



**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 falling star

A Port St. Lucie woman apparently used to be a movie star of sorts.

Now, she's known as a thief and a drug addict. The woman told authorities she stole jewelry from her aunt and grandmother because she had a drug problem.

She also said she used to star in adult movies under the name Presley Paige.

At a business where she sold the jewelry, she gave the owner an autographed picture of herself, she told police.

Now people will be able to find a new photo of the woman: a mug shot.

Stop littering

A Vero Beach man discovered littering doesn't pay.

A report indicated while a passenger in a car, he threw a cigarette out of the vehicle. Unfortunately for him, it struck a patrol car driven by a St. Lucie County deputy.

Whether the deputy would have stopped the vehicle, regardless, the report doesn't say.

However, the deputy made a traffic stop and discovered the tag on the vehicle should not have been there.

The man told the deputy
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Council begins preliminary talk on tax rate

By Angela Smith
For Hometown News

SEBASTIAN — Sebastian property owners may soon see their property tax bills increase if the Sebastian City Council ultimately decides to raise the tax rate next year.

The motion to set what the maximum property tax rate increase could be for 2013 was approved unanimously during Wednesday night's council meeting on June 27 to 3.7166, an almost 40 cent increase per \$1,000 of tax

assessed value over the city's current rate of 3.3041, which left some in the audience puzzled.

"I don't understand why the city may need to raise rates," said Tina Cafro. "It caught me off guard as an average homeowner, because of the fact that home values are down and they've already cut services and hours. It doesn't make sense."

But Councilwoman Andrea Coy quickly added her two cents to the discussion after voting, explaining that the council is only setting a



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Center teaches stewardship

Zoe Keppel of Sebastian watches native species in the Environmental Learning Center's saltwater aquarium wet lab during young explorers camp last week. The ELC offers different environmental camps targeted to specific grade levels. For more information call, (772)589-5050.



Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

Bus line celebrates 1 millionth rider

By Angela Smith
For Hometown News

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The assumption that Florida residents are addicted to their automobiles isn't quite accurate for Indian River County residents after its public transit system recently celebrated its 1 millionth rider in less than a year.

GoLine, the county's free public bus system, broke a ridership record in June, with more than 1 million one-way riders since last July, easily breaking the notion that people along the Treasure Coast don't solely rely on their own vehicles, but depend on public transit too.

"It's definitely growing,"
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Homeless facility backers urge support for project

By Meagan Perle
For Hometown News

VERO BEACH — Supporters of a conceptual homeless camp for Indian River County homeless took their message to the streets on June 28 to raise awareness for the Camp Haven project.

Community officials, church members and representatives from nonprofit groups held signs at major intersections in the city to convey that "Camp Haven Will Work" in Indian River County.

Two years ago, Indian River County Sheriff's Office deputies ordered homeless residents out of some makeshift shelters created in the woods of Indian River County.

Today, there is still not a permanent solution for the more than 100 men, women and children who do not have a place to call home in Indian River County.

The Camp Haven Project wants to offer a safe and legal place for these homeless citizens to sleep, while providing life management and education skills to help them escape poverty.

Camp Haven will offer homeless citizens a six-



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Nearly 150 volunteers, staff and friends of The Source armed with signs, gathered at a dozen or so intersections all over Vero Beach last Thursday to raise awareness of the need to build Camp Haven, a secure encampment for the homeless in Indian River County. Two of the 14 teams gathered in the Panera Bread parking lot for a group picture.

month program where they will have accountability and responsibility with requirements for acceptance into the program.

Sonya Morrison, executive director of the The Source, called the entire situation "frustrating."

The Source is an outreach center that provides meals, clothing and other services to the homeless.

They've also been trying to raise money for the project, collecting more than \$25,000.

There has been a delay in the project due to finding suitable land for the camp, and a definite location still has not been determined. Another reason for the delay is the fact that this is a revolutionary project.

Annie Faulkner, volunteer coordinator at The Source, said this is the first time Indian River County has ever really encountered anything like this.

"We're having to go through all governments and it's definitely a process but one that is worth it," Ms. Faulkner said.

Since the "camp sweeps"
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Groups ask for medical supplies for Haiti

By Meagan Perle
For Hometown News

VERO BEACH — The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and the Gifford Youth Activity Center have joined forces again to raise awareness and support the people of Haiti.

On June 25, and for the three subsequent Mondays following, the organizations are urging people to stop by one of two drop off centers to donate medical equipment as part of this humanitarian effort.

The goal of the mission is to collect items such as wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, potty stools and tub chairs.

Freddie Woolfork, director of public relations for Gifford Youth Activity Center, said he expects a good turnout and hopes one person's trash can become another person's treasure.

"We're hoping that items that someone once used
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Saturday: Partly cloudy; high: 88; low: 72; high tide: 11:56 a.m.; low tide: 5:59 p.m.
Sunday: Partly cloudy; high: 91; low: 75; high tide: 12:44 p.m.; low tide: 6:49 p.m.
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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From left: Dorothy Kraik and Shirley Davis board the volunteer ambulance squad's new minivan at St. Francis Manor in Vero Beach to be transported to medical appointments by squad volunteer driver, John Lipski. The 2012 Toyota Scion xB was purchased with an \$18,500 grant from the John's Island Foundation.



Photo courtesy of John's Island Foundation

Squad celebrates new vehicle to be used as ambulance

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Thanks to the John's Island Foundation, the Indian River County volunteer ambulance squad is transporting passengers in a new 2012 Toyota Scion xB minivan.

The foundation recently presented the squad with an \$18,500 grant to purchase the vehicle.

John's Island Foundation raises money from the John's Island community to provide grants for capital needs and special projects to agencies working to improve the quality of life for those in need in the county.

The volunteer ambulance squad is a private, nonprofit organization consisting of 50 volunteers

who provide free, non-emergency transportation to doctor appointments, kidney dialysis, cancer treatments, rehabilitation and other medical appointments.

The door-to-door service is available to anyone in the county in need of medical transportation simply by calling in advance and making a reservation. Passengers

may be ambulatory or in a wheelchair.

There is no charge for this service, although donations are accepted from passengers on a voluntary basis. However, passenger donations do not begin to cover the squad's expenses.

Money for gasoline, insurance, maintenance and other needs is provided through donations from

passengers and members of the community.

In addition to regular expenses, new vehicles must continually be purchased. The squad does not receive any funding from the United Way, county, state or any other government agencies.

In 2011, volunteers made nearly 13,000 trips transporting passengers to medical appointments,

logging 128,000 miles on the squad's fleet of nine vehicles, at no cost to taxpayers.

The squad's number of trips has increased 35 percent in the past five years.

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Bus

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said Karen Deigl, CEO and president of Senior Resource Association, the company that operates and manages the bus system.

"Since 2007 we have increased our ridership by over 250 percent and I think it's going to continue to increase," she said. "Possibly not as fast as the pace it has in the past, but it will continue."

The explanation for the boom in ridership, Ms. Deigl believes, is the savings it creates for riders' pocket-books and to the environment.

"One of the main reasons is the economy and the combination of gas prices and the cost of maintaining cars," Ms. Deigl said. "Riding the bus becomes economical and beneficial to the environment; so it's a win-win."

Sebastian resident and GoLine's ceremonial 1 millionth rider, Christine Lantz, opted to ride the bus after retiring her car to the garage two years ago. She was hoping to cut costs as she, like many seniors, lives on a fixed income.

"Christine is saving herself approximately \$10,000 a year by using GoLine," Ms. Deigl said.

"More and more people are looking for alternatives, like her, and we are happy to say we are one of them."

However, even with GoLine's ridership record, using the bus sometimes comes as a shock to those who ordinarily drive through the 15 routes within the county.

"People react with surprise and can't believe it and they often say, 'Oh gee, I never thought of that and that it would be a good idea to do,'" Ms. Lantz said. "So I try to encourage as many people as I can to ride and to

utilize a wonderful asset to our community."

With reports that Americans took 10.4 billion public transportation trips in 2011 — the second-highest total since 1957 according to The American Public Transportation Association — Ms. Deigl hopes GoLine's recent milestone and updates can spur more riders locally, possibly expanding their routes and hours in the future.

