugh a lot, sometimes too much," Mr. Kasten said.

The hand bell is a percussion instrument, and is a challenging instrument to play, Ms. Moore said.

"It's very unique," she

said.

A bell only plays one note, as opposed to flutes, violins or other solo instruments that play multiple notes. Each ringer is usually responsible for at least three notes at one time and their notes aren't always playing.

The key to playing successfully is being able to count and follow the music, Ms. Moore said.

There can be times where a ringer will play once and have to wait several measures before playing again.

"It really keeps you alert, it's quite tricky," Ms. Moore said.

The bells can be played a variety of ways, by being struck with a mallet, swung back and forth, firmly pushing the bell horizontally onto the table and several others. The different meth-

ods produce slightly different sound effects that enhance the whole performance, Mr. Kasten said.

"People should come and check it out. And if they're interested in playing, we're always looking for new ringers," Mr. Kasten said.

For more information, call (772) 469-2306 or visit [www.facebook.com/AtlanticRingers](http://www.facebook.com/AtlanticRingers).



Week of 5-25-2012

**ARIES - March 21-April 20**

An agreement will be nullified before you even get started, Aries. It is time to come up with a different plan of action if you want better results.

**TAURUS - April 21-May 21**

Relationship woes have slowed you down, Taurus. It could take a few days before you return to full speed. Delegate some of your responsibilities, if necessary.

**GEMINI - May 22-June 21**

Gemini, you're giving off so much creative energy that people may flock to your side for the next several days. This newfound celebrity could be an asset.

**CANCER - June 22-July 22**

Cancer, there is no easy way around something you need to get done at work. Being scatterbrained this week may add to the pressure of getting things done.

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

Leo, you have to ask a lot of questions to get to the root of a problem that's been bothering you. You have the personality to get to the answers easily.

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

Virgo, an unexpected partnership could arise this week. While it may be bumpy at the start, after a few days, the two of you will have worked out all of the kinks.

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

Libra, after some busy months, you are ready for a vacation. This well-deserved respite could be an elaborate trip to some place exotic, if you should so choose.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24-Nov 22**

Scorpio, with so many creative ideas constantly whirling in your head, it can sometimes be difficult zeroing in on one. Luckily this week you will get things in order.

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## Out & about

**FRIDAY, MAY 25**

• Charles L. Futch American Legion Auxiliary Unit 189 will hold its **annual poppy drive** in Sebastian at Dunkin' Donuts, Hess Gas Station, Main Street Post Office, Publix, Walmart and Winn Dixie.

**SATURDAY, MAY 26**

• **Indian River NOW** will hold its monthly meeting from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Crispers Restaurant, 1335 U.S. 1, in Vero Beach. For more information, call (772) 299-3607.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2**

• Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller are coming to Vero Beach to present their **live parenting seminar**

about developing the conscience in kids. This is a seminar filled with practical, biblical ideas for helping kids be internally-motivated to do what's right. The event will take place at Christ Church Vero Beach from 8:45 a.m. - noon. Cost: \$10 per adult (spouse is free) \$4 per child (\$12 maximum). For more information, visit [www.biblicalparenting.org/schedule.asp](http://www.biblicalparenting.org/schedule.asp)

• **Indian River Rowing Club and Sebastian River Crew will be hosting national Learn to Row Day** from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the C-54 canal located just north of downtown Fellsmere. Participants will try out ergs (rowing machines), receive coaching on land and in the water. Members will be on hand to answer your questions. Wear sunscreen and

water shoes. Baggy clothing is not recommended. Refreshments will be available and the event is free to the public.

