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BEST OF THE BLOTTER
JAY MEISEL

Some criminal cases are unusual, humorous or just outright odd. And there's no shortage of them on the Treasure Coast. This column will highlight cases that often leave observers shaking their heads.

Creating your own sale

A Stuart woman tried a scheme to save money on buying meat. She switched UPC price codes on the packages, putting a \$5.85 price tag on a package of meat that cost \$16.95. The only problem is she was observed doing it. So she ended up without having either package of meat.

Pushing your luck

With all the surveillance cameras and other means of detecting crime, a criminal who gets away with theft once is probably lucky. But a Port St. Lucie woman was able to get gas and drive off 10 times before being caught. That was when the business was able to get her tag number and her luck ran out. She was like the gambler who goes to a casino and wins nine bets and then loses all her money the 10th time. Well, if she's spending some time in jail, she probably won't need to buy gas.

Suspect on trial for murder of former IRC schools head

By Jay Meisel
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — As he traveled to the funeral for a murdered former Indian River County education superintendent, a former school board member learned a suspect was being questioned, Gary Lindsey recalled last week. But it would be another

James Burns, the former superintendent. The trial of Mr. Lane, who is accused of fatally stabbing Mr. Burns in Mr. Burns' residence on October 19, 1992, began last week in a Columbus, Ga., courtroom, according to the *Ledger-Enquirer*, the newspaper based in that city. The newspaper reported that in 1992, authorities



James Burns

lacked evidence to charge Mr. Lane with the murder, but a more recent examination of DNA evidence led to the charge.

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Last week, Stella Burns Butler, See **SUSPECT, A2**

Club teaches animal science 4-H program starts in October

By Jessica Tuggle
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Learning by doing, meeting new people and building leaders of tomorrow is the 4-H club way, even when it comes to working with furry, four-legged friends. The 4-H Dog Masters Club in Indian River County is getting organized once again and new members and sponsors are sought. Youth from ages 8 to 18 can learn to care for, train and show their canine companions during week-

Remembering Sept. 11



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Kathy and Andy Westerfield of the American Legion Post 189, lead a wreath-laying ceremony during Patriot Day in Riverview Park Tuesday. Nearly a dozen wreaths were laid in honor of those killed on Sept. 11, 2001.

Recovery program opens again

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VERO BEACH — Six years ago, Twain Rodgers had three dozen felony charges to his name, a 23-year addiction to crack cocaine and frequently found himself behind bars. Today, Mr. Rodgers has been clean for five years, lives with his wife and two sons and is a ministry leader at Immanuel Church in Vero Beach. "Today I'm not homeless. I own my own home, a new home with Habitat for Humanity and my family is back together," Mr. Rodgers said. The change in his life was made possible because of Jesus Christ and a step program called Celebrate Recovery. Celebrate Recovery is a recovery program based on principles found in the Bible to help people dealing with life's hurts, hang

New facility opens for seniors

By Jessica Tuggle
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SEBASTIAN — After an outpouring of generosity from the community, Sebastian seniors have a spacious activities center once again. Last week, senior citizens living in Sebastian

celebrated a soft opening of the new Senior Activities Center of Sebastian with card games, snacks and laughter. About two dozen people came together in the city building behind the Sebastian Art Center, formerly the Keep Indian River Beautiful building. Financial and in-kind donations, plus some elbow grease from individuals and local businesses, helped renovate the building in less than two months, said Andrea Coy, Sebastian city councilwoman and an outspoken advocate for the city's senior population. The grand opening of

the center will be held on Sept. 28 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., she said. Exclamations of surprise and pleasure fell from the lips of everyone who walked through the door into the newly carpeted and freshly painted rooms. New card tables were

Homecoming to include parade this year

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SEBASTIAN — For the first time in its 19-year history, Sebastian River High School's homecoming celebration will be punctuated with a festive community parade. Michael Stutzke, athletic director of Sebastian River High School, said the city has been very supportive in the school's quest for a larger community celebration for homecoming week. "They are behind us 100 percent," he said. Acting as parade chairman, Mr. Stutzke is lining up groups to participate in floats, walk and celebrate with the school during the Oct. 4 parade. Some of the groups signed up to participate