She notes marketing strategies as a key to their success.

"We did a rebranding of the system to make people aware that there is a transit system; from wrapping the buses in a tropical theme, to easy to read maps and longer hours," she said.

"In the future we'll also continue to look at the routes and make sure that we're providing the best service for the community and hopefully more people will ride."

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Children's center receives grant

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TREASURE COAST — The Hibiscus Children's Center literacy program and child development center received a \$15,000 grant from the PNC Foundation to provide abused, abandoned and neglected children with opportunities to strengthen and enhance their academic and emotional development.

PNC provided the funding in support of Grow Up Great, its bilingual program in early childhood education.

Hibiscus literacy coordinators, located in Martin and Indian River counties, provide individualized assistance to children whose education has been interrupted due to abuse, neglect or abandonment.

The literacy coordinators evaluate each child to determine his or her strengths or difficulties in reading, mathematics and offer the guidance necessary to help foster a love of reading and move their educational experience forward.

In addition, this grant from the PNC Foundation, which receives its principal

funding from the PNC Financial Services Group, provides support for the child development center, located at the Hibiscus Village in Vero Beach.

A recipient of the 2010 Council on Accreditation Gold Seal award, the center serves children who live in the village, are in foster care, come from low-income families and are homeless in the community.

The preschool helps teach children they are worthwhile and learning is fun, while providing critical intervention at an early age to foster their developmen-

tal and social skills.

The preschool provides important learning opportunities every day in a safe and loving environment and helps young children develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills that they will need to succeed throughout life.

"PNC recognizes the role kindergarten readiness plays in the well being of local children, their families and ultimately, our economy," said Craig Grant, PNC regional president for eastern Florida, speaking on behalf of the PNC Foundation.

Council

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poses. She also stated the council will later publish the actual proposed rate and discuss it at future budget meetings, taking public input before their final vote.

"It's not set in stone," Ms. Coy told a confused Ms. Cafro and other residents in the audience. "Our formal decision is not being made tonight."

Councilwoman Coy's comments were a relief to some in the audience, since the current rate is lower than it has been in previous years as Mayor Jim Hill explained during the meeting.

Trying to ease concerns, council members continued to clarify that their goal in setting the maximum tax rate now is to make sure the city has enough gener-

ated funds for possible natural disasters without dipping into the reserve or going bankrupt, as they noted the city of Stockton, Calif., recently did in June.

With the proposed maximum rate, an estimated extra \$147,419 in tax revenue for the city would be created. These funds could possibly help off-set previous and any additional cuts that has limited the city's service to its community, said Councilman Richard Gilmore.

However, Ms. Cafro said the excess money should be accrued by fees paid by out-of-town visitors who use city property, such as the docks at The Yacht Club, one of two boat ramp facilities provided by the city for free that is in need of additions.

"Homeowners can't afford this right now if they choose to raise the tax," said Ms. Cafro, who attend-

"It's not set in stone. Our formal decision is not being made tonight."

Andrea Coy
Sebastian city councilor

ed the meeting with her husband and another resident to follow up with council members about a handicap entryway on the docks.

"Fees in place like that may help the city fix what is already needed and has been brushed off. If they don't budget funds to fix the problem now, they're going to have a big lawsuit on their hands if someone gets hurt."

In spite of the confusion, all was calm by the end of the meeting, as City Manager Al Minner discussed the tax rate and dock concerns with Ms. Cafro pri-

vately, setting up a meeting at the ramp to discuss its future enhancements.

"Boating and fishing is a big deal here," Mr. Minner said. "So people want the accessibility and we try as much as we can to address their concerns, whatever it may be."

As for the future of the property tax, which could increase by as much as \$28 to \$50, Carol Jean Jordan, county tax collector, will send notices to the public informing them before the rate is finalized, encouraging residents to attend the several future council meetings.



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for themselves can be put to use by someone else," Woolfork said.

Deacon Edward Watkins of the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, and an organizer of the humanitarian effort, said there really isn't a reason for the mission event other than the fact that there are people who need the help.

"People are suffering and people want to help them," Watkins said. "I

don't need a reason to do good and nobody else does, either."

The Gifford Youth Activity Center is a charitable non-profit organization and frequently partners with the church for humanitarian efforts.

Donate items on July 2, 9 and 16 at either Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 4545 30th Avenue, Vero Beach, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. or the Gifford Youth Activity Center 4875 43rd Avenue, Vero Beach, from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.



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Homeless

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two years ago, Ms. Morrison said The Source has created a working relationship with Indian River Sheriff's Office.

There is still progress to be made as the plan for Camp Haven changes based on meetings with community leaders and new ideas, but hopes are still high.

"The face of homelessness is completely changed," Faulkner said. "It's families and couples and we all should be aware of this."

Supporters of Camp Haven held signs at the following intersections in Vero Beach from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. June 28:

- 58th Avenue and State Route 60
- 43rd Avenue and State Route 60
- 27th Avenue and State Route 60
- 20th Avenue and State Route 60 (Twin Pair)
- 20th Place and U.S. 1, westbound
- 19th Place and U.S. 1, eastbound
- 17th Street and U.S. 1
- 17th Street and Indian River Boulevard
- 20th Street and Indian River Boulevard
- 21st Street and Indian River Boulevard (Miracle Mile)
- SR 60 and Indian River Boulevard (West End Barber Bridge)
- State Road A1A and Beachland Boulevard
- State Road A1A and 17th Street.



Barbara Hurley, left, contributed \$20,000 to the Mental Health Association. She is pictured with Kristine Sarkauskas, president and CEO of the Mental Health Association.

Photo courtesy of the Mental Health Association

Philanthropist donates \$20,000 to nonprofit

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Local philanthropist Barbara Hurley contributed \$20,000 to the Mental Health Association to ensure immediate access to emotional and behavioral health care through the Mental Health walk-in center.

Ms. Hurley's support of the MHA means people in emotional crisis have immediate access to quality mental health care, regardless of their ability to pay. She has supported the walk-in center since it opened in 2007.

"Ms. Hurley is a true philanthropist. She understands it takes all pieces of a fund development plan

(annual giving, Turtle Trax fundraisers, sponsorships and major gifts) to sustain an organization and chooses to give to the MHA in different ways," said Kristine Sarkauskas, president and CEO of the Mental Health Association.

Ms. Hurley has a strong and sincere belief that the power of philanthropy is not to be taken lightly, and that it has the ability to be transformational to organizations, as well as the community.

She has a gift of connecting organizations which have a broad impact throughout the county.

"She is a magnet, a connector, with a natural ability to draw people and organizations together.

There are many agencies in need of charitable funds fighting for the same dollars in our area. Through her giving she creates opportunities to enhance services allowing one organization to participate in another's programs thus helping as many as possible" said Ms. Sarkauskas.

Although Mrs. Hurley's role in philanthropy is now mostly financial, it didn't start out that way.

Her first role in volunteering was as a teenager when she emulated her mother and taught underprivileged children to swim at a YMCA and also helped physically challenged adults with water therapy in the pool at the Connecticut Rehabilitation

Center.

She continued volunteering on committees for various organizations such as the Historical Preservation Society, Waveny House and the American Cancer Society.

In 2010, Ms. Hurley was presented with the National Philanthropy Day Indian River County Outstanding Individual Philanthropist award.

The walk-in center provides immediate access for those experiencing mental health issues, including emerging mental health crises. Services include psychiatry, psychopharmacology, diagnostic assessments, individual and group therapy, and case management.

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Botter

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he removed the tag from a broken-down vehicle and placed it on the vehicle in which was a passenger.

Well-known to police

Law enforcement authorities probably know Darren Weston Terry, 27, pretty well.

After all, he's been arrested in St. Lucie County in the past on 11 counts of criminal use of personal identification, four counts of grand theft, 11 counts of fraudulent use of a credit card, organized scheme to defraud and felony retail theft.

He's also been arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, fraud, 13 counts of violation of probation and failure to appear in court.

Once again, authorities this past month accused him of violating probation by attempting to burglarize a church.