• The Samaritan Center for Homeless Families is hosting the **fourth annual bounce tacular family fun day** at Riverside Park from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Children of all ages are welcome to bounce and enjoy the day's activities which will include face painting, games, and more than 15 giant inflatable bounce houses and water slides. Admission is \$10 per child, children under 2 are free. All event proceeds benefit the Samaritan Center for Homeless Families.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 5**

• **Spoil Islands talk with**

Marc Virgilio of the Indian River Lagoon Aquatic Preserves. Talk will cover the general status and enhancement of our spoil islands. Event will take place at the natural resources board meeting at Sebastian City Hall on Main Street. The public is invited. Event starts at 6 p.m. For more information, call (772) 589-3201.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 16**

• **Man Up summit**, breaking the cycle breakfast with the family, featuring local guest speakers, free HIV and STD testing and free health screenings, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Gifford Youth Activity Center, 4875 43rd Ave., Vero Beach. Sponsored by Indian River County Health Department, Indian River County HIV/AIDS Awareness

Network and AIDS Health Care Foundation.

**ONGOING EVENTS**

• **Spark of Divine Learning and Healing Center** holds monthly meetings, workshops and classes including yoga, a drum circle, tarot reading and more. For more information, costs and a schedule, call (772) 257-6499 or visit [www.meetup.com/spark-of-divine-spirit-unity-reiki-unconditional-love/events/calendar](http://www.meetup.com/spark-of-divine-spirit-unity-reiki-unconditional-love/events/calendar).

• **Garden walk with country care roses**, week-ends from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 14070 109th St., Fellsmere. For more information, call (772) 559-5036.

• **Vero Beach Elks Lodge**

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# Celebrate Memorial Day with pulled pork, great salads, cake

Hello, smart shoppers. It's time to get ready for Memorial Day, a sad holiday in honor of those who made the supreme sacrifice for our freedom. Keep them in your prayers along with the brave men and women who are now in battle.

What's for dinner? Along with the ordinary fare, how about pulled pork, great salads and a delicious, easy dessert?

Salads, such as potato and macaroni, can pack on the fat and cholesterol, not to mention the calories. The culprit is the mayonnaise. A light or even fat-free mayonnaise (Hellmann's is my favorite) may be substituted and with all the flavors in the salads you can't taste the difference.

Pulled pork is southern-style barbecued pork, super for a crowd and leftovers freeze great. The original recipe called for a pork shoulder; tried it and it was wonderful. The next time, I decided to use a leaner cut of meat, it was terrible.

Unfortunately, some fat is necessary for good pulled pork. I added some extra ingredients to make the best pulled pork you'll

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## PULLED PORK Serves 6-8

2-1/2 pounds boneless pork shoulder  
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Garlic powder  
Salt and pepper  
Barbecue sauce

Trim all fat from meat. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and garlic powder. Press tightly in foil. Place in a roasting pan and roast at 350-degrees for two and a half to three hours. Let meat cool slightly.

Using two forks, pull meat apart (to shred). Pour juices into a small saucepan and de-fat by tossing in several ice cubes. Let sit until fat congeals and clings to cubes. Remove with a slotted spoon. Add juices

to meat. Serve on rolls or hamburger buns topped with a good barbecue sauce.

## NANA'S POTATO SALAD Serves at least 8

6 medium potatoes or equivalent of small potatoes (preferable)  
1/2 medium onion, chopped  
2 large stalks celery, chopped  
1 tablespoon green bell pepper, chopped (optional)  
1 medium carrot, grated  
5 or 6 sprigs fresh Italian parsley, chopped, or 1 tablespoon dried  
2 hard boiled eggs, chopped  
1 tablespoon white vinegar  
2 tablespoons canola oil  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Mayonnaise

Boil potatoes in their skins until tender. Drain, peel and cut into 3/4-inch cubes. Mix with remaining ingredients, mixing well before adding mayonnaise. Add only enough mayonnaise to moisten. Chill.

## NANA'S MACARONI SALAD Serves 6

1/2-pound elbow macaroni, cooked al-dente, rinsed under cold water and drained  
1/2-small onion and 2 stalks celery, chopped  
1/2-cup pimento olives, coarsely chopped  
3-4 sprigs fresh Italian parsley, chopped, or 1 tablespoon dried  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Mayonnaise

First, mix all ingredients together, then add mayonnaise; chill. Just before serving you might want to add a bit more mayonnaise because the pasta will have absorbed some while chilling.