File photo

Sebastian River quarterback Norris Rogers, hands off to Nikko Finnegan against Fort Pierce Central last September. The high school will celebrate homecoming this year with a parade Oct. 4.

include Fellsmere and Sebastian elementary schools, the Sebastian Police Department, the Indian River County Sheriff's Office and the Indian River County Fire Department. The Sebastian Lions Club deserves a lot of thanks for their help in guiding the high-school parade committee, Mr. Stutzke said. The parade lineup will begin at 3 p.m. at the boat ramp on the corner of Main Street and Indian River Drive. The parade route will continue south on Indian River Drive to Riverview Park. Applications for the parade will be accepted through Sept. 21. "This is a community celebration, a chance for

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Sunday: Partly cloudy, chance of storms; high: 90; low: 75; high tide: 9:09 a.m.; low tide: 3:03 p.m.
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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Program

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ly meetings on Saturday mornings at the Dogs for Life off-leash dog park in Vero Beach, said Lindsay Adams, 4-H youth development agent.

The club took a one-year hiatus last year, but is ready to get back into gear this year, she said.

The 4-H Dog Masters Club took on a community service project in 1997 that led to the eventual creation of the membership-based Dogs for Life off-leash dog park in Vero Beach, said Shelly Ferger, director of the park and the club leader.

"They lobbied the city and the county for a dog

park and that's exactly how the dog park came to be. We are now our own non-profit and it wouldn't have happened without their vision," she said.

Between 1997 and 2008 the idea for the park grew among the community and funds were donated to lease, develop, then purchase the property at the corner of 12th Street and 16th Avenue, near Vero Beach Elementary School, for the dog park.

Since 2002, the nonprofit Dogs for Life has been a grateful sponsor of the club and offers their park for student and animal training classes for the club, Ms. Ferger said.

Not only do students get the benefit of working with their family pet and building a better relationship,

the discipline and development of life skills by caring for an animal are also excellent.

"Shelly is a great leader and is very active with the kids," Ms. Adams said.

There is a \$10 enrollment fee per club member, which covers insurance for the member, Ms. Adams said.

At the end of the year, Dogs for Life will host a dog show, Ms. Ferger said.

Weekly meetings will be held on Saturday mornings at the dog park. For exact times, contact Ms. Ferger.

For more information about the 4-H Dog Masters Club, call Ms. Ferger at (772) 567-8969. To make a donation, or to learn more about Dogs for Life, visit www.dogsforlifevb.org.



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From left, current Vero Beach Mayor Pilar Turner with her dog Lola, Shelly Ferger, Dogs For Life founder and executive director and Al Turner with Miki at last year's Hibiscus Festival doggie Easter bonnet parade.

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Suspect

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the remarried widow of Mr. Burns, testified she was in bed with her former husband at the time of the stabbing, but did not see the attacker, the newspaper reported.

Mr. Burns served as superintendent of schools in Indian River County from 1979 to 1989.

Mr. Lindsey, who was chairman of the Indian River County School Board in 1980 and 1981 and then again in 1987 and 1988, said after the murder, an airplane was chartered and 12 to 13 people from Indian River County flew to Columbus to attend the funeral.

A problem occurred with the transportation from the airport to the funeral and Mr. Lindsey and others got a ride with police, he recalled.

During that trip, officers got word a suspect was arrested, he said.

Mr. Lindsey and others who knew Mr. Burns recalled he was hired with a mission to improve education in Indian River County.

"We didn't feel like we were performing at our best level and we wanted a change in direction," recalled Joe Idlette, who served as vice chairman of the school board in 1980 and 1981.

Mr. Idlette said Mr. Burns was up to the task and did an "excellent job."

Mr. Burns "turned our district around and carried us to a higher level," Mr. Idlette said. He helped modernize the district, Mr. Lindsey said, adding Mr. Burns made good use of the people working for him.

"He did a really good job of getting the right people in the right place," Mr. Lindsey said.

Russell Petersen an attorney for the school district during part of Mr. Burns' tenure, called Mr. Burns "innovative."

"I thought he was very effective," Mr. Petersen said.