The report said his fingerprint was found at the scene. Mr. Terry, no address given, was arrested June 14 and

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College to host information session

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TREASURE COAST — Those interested in a career servicing cars and trucks or seeking a position in automotive service management can attend an information session at Indian River State College on July 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the B building, off

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So three years ago, Square Deal Gold Buyers began building its business on trust in the Melbourne Square Mall.

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Now it is located in the Chase building adjacent to the mall, in Suite 102 West of 1990 W. New Haven Ave.

"Our concern is some people think we're out of business right now," Mr. Goldfarb said. "We are here

with the same great people and the same service."

In its new location, Square Deal Gold Buyers ensures safety among its customers with the installation of 14 cameras that monitor all transactions made, as well as a secured entrance to the office itself.

To prevent fraud and undervaluing pieces, trained appraisers evaluate karat purities in front of the clients by performing various tests.

"We talk to people about their jewelry and its worth," Mr. Goldfarb said. "We will check the exact karat purities and current spot market price. We will explain how the market and process works, what types of equipment we use for testing and answer any questions they may have."

And when it's decision time, Mr. Goldfarb said there

is no pressure.

"We do not attempt to pressure our clients to sell, but in fact do our best to educate our clients on the value of their items so they can see why we offer what we do," he said.

He said when offering cash for a client's gold, Square Deal Gold Buyers can offer up to 30 percent higher than other, similar businesses. On one occasion, he offered a woman \$1,400 for a piece that she was going to sell for \$250 to a mail-away cash-for-gold company.

"You have some people that try to rip people off and make a living," he said. "Our plan is a cumulative thing. We'd rather have many customers who contribute a little bit each."

"We're a for-profit



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business, but we're local guys," He said. "The money stays in Brevard. We're not mailing it away. All our employees are from Brevard. It's a really good business model."

"This is a professional atmosphere for gold buyers, and we want to expand on that," he said.

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Police report

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Fellsmere Police Department

•Sierra Brittney Mauldin, 19, 55 Sunrise Square, Apt. 101, Fellsmere, was arrested June 25 and charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for burglary of an occupied dwelling and third-degree grand theft.

Sebastian Police Department

•Duffie Fattey, 31, 922 Laredo Lane, Sebastian, was arrested June 25 and charged with identity theft and two counts of credit card fraud.

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

•Jakerria R. Jenkins, 17, 1910 Woodland Circle, Building 10, Unit 308, Vero Beach, was arrested June 21 and charged with felony retail theft in concert with others.

•Dimitri Renaldo Allen, 21, 495 12th Road, Apt. 101, Vero Beach, was arrested June 21 and charged with felony retail theft and two counts of resisting an officer without violence.

•Raymond J. Harris, 51, 8 S. Deleon St., Titusville, was arrested June 21 and charged with failure to appear in court on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cocaine.

•Hartley Elliott Sanchez, 22, 550 11th Court, Vero Beach, was arrested June 21 and charged with burglary, theft and criminal mischief.

•Thomas McCorts, 33, 1966 21st Place Southwest, Vero Beach, was arrested June 21 and charged with battery, felony criminal mischief and hindering communication to 911.

•Kelly Marie Zimmerman, 49, 1391 14th St., Vero Beach, was arrested June 21 and charged with grand theft.

•Eddie Levi Mitchner, 16, 1163 Schuman Drive, Sebastian, was arrested June 22 and charged with possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana.

•Celone Sands, 16, 8658 64th Court, Vero Beach, was arrested June 22 and charged with possession of cocaine.

•Anthony Salvatore Federi-

co, 16, 1170 Sixth Ave., Apt. 2D, Vero Beach, was arrested June 22 and charged with possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana.

•James Hurst, 45, 424 North 18th St., Fort Pierce, was arrested June 24 and charged with aggravated battery.

•Therman Ruth Blue, 46, 480 W. Tennessee St., Tallahassee, was arrested June 23 and charged with failure of sex offender to register, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cocaine.

•Douglas M. Haner, 39, 3560 Second Place, Vero Beach, was arrested June 23 and charged with burglary and felony battery.

•Robert Lee Meyer, 65, 6175 S. Mirror Lake Drive, Unit 202, Vero Beach, was arrested June 22 and charged with false imprisonment, domestic battery and resisting an officer without violence.

•Calvin K. Hendrieth, 21, 516 Fifth St. S.W., Vero Beach, was arrested June 22 and charged with burglary, grand theft and possession of burglary tools.

•Clifvonta Sands, 18, 8658

64th Court, Vero Beach, was arrested June 22 and charged with possession of hydromorphone without a prescription, possession of oxycodone without a prescription and possession of cocaine with intent to sell or distribute.

•Mathew Vernon Webb, 27, 354 16th St. Southwest, Vero Beach, was arrested June 22 and charged with dealing in stolen property and giving false information to a secondhand dealer.

•Heather Marie Torres, 27, 1154 37th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was arrested June 22 and charged with two counts of battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting an officer without violence and resisting an officer with violence.

•Ricky J. Arseneau, 45, 2301 N. Jefferson St., Tampa, was arrested June 22 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for dealing in stolen property and giving false verification of ownership to a secondhand dealer.

•Joseph Allan Perkins, 36, 2210 18th St., Vero Beach, was arrested June 22 and

charged with violation of community control. He was on community control for felony battery.

•Kyle Schenavar, 24, 6235 U.S. 1, Grant, was arrested June 22 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for uttering a forged instrument and third-degree grand theft.

•Robert Lee Hickson III, 20, no address given, was arrested June 26 and charged with four counts of lewd/lascivious battery.

•Kyle James Decker, 29, 1245 33rd Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was arrested June 25 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for possession with intent to sell/deliver oxycodone.

•Elise Hyatt, 28, 1846 14th Ave., Apt. 202, Vero Beach, was arrested June 25 and charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving while license suspended.

•Cameron Maurice Toombs, 20, 236 12th St. Southwest, Vero Beach, was arrested June 25 and charged with third-degree grand theft.

•Crystal Marie Kohler, 31, 1490 Fourth Court, Vero Beach, was arrested June 25 and charged with fraudulent

use of a credit card and communication fraud.

•Cletis Lewis III, 21, 3301 Avenue R, Fort Pierce, was arrested June 25 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for robbery by sudden snatching.

•Alonzo Williams, 12, 2843 Sixth St. S.W., Vero Beach, was arrested June 26 and charged with armed robbery.

•Tessa Lynn Cornell, 31, 875 19th St. Southwest, Vero Beach, was arrested June 26 and charged with third-degree grand theft.

•Tory J. Sanders, 22, 1553 15th Circle Southwest, Vero Beach, was arrested June 26 and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell or distribute.

•Tiffany Jane Wilton, 24, 424 16th St. Southwest, Vero Beach, was arrested June 26 and charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for third-degree grand theft.

•Yuniel Mato Gonzalez, 27, 321 East 56th St., Hialeah, was arrested June 26 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for two counts of credit card fraud, organized fraud and trafficking counterfeit credit cards.

If you have information about a crime, call Treasure Coast Crimestoppers at (800) 273-TIPS.

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 (722) 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 a 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 9:30-10:30 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-mother 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.

Visit the website <http://indian.ifas.ufl.edu> for updates.

—For Hometown News

Blotter

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charged with burglary of a structure and violation of probation. He was on probation for third-degree grand theft and felony retail theft in concert with others.

Polished nails

A 22-year-old Stuart

woman was arrested after surveillance video showed she kept money that should have been refunded to a customer.

Surveillance also showed she ordered a meal and didn't pay for it, took a key ring, a deck of playing cards, candles and 10 bottles of nail polish.

The employee told police she needed the items because she was homeless and lived in a car, although

the report indicted she wasn't homeless.

But, she "had no explanation as to why she needed 10 bottles of nail polished," the report said.

Perhaps, she stood out when she taken to the jail as the inmate with the best polished nails.

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Computers' 'tools' have multiple uses

Walk into any mechanic's garage and take a peek in his toolbox. No doubt you will see duplicate tools of all types.

You may see a half dozen flat-bladed screw drivers, a half dozen Philips screwdrivers, a handful of crescent wrenches, two or three socket wrench sets, etc. What you won't ever see is that same mechanic going through his toolbox and throwing away (deleting) all the tools that are duplicates in order to "free up space" in his toolbox.