VARIATION: For a special occasion, add a half-pound of peeled, de-veined shrimp.

## CHINESE NOODLE SALAD (COLESLAW, NIB)

This salad is very unusual and absolutely delicious. Mix together:

2 packages chicken flavor

Ramen noodles, uncooked (reserve seasoning packets\*)  
3-4 scallions (green onions), chopped  
Two 8 ounce packages coleslaw mix from produce section

### DRESSING

1/2-cup sugar or substitute  
1/2-cup plus 1 tablespoon cider vinegar  
1/2-cup plus 1 tablespoon canola oil  
2 seasoning packets from noodles

### BEFORE SERVING, ADD:

1 cup salted cashew nuts, whole or pieces  
1 cup sunflower seeds

\*Break up noodles with a mallet into small, uniform pieces. Mix dressing ingredients together. Pour over coleslaw mix, toss. Refrigerate overnight or at least 2 hours.

Add nuts and seeds just before serving.

## TRIPLE FUDGE CHOCOLATE CAKE

This cake is easy and

delicious. If you use skim milk you will reduce the fat content considerably.

1 package devil's food cake mix  
One 4-serving size package chocolate pudding (cook and serve style)  
2 cups milk  
1/2-cup semi-sweet chocolate bits  
1/2-cup chopped walnuts

Prepare pudding according to package directions, using the 2 cups milk.

Ignore package directions for the cake mix and simply stir dry cake mix into hot pudding, blend until thoroughly moistened.

Spread mix in a 9 by 12 pan that has been treated with cooking spray. Sprinkle top with chocolate bits and nuts. Bake in a 350-degree preheated oven 30 to 40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out clean. Cool. Cut in wedges.

Variation: Yellow cake mix with butterscotch pudding and butterscotch chips or peanut butter chips.

Web site [www.romancingthestove.net](http://www.romancingthestove.net); email [arlene@romancingthestove.net](mailto:arlene@romancingthestove.net).

## Out

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**sends cookies to soldiers:** Homemade or store-bought cookies may be dropped off at 10 a.m. on the third Thursday of every month. Money donations for shipping costs are also appreciated. Bring cookies to Vero Beach Elks Lodge 1774 1350 26th St. Vero Beach.

**Friday farmer's market in downtown Vero Beach.** For more information, call (772) 581-2746.

**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 email 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 cruises:** Oceanside Business Association of Vero Beach's sunset Saturday cruises on the second Saturday of the month located on the corner of Ocean Drive and Dahlia Lane. 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.

**Indian River Civic Association and the Florida Irish-American Society are conducting a food drive to benefit a local Veteran's Group Home.** Every Wednesday at noon the Irish Club, located at 1314 20th Street in Vero Beach, invites the public for a home-made lunch and dessert while listening to the big band sound of a local senior musical group. All ages are invited, and the cost is \$7, no reservation required. Please bring a non-perishable food item. Every month the IRCA distributes this food, along

with fresh meat to the veterans. For more information, call (772) 913-1196 or (772) 569-1460.

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# Foundation receives grant to benefit elementary school

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Education Foundation of Indian River County received a \$5,000 grant from the Indian River Community Foundation to help establish a community garden at Vero Beach Elementary School.

The project, "Achieving our Green Dreams - Planting Seeds for the Future," is about transforming the lives of Vero Beach Elementary students and teaching children of poverty and their parents how to use basic tools and resources to generate sustainable food and energy.

The garden is a tool to educate students about food and security. The children will learn how to grow their own food. The entire process will be part of the established curriculum that will be entwined in all reading, writing, math and science.

Students and their parents will learn how to make better nutritional choices on a limited budget that will reduce obesity and diabetes.