But as the years passed, some of Mr. Burns' actions or comments were unpopular with some people and that led to him to decide to leave in 1989, Mr. Lindsey said.

He added, though, that is often the case with superintendents, who typically leave before serving for 10 years.

Mr. Burns then became superintendent of schools in Pulaski County, Va., for a year before getting the job in Georgia.

Mr. Idlette said he provided a good reference for Mr. Burns.

"I had a feeling I had some part to play in him getting that position," Mr. Idlette said.

Parade

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the community to come out and see the youth that represent the community in athletic competition. It's for

inviting alumni back to experience it again. And who doesn't like a parade?" Mr. Stutzke said.

The parade will be led by the 2011-12 class 7A girls basketball state champions-Sebastian's own Sharks.

"We're very proud of these young ladies. That's a significant accomplishment," Mr. Stutzke said.

The Sharks finished the season with a 25-3 record.

Next year will be the 20th anniversary of the school and it has grown so much and has a lot of be proud of, said Mr. Stutzke, who has been with the school since it began in 1994.

The school has introduced sports such as rugby, lacrosse and rowing to the area, and has seen more than 20 graduates go onto military academies in the U.S.

"We hope the community will rally around its youth, support them and recognize what they exemplify, our future," Mr. Stutzke said.

Organizations interested in participating in the parade can contact Mr. Stutzke for more information. For more news from Sebastian River High School, visit www.indianriver-schools.org/srhs.

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 Dan Richie, left, holds the flag he carried at the Tunnel to Towers run in New York City. The flag was returned to Vero Beach by retired FDNY Battalion Chief Jack Oehm Saturday and given to Indian River Fire Rescue Chief John King before the Tunnel To Towers run in Riverside Park.



Dustin Hawkins, an Indian River Fire Rescue firefighter/engineer, carries his 10-year-old daughter, Amy, back to the finish line during the Tunnel to Towers run Saturday in Riverside Park. Proceeds from the event went to build smart homes for soldiers through the Stephen Siller and Gary Sinise foundations, 'Building for America's Bravest.'

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Computer and citizen classes begin in October

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — A one-day, beginner digital camera class will be offered from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Sept. 22. Cost is \$32.

A 16-hour Windows 7 class will run from Oct. 2-

25. Students will attend class on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m.-noon. Cost is \$68.

An Excel class will take place on Monday and Wednesday from Oct. 1 through Oct. 24. Students will attend class from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$68

A sign-language class

will take place on Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Oct. 13, 20 and 27. Cost is \$61.

A water exercise class will be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5 p.m. beginning Oct. 18 and running through Dec. 13. Class will be held in Wabasso and the cost is \$55.

An EBay workshop will

give participants tips and tricks on how to use this popular site. The workshop is from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Oct. 6.

A program for English speakers of other languages will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. The class is also held

from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

In addition, citizenship classes are held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Freshmen Learning Center. The cost is \$30 per term (\$90 per year).

Consult a full course schedule for times, dates and course fees. The course

schedule is available at the office, at area libraries and on the web at indianriver-schools.org. Adult Education, a division of the Indian River County School District, is located at 1426 19th St., Vero Beach.

For more information, call (772) 564-4970.

Seniors

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quickly set up for four-deck Canasta, one of the favorite card games of the group.

Previously, the group of seniors would meet in the Sebastian Senior Center on Davis Street, operated by the Senior Resource Association, but in recent months, the group has been feeling

crowded, said Mary McGee, one of the program advisors for the group.

The facility was being shared with the Senior Resource Association's adult daycare and sharing the space just wasn't working out, she said.

After contacting members of the Sebastian City Council and presenting their request for help with a new facility, city manager Al Minner allowed them to move

into an empty city building near city hall.

"This room, the main room alone is three times the size of the other place," Ms. Coy said.

Ms. Coy said she was impressed with the seniors' organization up to this point.

"They are organizing themselves. They have a board of directors and they're filling out the paperwork to be their own non-profit," she said.

Regular players walked in and started storing items for everyday use inside cabinets and began unloading books onto bookshelves. Felt and fleece table covers were also brought in to cut down on the noise of dominos clattering against a table.