You see the mechanic understands that (although the tools may appear to be redundant) each of his duplicate tools may have characteristics that make it the better choice for any given task that he's trying to accomplish.

For instance, he may have a screw that needs turning that the usual screwdriver doesn't give the kind of leverage he needs that a similar (less used) screwdriver affords him.

The same concept holds true for the programs loaded on a typical computer. Click the start button, go to programs and a list opens that shows all the programs (tools) that are installed on the computer.

Often you will see two or three text editing (or word processing) programs, a couple of different photo editing programs, multiple accounting programs, etc. I liken these duplicate programs to duplicate tools in our garage mechanic's toolbox. You as the user may have a favorite word processor for instance, but there are times when a different word cruncher may be better suited for a task at hand.

A perfect example of this would be my preference in using a different word processor for writing than I use for creating labels. I typically write my column using Microsoft Word. It came with my machine, it does the job and I'm familiar with how to use it to get the job done. But when it comes to creating labels (a job that MS Word does allow for) I find that my old, old, old (version 4.1



COMPUTE THIS
SEAN MCCARTHY

think) copy of MS Works is far easier to use and lets me get the job done with much less aggravation. For me the label wizard that comes installed in MS Works is the right tool for that job.

Now, if I were like many end users that I encounter and had gone through and deleted MS Works from my system because "I already have a word processor (Microsoft Word) that I use all the time and I don't need another one" then every time I ran into the task of printing labels (a task that really only crosses my mind as the holiday season approaches) I would be stuck having to figure out how to get Word to do it when I know that I can get the job done with far less frustration if I had just left MS Works right where it was.

Another example is image editors. Windows machines come with a basic image editing program called "Paint." It also may have Microsoft Photo Editor installed or even a third party program like Paint Shop Pro. One program may be better suited than another for any given task. Removing all the image editors on your machine except the one you most frequently use limits you when you run into a task that your favorite application won't handle easily.

A final question: how does one tell the computer that you want to use a different program than the one Windows has assigned to open that file type?

If you right click the file, an option that appears is "open with." Holding your mouse over the open with option will show all the programs installed that are capable of opening that file type. If you want to change how Windows automatically opens a file when you double click it then click the "choose program" command in the open with menu, select the program

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Campers learn to be hands on



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

From left: Colton Piakis, Andrew Novak, Eli Mejia-Linarez all from Vero Beach and Ryan Riker of Sebastian, enjoy time in the Environmental learning Center's touch tank during young explorers camp last week. Other camps include; island adventure, little wonders, our living world and marine safari. For more information call, (772)589-5050.



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In response:

To the authors of "Public schools are failing us" and "What's happening in schools?"

Teachers can't do it all in school. There must be support at home, a quiet place to do homework and study, for instance, and parents must make students understand the importance of an education.

People are mean

What happened to saying hello to people on the street or in a store? If I say hello to a stranger, I'm looked at as if I have three heads.

There's a lack of manners and niceties. Kid's don't hold the doors or give up their seats. Why? Because their parents are lacking. They don't teach them the skills needed to be a decent human being. It's all very well that people are busy and have their nose to the grind, but we all need a smiling face once in a while.

Be nice when answering the phone

What's with the nasty women who answer the phone at doctor's offices? Why do doctors hire these women who are so rude? Why do they tolerate it? People will continue to change doctors until they find a respectful staff as well as a doctor.

Living is no longer affordable

The reality is that we will soon be living in a third-world country with widespread poverty.

Telephone calls have gone up. The power cost adjustment costs as much as the total kilowatts used on the electric bill. Garbage pick-up is more now than last year. Food prices have done through the roof.

And gas prices? I only drive when I have to, but there is little public transportation to get around on.

I'm over 50 and have no nest egg, no retirement, no pension and no job. I was told there were no jobs available to someone at my age and with my skills.

The future looks bleak. We must all help each other out during this time.

I would let the construction worker who wrote about being homeless live at my house in exchange for work. We need to barter.

A positive approach to driving safety

There are many rules to being a good driver, but the following are a good start.

Always leave a safe following distance. It will get you out of more jams than anything.

Slow down. Calm down. Obey speed limits. Speed turns a fender bender into a fatality.

I go nuts (when) people won't get out of the way of an emergency vehicle. Pull over when the emergency vehicle is within sight and put on your flashers. Some drivers are playing loud music or have impaired hearing. The flashers wake them up. Don't worry that someone might pass you.

Yellow lights are stop signals, too. If it is too late, fine. However, red light means full and immediate stop no matter what. Stop signs are full stop. A "rolling stop" is not a stop, but a yield, and requires that yellow yield sign.

Courtesy on the road decreases stress, so be polite. Let someone cut in if they are trying. Change to the left lane if someone is merging onto a freeway. If someone catches up

to you, let them pass.

On a freeway, if you are going slower, ride in the right lane. Let the speed freaks have the left passing lane. If you are on a two-lane highway and have to go especially slow, pulling a trailer or something, when you get a line behind you, pull over and let them all pass.

Stop before a cross walk and always behind that wide stopping line. If a trucker tries to turn a corner, give the guy or gal a break.

You have to stop if a bus is taking on or discharging children. Be extra careful of the children.

I do not approve of under-posted areas set up as speed traps. This makes people lose respect for all law enforcement and should be beneath the dignity of all officers of the law. It also causes resentment and anger that becomes a traffic hazard

Cops should share

It is up to us, the people, to manage and elect those who best serve our purpose. It is therefore up to discussion, in this time of a sagging economy, how to best spend money we no longer have.

It is, of course, to spend where it is necessary, and eliminate that which we can't afford.

My neighbor and I were brainstorming over the backyard fence. We both contribute time to law enforcement in the county. He faithfully watches city council meetings and has a keen knowledge as to what is going on in our community. I feel there is waste in some community projects, and he may think otherwise. I respect his opinion, and we mostly agree.

One observation that he made is that police officers, by taking their police vehicles home at the end of their shifts, are not making the best use of our limited motor pool. I thought, like you, it is a deterrent to crime if you have a neighbor with his police vehicle in the driveway.

It could be, but it is taking a vehicle that could be used by the next shift. It amounts to more than the gas, etc., on the bottom line.

I only know of one officer, who uses his vehicle this way. There is another area in which I have lived, where an officer has three vehicles parked in his driveway from three different cities.

So, let's share a ride.

Cut instead of cry

Florida State University President Eric Barron is still moaning about budget cuts. Rather than crying, he should look to identify places where his school could be more efficient.

Increase the teaching load for professors? Reduce the number of administrators? Reduce the red tape? Increase use of technology? Or, God forbid, reduce salaries, employee benefits and pensions?

No, it's always the cry that, "we need more."

Benefits should go to Americans

I am not a Democrat, nor am I a Republican, I am an American who was born here and worked here until I got hit and had to file for disability. I was turned down. Now people who come from another country, who are not American, who are not even citizens, file for disability and they get it on the first try.

I know at least one person who does not even live here in this country and he gets disability. I don't understand how this is possible. It is time this country of ours wakes up and stops this.

I have already reported this person and nothing has been done about it. This was more than a year ago.

We need honest people in government positions to start to care about our own people here. We need to stop the ones who are in office only to fatten their wallets off of hard-working Americans and give it to other countries and to people who come here and file for these benefits.

Heading for more recession?

The Congressional Budget Office has reiterated what many observers already knew. Warning that the U.S. is headed for a "financial cliff," it indicated that President Obama's big spending programs are dangerously increasing the national debt and taking us in exactly the wrong direction. Because of slower economic growth, it reasons,

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BUSINESS

Association welcomes new development director

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Carrie Biggers is the new director of development the Senior Resource Association. She joins the SRA after being director of institutional advancement at St. Andrew's Academy in Fort Pierce for three years.

Ms. Biggers' new duties for SRA will include achieving the organization's fundraising goals and plans. Specifically, she will manage special events, donor recognition and stewardship, corporate support and planned giving.

"I am really excited about working for SRA," said Ms. Biggers.