"Through generous grants, such as the \$5,000 recently awarded from the Indian River Community Foundation to the Education Foundation of Indian

River County, innovative projects are funded, which enhance learning and ultimately the quality of life right here in our own community," said Patricia Donovan, incoming Education Foundation board president.

The \$5,000 grant was awarded by the Indian River Community Foundation through a competitive grants program designed to address time-sensitive community needs intensified by the recent economic recession.

To learn more about the Education Foundation of Indian River County, visit [www.edfoundationirc.org](http://www.edfoundationirc.org).



Photo courtesy of Indian River Community Foundation  
Vero Beach Elementary School Principal Bonnie Swanson with Kerry Bartlett, executive director of the Indian River Community Foundation, Cynthia Falardeau, executive director of the Education Foundation and students of Vero Beach Elementary School.

# Meal packaging event to be held June 9

**For Hometown News**  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Nearly 350 volunteers are needed to prepare 100,000 meal packages for hungry children and families, as a result of an expected \$50,000 raised by The Ride to Beat Hunger.

Scott Alexander, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach, is currently on a month-long, 3,300 mile bike ride across the country to beat hunger. The ride began on April 22 from Costa Mesa, Calif.

His goal in raising \$50,000 will be split evenly between the Harvest Food and Outreach Center of Vero Beach (which distributes low-cost food locally to those in need) and Stop Hunger Now, an international hunger relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world.

The organization is driven by a vision of a world without hunger and a mission to end hunger by providing food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable and by creating a

global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources.

The final leg of his journey, a meal packaging event, will be held June 9 at the Gifford Youth Activity Center.

Thanks to Freddie Woolfork and Angelia Perry of the Gifford Youth Activity Center, who have opened the doors to their gymnasium for the meal packaging assembly.

Teams of volunteers willing to donate a few hours of their time are needed to weigh, seal and pack dehydrated, high-protein and highly nutritious meals.

"We have estimated that it will take nearly upwards of 350 volunteers for our meal packaging event," said Maureen Labadie, coordinator of the event.

"This will be an all-community event, crossing all cultures, ages and faiths representative of our vibrant and generous community. We have volunteer teams from local Rotary clubs, banks, the business community, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, and other civic, religious and nonprofit

organizations. We are encouraging ages 12 and up to come forward and join us. In the end, it will be a very rewarding, feel-good day for all involved," Ms. Labadie said.

The teams will be split into two groups, either in the morning from 9:30-11:30 a.m. (registration will begin at 9 a.m.), or from 1-3 p.m. (registration begins at 12:30 p.m.) Groups working together, please choose a team leader, and designate the number of volunteers on teams. One leader minimum per 20 volunteers is recommended.

No experience is necessary as the tasks at funnel stations, scales, sealing machines, boxing and clean up will be demonstrated and supervised. Everyone can participate at their comfort level and the challenge promises to be fun and worthwhile.

The Gifford Youth Activity Center is located at 4875 43rd Ave., in Vero Beach, on the corner of 49th Street and 43rd Avenue.

To register, visit [www.theridetobeathunger.org](http://www.theridetobeathunger.org) or call (772) 473-1036.

# Millions raised by nonprofit

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — United Way of Indian River County raised the largest amount of money in support of Indian River County's health and human service agencies since before the recession hit the Treasure Coast.

Topping \$2.4 million, the just ended 2011-12 annual campaign will allow the agency to increase its investment to its 42 sponsored programs.

In announcing this achievement, Michael Kint, CEO, reported a flurry of donations and events in support of United Way over the last few weeks helped

lead the campaign to this monetary milestone.

Some of these gifts and events include: a \$25,000 gift from The Gloria Estefan Foundation on behalf of Gloria and Emilio Estefan; a Triple A charity baseball game at Holman Stadium raised approximately \$12,000; a charity softball game by the lawyers and doctors of the community (Jawbones vs. Sawbones), an unexpected gift of \$10,000 from a longtime supporter of United Way, and many other gifts from both individuals and local businesses.

"I can't remember a spring so chock full of activity and good will," said Mr. Kint.