"This belongs to the seniors of Sebastian, not the city of Sebastian. The building does belong to the city, but the rest belongs to the seniors," Ms. McGee said.

The Senior Resource Association recently announced the Vero Beach activities center would be repurposed



From left, Lana Williams, Judy Swanson and Barbara Munson play dominos at the newly opened Senior Activities Center of Sebastian last Thursday.

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Andrea Coy, Sebastian City Council member gets a thank you from Dolly Worn-Tintor at the new Senior Activities Center of Sebastian last Thursday.

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The Sebastian senior group does not yet have a phone number or website with all of their activity information, so the best place for information currently is to drop in, Ms.

McGee said. Hours will be 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the next several weeks. Eventually, the group hopes to expand their hours.

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Police report

Editor's note: This is a list of arrests, not convictions, and all arrestees are presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fellsmere Police Department

•Jonathan Vargas, 22, 10023 Esperanza Circle, Apt. 2, Fellsmere, was arrested Sept. 1 and charged with aggravated assault and aggravated battery.

Sebastian Police Department

•Forrest D. Thomas, 27, 1114 Coverbrook Lane, Sebastian, was arrested Sept. 29 and charged with burglary of a dwelling, dealing in stolen property and giving false information to a pawnbroker.
 •Danielle O'Neal, 37, 1350 Starboard St., Sebastian, was arrested Sept. 2 and charged with grand theft.
 •Patricia Cramer, 36, 8015 126th St., Sebastian, was arrested Sept. 1 and charged with aggravated battery.
 •Jozell Williams, 28, 97 S. Oleander St., Fellsmere, was arrested Sept. 4 and charged with sale/delivery of oxycodone within 1,000 feet of a recreation facility and possession of cocaine with intent to sell or deliver within 1,000 feet of a recreation facility.

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

•Paul Johnson, 45, 2245 27th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested Aug. 29 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
 •Martin Bastick, 43, no address given, was arrested Aug. 29 and charged with felony petit theft.
 •Dawn Axiotis, 36, 1455 90th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested Aug. 29 and charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for possession of cocaine.
 •Martin Miles, 53, 4795 30th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested Aug. 29 and charged with burglary of a dwelling.
 •Arthur Lee McDougald Jr., 42, 4311 35th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested Aug. 29 and charged with failure to appear in court on charges of possession of cocaine, tampering with evidence and resisting an officer without violence.
 •Roderick Jones, 40, 908 North 20th St., Fort Pierce, was arrested Aug. 30 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for purchase of cocaine and possession of cocaine.
 •Brian Kendrick Spann, 29, 5045 32nd Court, Vero Beach, was arrested Aug. 30 and charged with burglary of a dwelling, grand theft and cruelty to animals.
 •Diana L. Williams, 54, 1455 90th Ave., Unit A-15, Vero Beach, was arrested Aug. 30 and charged with

grand theft.
 •Jeffrey Scott Cole, 49, 723 Third Court S.W., Vero Beach, was arrested Aug. 30 and charged with child abuse.
 •Takiyah Brown, 25, 1480 Woodland Circle, Vero Beach, was arrested Sept. 3 and charged with retail grand theft and giving a false name to a law enforcement officer.
 •Bryan Hidalgo, 20, 501 S.W. Ninth St., Hallandale, was arrested Sept. 3 and charged with trafficking in Ecstasy.
 •Heather Lynne Pfoutz, 21, 501 S.W. Ninth St., Hallandale, was arrested Sept. 3 and charged with trafficking in Ecstasy.
 •Champagne James, 20, 1480 Woodland Circle, Vero Beach, was arrested Sept. 3 and charged with retail grand theft.
 •Jennifer Joy Bell, 36, 2069 Seventh Ave., S.W., Vero Beach, was arrested Sept. 3 and charged with purchase of marijuana and possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana.
 •Roland Alan Evans, 32, 238 S.W. Fifth Ave., Delray Beach, was arrested Sept. 3 and charged with 14 counts of uttering a forged instrument, organized fraud, possession of forged notes or bills, third-degree grand theft and second-degree petit theft.
 •James E. Mcelhane, 47, 986 38th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested Sept. 3 and charged with burglary, theft and fleeing or eluding.