"I hope to bring my experience of fundraising and raise awareness for supporting older adults in our community."

The Senior Resource Association was incorporated



Carrie Biggers

ed as a nonprofit organization in January 1974 to provide programs and services designed to promote active, healthy, independent lifestyles for older adults.

SRA provides recreational, cultural and educational programs for active older adults, assists seniors and their families in finding resources and delivers quality, professional services that meet seniors' individual needs.

Mobile app lets parents track kids

Area company invents product called Trackster

By Meagan Perle
For Hometown News

VERO BEACH — Mobile Office Software Solutions of Vero Beach released a smartphone application that gives parents a new, high-tech way of tracking their children.

The application, called Trackster is an inexpensive GPS-based application that works on any Apple and Android smartphone, using Google Maps in real-time. There is an initial download fee of \$4.99 and a monthly subscription fee of \$1.99.

Bill Westrom, vice president of Mobile Office Software Solutions, said the idea originated because there was a need for employers to be able to track their employees.

"We work with a lot of businesses providing software solutions, and there wasn't really anything on the market like this," Mr. Westrom said.

It wasn't until the app was being produced that friends of Mr. Westrom explained this would also be a great way to keep

track of friends and their children.

As long as both the child and parent, or both parties involved, have the application downloaded to their phones, parents are able to track their children.

Once the application is downloaded, there is also a web portal for users to access their information from a computer.

Mr. Westrom said while there are millions of other apps on the market, Trackster is one that can make a difference.

"Just think of the benefits of knowing at any time where your kids are and where they have been," Mr. Westrom said.

The application allows users to check in and out of locations and features functions such as the ability to comment to other users.

Mobile Office Software Solutions is planning to take Trackster one step further. The next phase will include geo-fencing so that users will be able to customize their geographic parameters.

Compute

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that you want to use and then make sure the "always use the selected program" checkbox is selected before you click OK. Use the right click open with menu to

switch between "tools" or to permanently change what program uses to open any given file.

Sean McCarthy fixes computers. He can be reached at (772) 408-0680 or help@ComputeThisOnline.com (no hyphens).

Rants

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there is little chance of much-needed job creation. Worse yet, it may be too late to change course abruptly.

The CBO concludes the current administration is "pitching the nation into a recession in the first half of 2013.

Editor's note: This is from the CBO's website. To read the full draft, go to www.cbo.gov/publication/43262. "In fact, under current law, increases in taxes and, to a lesser extent,

reductions in spending will reduce the federal budget deficit dramatically between 2012 and 2013 — a development that some observers have referred to as a "fiscal cliff" — and will dampen economic growth in the short term. CBO has analyzed the economic effects of reducing that fiscal restraint. It finds that reducing or eliminating the fiscal restraint would boost economic growth in 2013, but that adopting such a policy without imposing comparable restraint in future years would have substantial economic costs over the longer run."

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Cancer center, staff member win prestigious award

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Florida Cancer Data System recently awarded Indian River Medical Center the Jean Byers award.

Each year, FCDS recognizes and presents the prestigious award for excellence in cancer registration to facilities that have met or exceeded the national quality standards for timeliness and completeness in cancer reporting.

It is given in honor of Jean Anne Byers, who died in 1996 following a long career dedicated to promoting oncology research and cancer registry education in Florida. She was the founding member of the Florida Tumor Registrars Association.

In addition, FCDS recognizes that outstanding professionals who make this level of quality possible staff the facilities that achieve this quality standard.

This year, in order to show



Lucille Weems

their gratitude and appreciation to those individuals, a certificate of appreciation was awarded to Lucille Weems, coordinator of the cancer program.

Ms. Weems received a certificate from the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Cancer Data System for excellence in cancer reporting for her contributions in helping IRMC achieve the Jean Byers award.

IRMC's cancer registry team is a seven-time recipient of the Jean Byers award.



Photo courtesy of the United Way
Michael Kint, United Way CEO, stands with Kristine Sarkauskas, MHA president and CEO and Robert H. Young, MHA board chairman.

Association receives grant for center

For Hometown News
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The United Way of Indian River awarded the Mental Health Association an \$80,000 grant to support a mental health walk-in center.

This funding will provide services to adults and children in the county who are in crisis and/or have behavioral or emotional issues.

The multilingual staff, which includes a case manager and clinical director (psychologist), is increasing their focus on reducing barriers to access for the population in the county

who do not speak English to meet their unmet mental health needs.

The walk-in center serves all residents of the county, including those financially unable to receive private mental health services and/or who are uninsured, underinsured or indigent.

"The United Way of Indian River County is 51 years old this year and has supported the MHA for more than 50 years," said Michael Kint, United Way's CEO.

"The United Way is not a service provider and would not be making a difference in the community without the tireless efforts of the 32 United Way agencies," he

said.

"We have had a long and impactful relationship with the MHA. We realize that mental health issues are inextricably linked to many other community wide concerns and issues which include homelessness, substance abuse and domestic violence."

The walk-in center provides immediate access for those experiencing mental health issues, including emerging mental health crises. Services include psychiatry, psychopharmacology, diagnostic assessments, individual and group therapy, and case management.

The center also offers educational classes on parenting, anger management, anxiety, depression and domestic violence for adults, children and families.

Each client is involved in developing his/her treatment plan with goals and objectives clearly defined. Clients choose, participate and influence service provision based on client needs. Clients complete a brief survey after each visit to help evaluate programs and determine additional needs for clients and the community.

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Rants

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We must stay vigilant

How scary can it get? A cargo ship from the United Arab Emirates docked at Port Newark, one of our nation's busiest ports, with 2,000 containers.

The manifest said it was carrying machine parts. However, authorities believe some containers could be carrying people.

If we don't remember the terror of Sept. 11, we might

well experience it again. In the war on terror, we need even more vigilance to keep us safe.

Be nice, buy American

It would be nice if people choose to buy American. Usually, the quality of American-made goods is better than things imported from foreign countries.

And, often the price is the same, even lower. The Price of Freedom gift shop in D.C.'s National Museum of American History sells only U.S.-made products. E-retailers such as American-Aisle.com and MadeInUSAForever.com are easy to find.

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Out & about

FRIDAY, JULY 6

• **Skydive Sebastian will teach children about skydiving** from 10:30-11:30 a.m., at the North Indian River County Library. Children will be able to see the actual equipment used and view a DVD of an actual skydiving experience. Free tickets are available for this program, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The library is located at 1001 Sebastian Blvd., midway between U.S. 1 and I-95 in Sebastian. For more information call (772) 589-1355.

• **Rainy day is a rescheduling of June's First Friday Gallery Stroll in historic downtown Vero Beach** due to the rain. Take a leisurely stroll down the avenue to visit fantastic galleries often with artists demonstrating their work. View the artwork at the 12 galleries now open on 14th Avenue. And remember that now the First Friday Gallery Strolls will be continuing all year long. Mark your calendars to join the fun and make it a destination any time of the year. The event is free and open to the public. Information cards listing the dates and locations of participating art galleries are available at the galleries and many of the other businesses in the art district and beyond. For more information, call (772) 562-5525.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

• **Jaime Porter will present a magic show at the library in Sebastian** from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Children and their caretakers can pick up free tickets at the children's service desk in advance of the program. The North Indian River County Library is located at 1001 Sebastian Blvd., midway between U.S. 1 and I-95 in Sebastian. For more information call (772) 589-1355.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

• **Luau, pig roast and fire dancing at HarborChase of Vero Beach**, 4150 Indian River Blvd., Vero Beach, to benefit Alzheimer & Parkinson Association of Indian River County from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. RSVP required. Call (772) 778-7727.

• **The Humanists at Barefoot Bay** will meet at noon at the South Mainland Library, 7921 Ron Beatty Blvd., Micco to delve into "The Theory of Evolution: A History

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New exhibit features cast glass objects



By Angela Smith
For Hometown News

VERO BEACH — Ordinarily, backscratchers and spoons wouldn't be classified as art.

But for Treasure Coast craft enthusiasts, the pieces typically found at home are now a match of limitless possibilities for imaginations at the Vero Beach Museum of Art this summer.