The annual campaign co-chairs, Chris and Don Loftus and their campaign cabinet made up of more than 15 community leaders, were anxious to make it to the \$2.4 million mark, mostly due to the fact that so many agencies rely on the grants they receive from United Way's campaign.

United Way currently provides critical support to 42 programs at 32 partner agencies.

With the end of the 2011-12 annual campaign, United Way hit another milestone having raised more than \$43 million in its 51 year history.

The money raised during this year's campaign will be distributed to 32 partner agencies.

# Nonprofit receives \$30,000 grant

**For Hometown News**  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Indian River Habitat for Humanity has been awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Indian River Community Foundation for its new neighborhood revitalization initiative, to renovate and revitalize seven homes in and around the Gifford Community.

The grant was awarded through a competitive grants program designed to address time-sensitive community needs, intensified by the recent economic recession.

"We see this as an investment in our community, to make existing homes more affordable and livable for low-income families who are struggling to maintain their homes," said Kerry Bartlett, foundation executive director.

"Affordable housing is a significant challenge in our community, and this program will not only help prevent homelessness, but will offer hope and stability for the families it

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# Horoscopes

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**SAGITTARIUS –**  
Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Sagittarius, avoid passing judgment on someone else close to you. Listen to their problems and work with them to find a good solution.

**CAPRICORN – Dec. 22-Jan. 20**

There's no use procrastinating on something that needs to get done this week, Capricorn. It will only prolong the amount of time you have to worry about it.

**AQUARIUS – Jan. 21-Feb. 18**

Aquarius, patience and motivation is all you need to start tackling that to-do list. Finding a partner to help will make the work go twice as fast.

**PISCES – Feb. 19-March 20**

Pisces, others often look to you for inspiration. You will not disappoint this week when you offer some unique ideas.

# Grant

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serves.”  
Last November, Indian River Habitat celebrated its 20th anniversary, having built more than 270 homes with qualified families in the county during the past two decades.

Today, in addition to building homes, Habitat offers repairing, repainting and weatherization for qualified homeowners.

# Students learn about birds, environment

Brianna Mami, a Sebastian Charter Junior High School sixth-grade student tries out a pair of binoculars before heading into the North Sebastian Conservation Area Friday, May 11, on the school's inaugural bird walk. The event was sponsored, in part, by the Pelican Island Audubon Society. Several members of the PIAS volunteered their time to guide the tour.



Cliff Partlow  
staff photographer



From left, naturalist and guide Jane Schnee talks about some of the plants and animals that live in the North Sebastian Conservation Area with Sebastian Charter Junior High School students Dylan Van Antwerp and Lucas Marr during the school's inaugural bird walk. About 60 sixth-grade students took part in the walk sponsored by the Pelican Island Audubon Society.

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A pair of baby scrub jays, pose for a picture during the Sebastian Charter Junior High School bird walk last Friday in the North Sebastian Conservation Area. Sixty sixth-grade students were on hand for the inaugural event. Students were paired up and kept a list of what they saw on their walk.



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An adult scrub jay surveys the area and keeps a sharp eye out for predators in the North Sebastian Conservation Area last Friday morning. The area is home to nine scrub jay families. This scrub jay had three babies he was guarding.

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Indian River State College adult education graduates receiving special recognition pictured are, from left: Teresa Leppert, Morgan Johnson, Justin Ketter, Kendy Campusano, Patrick Baker, Katelin Abbate, Hannah Groff, Jessica DeLeon, Megan Dupuis, Bionca Burris, Morgan Corbett, Ginger Giles and Christopher Baker.

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# High school diplomas presented at ceremony

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**TREASURE COAST —** Taking a big step toward a brighter future, 442 Treasure Coast residents have earned their high school diplomas through Indian River State College this year.

Throughout the 2011-12 school year, the graduates earned high-school credits in IRSC's adult high school or completed preparation and passed the general educational development exam at IRSC adult educa-

tion sites throughout St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River and Okeechobee counties.