Now through Oct. 14, museum visitors will discover the unusual, bold pieces as they explore the museum's newest exhibit, "Form, Color, Light: Cast Glass by Rick Beck."

The one-of-a-kind works, measuring anywhere from 4- to 7-feet long, are a part of 14 sculptures on loan from the North Carolina cast glass artist. "It's quite different than other pieces we've had on display," said Jay Williams, museum curator. "When most people think of glass, they normally think of traditional pieces by blown glass or some other sort of process, as glass casting is not as common and a more unusual technique."

Unlike blown glass, casting uses clay forms to create a silicone mold for recycled glass. After it's fired to 1,650 degrees Fahrenheit, the molten glass takes the shape of the mold, taking anywhere from a couple of weeks to a couple of months to cool.

"The idea that you can melt glass and cast it in a mold the way that you would, say bronze or metal, is interesting," Mr. Williams said of the process. "But at the same time, it still has the color you associate with glass."

The pieces on display are taken from Mr. Beck's



2004 to 2011 collections, which took from a couple of weeks to years to fully create. They include manipulated shapes such as industrial elements, scientific models and the human figure, hoping to get brains working.

"I think it will open people's minds to the possibility of new art forms," Mr. Williams said. "It's appealing to the eyes, but isn't an easy process, so we hope they take an interest in it and learn all there is."

That is exactly what Mr. Beck is counting on, too.

With the help of natural light within the museum's

atrium, museum officials and Mr. Beck are hoping to ignite the vibrant and deep colors within the pieces, allowing each art goer to see the sculpture's full potential.

"It's the light that needs to pass through, because I want people to be looking at the form and the color to see what becomes of it," Mr. Beck said.

"Hopefully people will approach the pieces with an open mind and make the jump intellectually with movement of what they knew and what they understand after. Sometimes when you see it, something about it will

Artist Rick Beck assembles his sculpture 'Small Blue Scissors' at the Vero Beach Museum of Art Thursday, June 21. 'Form, Color, Light: Cast Glass by Rick Beck,' is the museum's featured exhibition which opened June 23 and runs through Oct.14.

Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

The Vero Beach Museum of Art opened its featured exhibition 'Form, Color, Light: Cast Glass by Rick Beck' Saturday, June 23, in the Wahlstrom Sculpture Garden and the Laura and Bill Buck Atrium. Mr. Beck's glass sculptures are richly colorful and whimsical in nature, like his work 'Backscratcher' sculpted in 2005.

Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

jump out at you; it's amazing."

"Form, Color, Light: Cast Glass by Rick Beck" will be on view at the museum now through Oct. 14. Admission to the exhibition is free.

The museum is located at 3001 Riverside Park Drive in Vero Beach. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information about exhibits or membership, call (772) 231-0707 or visit the museum's website at www.verobeachmuseum.org.



Week of 7-6-2012

ARIES - March 21-April 20

Branch out and enjoy new ways of thinking, Aries. Keep the energy and enthusiasm about a new project. Your energy will inspire others to get moving, too.

TAURUS - April 21-May 21

You may need to get a little aggressive to get what you need, Taurus. Don't worry about being rude; you just may need to push yourself into certain situations this week.

GEMINI - May 22-June 21

Gemini, this is a good week for telling others about your positive thoughts and hopes. It's advantageous to have as many people on your side as you can.

CANCER - June 22-July 22

Although you can expect a week full of energy and many things to do, you will still manage to have fun in the process, Cancer. Things can change quickly, so enjoy.

LEO - July 23-Aug. 23

Leo, you could learn something new this week, and it very well may be something important. Just keep your eyes and ears open to new ideas and information all around you.

VIRGO - Aug. 24-Sept. 22

If you are trying to convince a person of something, you have to take a less combative tone, Virgo. Remember, you catch more bees with honey.

LIBRA - Sept. 23-Oct. 23

You are completely absorbed in your romantic relationship, Libra. For the time being that's a very good thing. Spread a little of that love around you; it might be contagious.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Scorpio, you may not be able to avoid conflict this week, so you may as well just go with the flow. Just try not to get into the fray if something should escalate.

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How about a peck of pickles or pickled peppers?

Hello smart shoppers, hope you had a good week.

If you are diabetic, so many foods are forbidden to you, such as one of my favorite snacks: bread and butter pickles.

If you make them yourself you can use a sugar substitute. Sugar substitutes work in all sauces, dressings, desserts, etc. It's only in baked goods that you must use at least half real sugar.

You do know that sugar is a carbohydrate. Making your own pickles, the sugar-free way, means no carbs. We'll make kosher pickles and bread and butter pickles and if you really want to work, then do as my late husband, Bill, did: grow your own cucumbers and peppers.

While we're at it, how about a jardinière?

Love jarred hot peppers but hate the price? We'll make them, too!

The best thing about making your own pickles is you can also reduce the salt. In my opinion, nothing

compares to a real kosher dill pickle.

Years ago, kosher delis in New York had huge wooden barrels filled with pickles. You would select the one you wanted and the proprietor would reach in with huge tongs and retrieve it.

Today that's not considered sanitary, but you can still get a real kosher pickle in the refrigerator section of the supermarket. What really bothers me is the price.

Did you know that one large cucumber will fill the jar of pickle spears? Here's a trick to save money. Once the jar is empty, scrub and cut a cucumber into spears and put it in the jar with the brine. Cover and leave on the counter overnight; turn jar over (on its lid) and let sit another day. Have a pickle, if it's just the way you like it; refrigerate them.

For bread and butter pickles, bring the brine to a boil and add slices of cucumber; cook as directed in recipe.

NOTE: To prevent break-



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ing, always put a utensil into a glass jar before pouring in hot liquid.

Enjoy. See you next week.

KOSHER PICKLES (NIB) Makes 2 quarts

- 8 to 10 small cucumbers or 2 large cucumbers cut into spears
- 2 tablespoons kosher salt
- 2 whole sprigs fresh dill
- Crushed red pepper (optional)
- 2 tablespoons pickling spices
- 4-6 cloves of garlic, peeled and cut in large pieces
- Cold water
- 2 one-quart canning jars

Wash jars in hot water. Scrub cucumbers and pack tightly in jars.

Add 1 whole sprig dill, 1 tablespoon salt, 1 tablespoon pickling spices, half the garlic and a few shakes of red pepper to each jar, pushing ingredients halfway down. Fill to top with cold water, leaving a 1/2-inch space.

Cover tightly, turn upside down and store in a cool place for a couple of days. Test a pickle for doneness. When cured to your liking, refrigerate.

BREAD AND BUTTER PICKLES (NIB) Makes 4 pints (2 quarts)

- 4 cups sliced cucumbers
- 4 tablespoons kosher salt
- 1 small onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup white vinegar
- 1 cup sugar or equivalent sugar substitute
- 1 teaspoon each of celery seed and mustard seed
- 3/4-teaspoon turmeric

Place cucumbers in cold water. Add salt and ice

cubes. Soak for at least 1 hour. This will keep them crisp. Drain.

Meanwhile, place all remaining ingredients, except onions, in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Add sliced cucumbers and onions and cook for about 10 minutes.

Place in clean canning jars, seal and store.

JARDINIERE (NIB) Makes 5 to 6 pints

- 4 cups sliced cucumbers
- 1 cup sliced onions
- 4 tablespoons kosher salt
- 1 red and 1 green bell pepper, sliced into rings
- 1 cup white vinegar
- 1 cup sugar or equivalent sugar substitute
- 1 teaspoon each of celery seed and mustard seed
- 3/4-teaspoon turmeric
- 2 cinnamon sticks

Place cucumbers, onions and peppers in cold water. Add salt and ice cubes. Soak for 1 hour. Drain.

Place remaining ingredi-

ents in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Add vegetables and cook for 10 to 20 minutes, depending on how crisp you want them. Discard cinnamon sticks.

Place in clean canning jars; seal and store.

Cauliflower flowerets, sliced carrots and any other vegetable you choose can be added to the mix.

PICKLED PEPPERS

To make your own hot or sweet jarred peppers, simply prepare a vinegar wash: 1/2 water, 1/2 white vinegar. Bring to a boil in a non-aluminum pan. Add peppers, whole, and cook until tender-crisp. Place peppers in jars, pour in vinegar wash. Liquid must come almost to the top. Prepare additional wash if necessary. Cover and store.