IRSC adult education graduates participated in the IRSC high school diploma ceremony on May 15.

"IRSC adult education career pathways students are encouraged to select a career pathway and take college courses either while enrolled in adult education classes or upon graduation to enhance their earning potential," said Libby Livings-Eassa, assistant dean of adult

education.

"In today's economy, post-secondary education is integral to our citizen's earning a sustainable wage."

IRSC's adult education career pathways program has seven career academies to help students enter the college's health science, technology, public safety, business, industrial, education and STEM spell out on first ref. disciplines.

Many graduates will continue their education in one of IRSC's certificate or degree programs.

The IRSC adult education program awards thousands per year in scholarships through the IRSC Foundation.

Based on high academic achievement, an academic scholarship will be awarded to Christopher Baker of Port St. Lucie. Mr. Baker will pursue his education at IRSC to earn a graphics design and technology associates of science degree.

Along with 41 graduates receiving more than \$50,000 in scholarships, several graduates were

inducted into the National Adult Education Honor Society. These students were selected by faculty for outstanding cooperation, attendance and self-reliance in the IRSC adult education program.

During the 2011-12 school year to date, 367 students passed the GED exam and 75 successfully completed the adult high school program at IRSC.

Students in GED classes progress at their own pace to review high-school subjects prior to taking the GED equivalency exam.

Students in the adult high school program earn high-school credits in traditional high-school subjects.

In addition to GED preparation, adult high school and adult basic education, IRSC's adult education program also includes English as a second language classes.

IRSC adult education students can participate in dual or co-enrollment in several postsecondary programs.

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# Foundation presents endowed teaching chairs

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**TREASURE COAST —** Four Indian River State College professors were surprised with endowed teaching chairs from the IRSC Foundation in recognition of outstanding teaching and to implement training institutes benefiting students and the community.

The recipients are Marvin E. Hobson, assistant professor, learning assistance department, BankAtlantic Foundation endowed teaching chair; S. Arlene Green, assistant professor, business administration and marketing management department, Dan K. Richardson endowed teaching chair in business and entrepreneurship; Kimberly W. Milner, assistant professor, learning assistance department, J. Douglas Stephens endowed teaching chair in technology and Patchara Pongam, associate professor, biological sciences department, Banack Family Partnership endowed teaching chair in agriculture.

Edwin R. Massey and more than 30 IRSC administrators, faculty and staff filed into each recipient's classroom carrying balloons, flowers and a miniature wooden chair for the surprise presentation.

The recipients will get annual stipends of \$6,000 a year for three consecutive years; \$4,000 to implement training institutes and improve instruction in their field of expertise and \$2,000 in recognition of excellence in teaching.

The endowed teaching chair program is made possible by contributions to the IRSC Foundation.

Mr. Hobson, a Fort Pierce resident, will create and establish The Zora Neale Hurston Center for Writing Across the Curriculum.

This center will focus on development of career and job-specific writing, as well as preserving Ms. Hurston's writing legacy. A goal of this center will be to collaborate with faculty members and businesses to identify writing demands in education and business and to strengthen student

writing.

Mr. Hobson joined IRSC in 2007 having received his bachelor and master's degrees from the State University of New York at Albany.

Ms. Green is working to establish an entrepreneurial institute with an innovative approach to student learning that will lead to the successful completion of 24-credit technical certificates. The program will be designed to help entrepreneurs gain the skills they need to launch successful businesses.

A Stuart resident, Ms. Green joined IRSC in 1995. She received her associate in arts degree from Indian River State College, bachelor of professional studies degree from Barry University and her master's from Florida Institute of Technology.

Ms. Milner will develop a program designed to enhance the IRSC learning environment by supporting and mentoring adjunct

and full-time faculty in using the online Angel Learning Management System at IRSC.

This program will produce a permanent repository of instructional modules for faculty, along with corresponding instructional modules for students, in the use of the online system for effective student learning.