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SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 23- Dec. 21

Even if you have no interest in seemingly trivial things like games and puzzles, Sagittarius, give one a try this week. You could find it takes your mind off of other things.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22-Jan. 20

A friend is not jealous of you, Capricorn; he or she is simply proud of all you

accomplished. Don't feel badly about bragging a little about the things you've done.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21-Feb. 18

An altruistic act by someone you know could inspire you to do your own form of charity, Aquarius. You're of the mind to get involved with something that gives back.

PISCES - Feb. 19-March 20

You may seem a little confused this week, Pisces, almost like you're walking in a fog. Take some time to sit and reflect.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Make a huge splash with the Youth Guidance youngsters at the good grades pool party on Aug. 11 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Gifford Aquatic Center, 4895 43rd Ave. in Vero Beach.

This annual event brings together volunteers, teens and children to recognize and reward those enrolled in Youth Guidance for their good and/or improved grades.

The party is a great incentive so the children will strive to do their best in school all year long. Youth

will be given accolades for their good (straight As or A/B honor roll) and/or improved academics, conduct and attendance.

The students with the greatest improvements and straight As will also receive other honors including a luncheon sponsored by the Exchange Club of Vero Beach.

In addition, Youth Guidance is holding its polo shirt drive and children will be able to pick up their shirts at the pool party.

In order to help every child start school with a new shirt, Youth Guidance has a shirt drive each year. Polos are accepted until Aug. 9 at

the Youth Guidance office, 1028 20th Place, Vero Beach. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m..

Every size (children and adult) is needed. Donations of navy blue or white, long- or short-sleeved collared shirts for kids in grades K-12, preferably new and without a logo or emblem, would be appreciated.

Donations of gift cards or funds will also be accepted to purchase additional polos for the children in Youth Guidance.

To donate or for more information, visit www.ircyouth.com or call (772) 770-5040.

Students name exhibit at center

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

WABASSO — Each year, more than 1,300 students experience Lagoon Days at the Environmental Learning Center on Wabasso Island during April.

This year, the center welcomed a new member of its menagerie, a life-size Columbian mammoth.

Fourth graders at Vero Beach Elementary School submitted the winning name for the mammoth, Icee. The name is attributed to the mega fauna in which the Columbian mammoth lived during the most recent ice age.

Entries were judged on creativity, historical references and originality. All of the entries were creative

and original but only a few made reference to history.

Other top picks included: Ossabaw, which is Wabasso spelled backward; Spears, which is derived from how much the kids like to throw spears at the mammoth, mimicking the way the Paleo Indians hunted; ELCy, which is pronounced Elsie because she lives at the ELC and Hunter because the mammoth is hunted.

"The theme for Lagoon Days was interconnections. Students explore six stations, learning about different components of the Indian River Lagoon ecosystem. All stations take place outside and are designed to illustrate how everything in the natural world interacts and fits together," said Heather Stapleton, the center's education director.

At one of the six stations, the history of Florida is presented using a hands-on, living time line. Early in the time line, participants pretend like they are Paleo Indi-

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Museum teaches the art of creating art



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

The education wing at the Vero Beach Museum of Art was a buzz as children of all ages gathered in classrooms for this year's summer art camp. Gwen Maresca, 6, shows off her watercolor of a beach scene.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

For more than 20 years, the Vero Beach Museum of Art has offered summer art camps for children of all ages. Camps are designed to bring out the creative side in any child. From left, Emma Sartor, 9, gets help with a beaded memory bracelet from art instructor Lulu Badgley as Grace Carlon waits her turn.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Six-year-old Robert Malone adds a dash of color to a watercolor painting during the Vero Beach Museum of Art's summer art camp last week. Camps include specialties in digital photography, pastels, clay and more. Art camps at the museum run through August 10. Openings are still available. For more information, call (772) 231-0707, Ext. 116.



For some, beading a memory bracelet may be a tedious task, but to 10-year-old Natalie Velde, the final product is something worth it. She was among the two dozen or so children in the busy beads camp at the Vero Beach Museum of Art summer camp last week. Camps run through Aug. 10. For more information, call (772) 231-0707.

Cliff Partlow staff photographer

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of Controversy" as taught by Professor Edward J. Larson, while at the University of Georgia. There is no charge for this public service of Humanists at Barefoot Bay. For more information, call (772) 567-3416 or email erikabab@hotmail.com.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

• **Teddy Bear's picnic card party** sponsored by St. Sebastian Women's Guild at 1 p.m. in the parish hall, 13075 U.S. 1, Sebastian. There will be homemade desserts, door and table prizes and 50/50 raffle. Donation \$6. For more information, call (772) 589-3442.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

• **The Indian River County Chamber of Commerce**, in cooperation with Treasure Coast SCORE, will sponsor the how to start a small business workshop from 9:30-11 a.m. at the chamber of commerce. The workshop is facilitated by SCORE counselor Tom Spear. Understand the fundamentals of business startup, marketing and business plans; understand and identify capital requirements and credit score; understand business structure, taxation and other regulations; finally, learn about necessary permits, licenses and employment issues. While there is no fee to participate in the workshop, due to limited seating, reservations are required. Call (772) 567-3491, Ext. 110 to register or register online at www.treasurecoast.score.org.

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• **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.

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

• **Vero Beach Elks Lodge sends cookies to soldiers:** Homemade or store-bought cookies may be dropped off at 10 a.m. on the third Thursday

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The first thing you need to do is to prune off any dead or diseased foliage from the plant. You also should prune your tree so it has a lower center of gravity. You can achieve this by pruning some of the braches from the top of the tree. When you prune trees and make the foliage less dense, it will not cause as much wind resistance and will give the tree a better chance of surviving high winds.

Another point of concern

is a tree's root system. If a plant has a deep, healthy root system, it will stand a better chance of surviving the storm without toppling over. To achieve this, be sure to fertilize on a regular basis and also maintain a balanced watering schedule. All the above will help to develop a deep, healthy root system.

The best trees to plant in your yard for good wind resistance are actually trees that are native to our region, such as the foxtail palm, tipochina, bottle-brush, live oak, crepe Myrtle, magnolia and I also have had good luck with traveler's palm. My traveler's palm survived several hurricanes, although the delicate leaves had a lot of shredding.

Once the tree is pruned back after a storm, it grows back well in a couple of



GARDEN NOOK
JOE ZELENAK

months. One of the worst trees to plant is the queen palm because the root systems are so shallow, the tree blows over easily.

If you mow your own lawn, you know some of the challenges you face to get that great, lush, sculptured look.

In order to have your mowing experience a success, your mower itself needs to be in tip-top condition. Be sure you use fresh gas. If you plan on storing your gas in a large container for an entire season, be sure to use a fuel stabilizer. This will keep the fuel fresh for six months or

more instead of the usual 30 days. Follow the directions on the fuel stabilizer bottle.

The next thing you should check is the mower deck and the blade. Clean the bottom of your deck on a regular basis and remove any debris that might accumulate. This is especially important if you use your mower to mulch the grass clippings. If you have an old blade, replace it. A new, sharp, well-balanced blade will cut your grass blades with a nice even texture and not rip the grass like a dull blade might do. The result will be a beautiful carpet of freshly cut turf.

There are also several things you can do to extend the life of your mower and ensure it starts when you want it to. Probably the most important is changing the oil. You should change

your mower oil at least every six months and even more often if you use it for commercial use or mow several lawns weekly.

If you buy a new mower, it is important to change the oil the first time after about 10 hours of use. This is to ensure you are not recirculating any metal chips that may be present in the new engine before it is broken in. After the initial oil change, you can then follow the regular schedule. This rule also applies to generators, weed whackers and almost any tool that uses a small gasoline engine.

The air filter is another hot spot that is often overlooked. A dirty filter can cause stalling, hard starting and rough idle. If you experience engine problems, this is the first place you should check.

Finally, check your

sparkplug. A worn or dirty plug can cause a multitude of problems from hard starting to not starting at all.

A common problem I have found is that many people add too much oil to the crankcase. Overfilling the oil can lead to smoking, oil clogging the air filter and stalling. Always fill only to the full mark on the dipstick.

Some mowers have a relatively foolproof system where you simply fill the oil reservoir until you visually see the oil topping out. Always follow the instructions for your particular mower.

Joe Zelenak has 30 years experience in gardening and landscape. Send e-mails to hometowngardener@gmail.com or visit his website www.hometown-garden.com.

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.gfwctreasurecoast-women.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 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 Archeo-**

logical 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.

•**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.sebastianrotaryclub.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 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 pinocle 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 website 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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Students learn how to be junior humane officers



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More than a dozen area students took part in the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County junior humane officer training last week. The junior officers took notes as they arrived at the scene of a (toy) dog locked in a car with the windows up. From left: Camden Wallace, Carson Brown, Shane Brecker and Callahan Corrie were first on scene to document the situation.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Students at the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County study Mordark, an Italian greyhound stray, to see if he was mistreated and malnourished during junior humane officer training class last week. The class taught the students to be aware of possible animal neglect they may encounter during their normal daily routine.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

From left: James Wojcik, Shaelyn Wintz, Sarah Wojcik, (hidden) Gabriella Greto and Delaney Delia study crime scene photos and try and determine what animal control laws may have been broken during a junior humane officer training class at the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County last week. At the end of the class, the students received certificates and a stainless steel dog tag with the title 'junior humane officer.'



Janet Winikoff, right, Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County education coordinator, shows a class of students what the home of a cat hoarder may smell like during a junior humane officer training class last week. The students were taught to notice animal weight and coat, unsafe or unsanitary conditions and outdoor living shelters.

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Obituary

Antonio Damian Lopez

Antonio Damian Lopez, 51, of Fellsmere, died May 15, 2012.

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Exhibit

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ans during the most recent ice age. They practice their hunting skills and actually launch padded spears at a replica Columbian mammoth.

Research indicates two species of mammoths lived in Florida: the Imperial and the Columbian.

After several hours of measuring, cutting, crafting and painting, the center's volunteer, Jan Garrison, and caretaker, Dan Perkins, created the Columbian mammoth. Getting it in to position wasn't an easy task. The Columbian mammoth measured 14-foot tall from foot to shoulder. It "lives" at the Lagoon Days Florida history station.

The Environmental Learning Center is located at 255 Live Oak Drive in north Vero Beach, off County Road 510 at the end of the Wabasso Bridge. Its 64-acre campus includes exhibit areas, native plant gardens, picnic facilities, gift shop and a visitor center.

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Jewel of a course in Wellington is back

As our economy continues its slow turn around, golf seems to be a little bit slower at catching the same train. We still have courses closing, equipment sales are still sluggish and the number of people playing remains down.

Yet, while so many are struggling, one course, Binks Forest Golf Club in Wellington, is doing quite well.

A decade ago Binks Forest, at that time the pride of Wellington, went bankrupt. For five years the course sat unattended and neglected until Aquila Property Company bought the course and decided to resurrect the once-proud facility.

Carved from heavily forested terrain, the course caught the eye of the PGA Tour and hosted a tour event shortly after its initial opening in 1990. To accommodate the tour, entice the tour into a long-term commitment and spoil the players, Binks Forest built a magnificent clubhouse with all the trimmings.

As the years passed, the money spent to build that clubhouse became the albatross that took the course and its initial owners down. Now, in these tough economic times, it's that very same clubhouse that keeps Binks Forest in the black as it continues its resurgence.

After a complete and careful renovation the clubhouse was recently reopened. In addition to a fully stocked pro shop, there is a bar and grill, a full-service kitchen, meeting rooms, a huge dining hall that can be sectioned off to make it just the right size, a large pool and deck area, and many other amenities.

All of these combine to provide the course with a way to make money on more than just golf. In fact, the clubhouse is booked with more than 200 events over the next year. The added revenue that other courses cannot find or lack the facilities to entice to Binks. Wedding receptions, bar mitzvahs, graduation, sweet-16 parties and more



GOLF JAMES STAMMER

are all lined up to enjoy the refinished clubhouse. "Finishing the clubhouse completes Binks Forest's transformation and return to greatness," said Jordan C. Paul, chairman of Aquila Property Company.

I'd have to agree. The jewel of Wellington is back. Having a great golf course tends to help matter, as well.

When the renovations began in 2007, Gene Bates, one of the original architects along with Johnny Miller, modernized the features and playability of the course, all while preserving the integrity of the course's original design.

Bates kept the courses' heralded rich foliage, heavily forested terrain and North Carolina feel, all while tweaking the course for the demands of today's golfers.

I never had the pleasure

of playing the course prior to its closing. I knew that the course was carved from a forest of pines and wound through a beautiful development. I was thinking "narrow" but soon found that this is not the case here.

Homes are set well back from the fairways and greens. Drives that miss the fairways are not gobbled up by fences, ponds or patios. Instead you have to deal with beautiful trees and thick foliage to negotiate your way toward the hole or back to the fairway.

The course plays to a par of 72 with four sets of tees. Better players can tackle the course from as far back as 7,174 yards. The rest of us have choices of 6,626, 5,999 or 5,268 yards.

There is plenty of variety on the course. The waste areas around the tees and along several fairways provide great contrast and frame the holes nicely. No two holes are alike. The lengths of the par-3s vary tremendously. There is a true 3-shot par-5, and a couple that can be reached in two. There are a couple

of par-4s that play very long and a couple that allow for risk-reward.

The finishing hole at Binks Forest features the most difficult approach shot on the course. The green sits at the bottom of a large hill with the clubhouse behind and water and a deep bunker in front. Picking the right club here is a must.

With the accolades I heard from my group and others at the course, I was left to wonder why it had been left to sit idle for so long. Then I realized that it really doesn't matter. The club and course are back and the future is bright.

For more information on Binks Forest Golf Club, the only high-end, daily-fee facility in Palm Beach County, visit the course on the web at www.binks-forestgc.com or call the staff at (561) 333-5731.

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 stammorgol@yahoo.com.

Program boasts new hires

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Whole Child Indian River recently hired Kelley Williams as executive director.

Ms. Williams has a degree in marketing from the University of Florida and has worked in development and marketing for county nonprofits for six years.

As executive director, she will oversee operations, development and marketing.

She is a member of and served on the board of

directors of the Association of Fundraising Professionals Indian River and was the 2010 National Philanthropy Day co-chairwoman.

Mandy Burnette was recently hired as program administrator. A graduate of the University of Tennessee, Ms. Burnette has a degree in human ecology. She has worked for nonprofit organizations in a variety of positions for 13 years.

As program administrator, she will oversee the Whole Child database, work with providers and secure grant funds. She also works as the family and center resource coordinator for Childcare Resources of Indian River. A Junior League of Indi-

an River initiative, Whole Child offers a confidential web-based program called The Whole Child Connection. The Whole Child Connection, through a six-dimensional assessment, assists parents in identifying their needs and connects them with service providers in the community.

The Whole Child Connection also assists providers in building holistic service delivery networks and helps policy makers, community leaders and advocates identify critical issues related to the well-being of children and address those issues with community resources.

For more information, visit wholechildirc.org.



M. Burnette



K. Williams

Out

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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 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.

• **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 St. 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.

- ART GALLERIES**
- **Artists Guild Gallery,** 1974 14th Ave., Vero Beach. Call (772) 299-1234 or visit www.artistsguildgalleryvero-beach.com.
 - **The Gallery at Windsor,** 10680 Belvedere Square, Vero Beach. By appointment only. (772) 388-4071.
 - **Gallery 14,** 1911 14th Ave., Vero Beach. (772) 562-5525.
 - **The Laughing Dog Gallery,** 2910 Cardinal Drive, Vero Beach. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. (772) 234-6711
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- BARS AND CLUBS**
- **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. A1A, 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.
 - **Kilted Mermaid,** 1937 Old Dixie Highway Vero Beach. Open Tuesday-Saturday, 5 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: Bluegrass jam every Thursday night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call for other entertainment schedules. (772) 571-8622.
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