A Fort Pierce resident, Ms. Milner joined IRSC in 2000 and received her bachelor's degree from Troy State University and her master's from Walden University.

Ms. Pongam will create "Learning in real-time," a program designed to support research and internship projects for students in the IRSC bachelor's degree program in biology. The program will prepare students with the biological foundation, knowledge and skills to meet the requirements of the biotechnology workforce on the Research Coast

through hands-on experience and planned experiments.

A Fort Pierce resident, Ms. Pongam joined IRSC in 2004 and received her bachelor's degree from Kasetart University, her master's and doctorate from the University of Wisconsin.

To date, the IRSC Foundation has awarded 37 honored faculty members with endowed teaching chairs.

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# Minority college golfers come to South Florida

Usually, sports fans have to travel great distances to watch their favorite teams square off for the right to claim the title of college's national champion.

But, just a weekend ago, the PGA of America hosted the 26th PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship at its PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie. This year marked the 15th straight year that the PGA Village has hosted this championship. In all, 26 colleges and universities participated in the championship.

Twenty-six years ago, following the Jackson State University Tournament in 1986, Coach Eddie Payton of Jackson (Miss.) State University joined with John Saunder; the late Herschel Cochrane, former president of the National Negro Golf Association; Rose Elder of the Sports Management Institute of Washington, D.C. and William (Bill) Dickey, president of the National Minority Junior Golf Association and the 1999 PGA

Distinguished Service award winner, to form the National Minority College Golf Championship. The first championship was contested on May 17-19, 1987, at the Highland Park Golf Course in Cleveland, under the direction of the newly formed National Minority College Golf scholarship fund. The championship was conceived to focus national attention on minority college golf, to stimulate the development of golf programs at the intercollegiate level and to create a 36-hole national championship for America's finest minority college golfers.

In 2006, the PGA of America was granted full operation and management of the championship for the first time in its history, along with a name change to the PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship.

"The PGA Minority Collegiate Golf Championship is a key part of our association's strategy to bring more people of color



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into the business of golf," said Joe Steranka, then-PGA of America chief executive officer. "The PGA of America is excited to host this premier golf competition among minority college athletes."

The 54-hole stroke play competition was contested on the PGA Golf Club's Wannamaker and Ryder courses and consisted of a field of nearly 180 male and female student athletes from 40 schools, representing nearly a dozen countries.

The five-person team competition is open to universities and colleges that provide education to a predominately minority student body. Predominately minority serving institutions that are classified as historically black colleges and universities, traditional

black colleges, traditional hispanic colleges and universities and tribal colleges are eligible to participate.

All defending champions receive an automatic entry. The individual division is comprised of male and female students who are African-American, Hispanic-American, Native or Alaskan American or Asian or Pacific American.

Florida was well represented in the championship as Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach captured the women's team Division I title for the second straight year and for a record ninth time overall.

The school's men's team finished third, falling just seven strokes short of giving the school a sweep of the top divisions.

The women's team was lead by Patrizia Trevisan, who carded rounds of 72, 79 and 74 for a two-day total of just 9-over par. The team won by eight strokes over South Carolina State, which was lead by individual

medalist Tiana Jones, who had rounds of 82, 68 and 74. Jones, a junior, was the only competitor, male or female, in the event to card a round in the 60s.

"I was dreaming of winning the title last night and my heart was in my throat all day, said Jones. "It feels awesome."

On the men's side, University of Texas Pan-American took the Division I title. Texas used a solid round from every team member to overcome a five-stroke deficit going into the final round and slip past Tennessee State University by just two strokes.

The Broncs were led by Justin Barge, who carded a final round 70 on the Ryder Course to not only lead his team, but claim medalist honors in his division.

"We haven't won since 2009," Barge said. "So this was really satisfying. We got the job done."

Congratulations to all who competed, many of whom we may see some day on the professional tours or

running the business of golf.

Willoughby Golf Club in Stuart is hosting its summer club kids camp with three sessions this summer. Each session is a four-day camp that runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for campers age 5 and older.

Camp days will consist of a morning session of golf followed by swimming and lunch with tennis in the afternoon. The cost is \$150 per camper and includes a delicious lunch.

The first camp session runs June 4, 6, 7 and 8. The second will be held June 25, 27, 28 and 29, with the final session running August 6, 8, 9 and 10. All sessions exclude Tuesdays.

For more information or to register your child, contact Candice at (772) 221-2506.

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 stammorgolf@yahoo.com.

## League awards grant to homeless center

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Homeless Family Center received a \$30,000 grant from the John's Island Community Service League on May 1.

Janet Tily, philanthropy captain of John's Island Community Service League, presented the grant check to D. Lorne Coyle, Homeless Family Center executive director.

The grant will fund the children's programs and transportation needs of the 37 children currently residing at the center.

"The key motivator for

our homeless parents is their hope for their children to have better lives," said Mr. Coyle.

"When they see their children thriving in school because they are taught and loved at HFC or when they can go as a family to Riverside Children's Theatre for a Saturday production, the parents want to work even harder to get back on their feet."

The John's Island Community Service League supports charitable agencies in Indian River County, which focus on health, education and human services affecting women, children and families in

need.

The Homeless Family Center is a nonprofit organization committed to changing lives one family at a time.

The center, which provides emergency and transitional shelter for homeless families from Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin and Okeechobee counties, is a partner agency of United Way, Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council and the Indian River County Children's Services Advisory Committee.

For more information, visit [www.HomelessFamilyCenter.com](http://www.HomelessFamilyCenter.com).

## Student receives award for grades, service

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Sarah Mosher, an Indian River Charter High School senior, was named Exchange Club of Indian River's Student of the Quarter.

Mark Ashdown, chairman of the club's committee, presented the award at a recent luncheon meeting at Culinary Capers in Vero Beach.

Her grandparents, Catherine and Carl Mosher of Vero Beach, and Jillian Kelly, charter high school teacher, accompanied her to the presentation. Her

mother, Jennifer Mosher, was unable to attend.

Sarah entered charter high as a junior and enrolled in honors and advanced-placement classes. Her teacher described her as an outstanding and hardworking student.

She was nominated as a Sunshine State scholar and a commended student for the National Merit Scholarship. Her extracurricular activities include National Honor Society, Marine Science Club (Ocean's 22), History Club, Key Club and Model UN.

She volunteers at the Manatee Center in Fort

Pierce on weekends.

Although Sarah has applied to a few Florida colleges, she has also applied to several schools in the northeast and hopes to attend an out-of-state school. She has not yet decided on her major field of study.

Exchange Club of Indian River honors students at the charter high school and Vero Beach High School's performance-based program each year.

For more information, visit [www.exchangeclubofindianriver.org](http://www.exchangeclubofindianriver.org) and [www.bluewateropen.org](http://www.bluewateropen.org).

## Clubs & classes

### Clubs

- 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.gfwctreasurecoastwomen.org](http://www.gfwctreasurecoastwomen.org).

- Exchange Club of Indian River meets Wednesdays from noon-1 p.m. at Culinary Capers, 737 22nd St., 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, email [emal@bluewateropen@gmail.com](mailto:emal@bluewateropen@gmail.com), or visit, [www.exchangeclubofindianriver.org](http://www.exchangeclubofindianriver.org) and [www.bluewateropen.org](http://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 detecting 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 email [downeast\\_ggo@bellsouth.net](mailto: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 Captain Butchers, 1730 Indian River Drive, Sebastian. For more infor-

mation, call (772) 581-3199.

- 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 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: chi-kung meets at 11 a.m.; cribbage and pinoche 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](http://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. The class fee is \$5. Classes are held at the Brevard South Mainland Library, 79411 Ron Beatty Blvd., Micco. For more information call (772) 228-3040.

- Taekwondo: Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Jaya Sports Center, 11101 Roseland Road.

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