•Michael Edward Taylor III, 29, 5815 59th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested Sept. 1 and charged with burglary, fleeing and eluding a police officer and theft.
 •Vincent Bryan Foggy, 20, 10092 Grace Meadows Court, Fellsmere, was arrested Sept. 1 and charged with burglary of a dwelling and third-degree grand theft.
 •Carole M. Ellis, 32, 1048 Booker St., Fellsmere, was arrested Aug. 31 and charged with two counts of burglary of a dwelling, two counts of third-degree grand theft and dealing in stolen property.
 •Jerry Lewis Harris, 45, no address given, was arrested Aug. 31 and charged with possession of cocaine and sale/delivery of cocaine.
 •Terrance Oshay Oliver, 34, 4013 41st Square, Vero Beach, was arrested Aug. 31 and charged with resisting an officer without violence and felony driving while license suspended.
 •Matthew O'Neal Williams, 37, 251 Sixth Drive S.W., Vero Beach, was arrested Aug. 31 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, fleeing and eluding and being a habitual traffic offender.
 •Samuel Pickens, 57, 4570 41st Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested Aug. 31 and charged with felony retail theft and resisting an officer without violence.
 •Sylvester Eugene Curtis, 56, 4585 56th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested Aug. 31 and charged with trafficking

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 •Angelo J. Thompson, 32, 2010 Vero Circle S.W., Unit 6, Vero Beach, was arrested Aug. 30 and charged with aggravated battery.
 •Baltasar Aguilar, 50, no address given, was arrested Sept. 5 and charged with burglary, felony battery and resisting an officer without violence.
 •Steve William Cocchia, 26, 154 Englar Drive, Sebastian, was arrested Sept. 6 and charged with violation of probation. He was on probation for burglary of a dwelling and possession of burglary tools.
 •Troy D. Deramus, 46, 660 Youngstown Parkway, Unit 287, Altamonte Springs, was arrested Sept. 5 and charged with third-degree grand theft, criminal use of personal identification and organized fraud.
 •Raymond O'Neal Brannon, aka Frog, 36, 2346 13th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach,

was arrested Sept. 5 and charged with battery on a law enforcement officer and fleeing and eluding a law enforcement officer.
 •Marcus Kwame Foster, 17, 1475 24th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was arrested Sept. 5 and charged with failure to appear in court on a charge of robbery.
 •Austin Scott Keen, 13, 152 Eagle Drive, Sebastian, was arrested Sept. 5 and charged with aggravated battery.

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•Kendrick Jamaar Williams, 33, 46 44th Court, Vero Beach, was arrested Aug. 29 and charged with possession of a firearm or ammunition by a convicted felon, driving while license suspended, third or subsequent offense and resisting an officer without violence.

Program

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ups and habits, said the Rev. Roger Ball, lead pastor of Immanuel Church.

The church has had a Celebrate Recovery program for about seven years, the Rev. Ball said.

"It's not just for alcohol or drug addicts, it's for any hurt, habit or hang up. We

approach it from a spiritual standpoint, not a physical standpoint," he said.

Sometimes when people have addictions to drugs or alcohol or other negative habits, they are symptoms of other issues, the Rev. Ball said.

Celebrate Recovery is for all sorts of struggles including co-dependency, eating disorders, pornography addictions and any other life issue you can think of,

he said.

"If we are really honest, everyone has a hurt, habit or hang up. Everyone just medicates their hurt, habit or hang up in a different way," Mr. Rodgers said.

The program is two-fold. There is a weekly large group time that includes singing and sharing and often a teaching time, followed by gender-specific, issues-based small group discussions.

The weekly meeting is held Thursdays at 7 p.m. and is currently led by Mr. Rodgers. Dinner is served at 6 p.m.

The step study program is offered at different times during the year. The next one begins on Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. Each step takes about one month to complete, the Rev. Ball said.

During the first three steps, basically the first three months, the study

class is open, but step four and the subsequent steps are more personal and intense, so once that point is reached, the group is closed, he said.

"The eight steps of recovery come from the Beatitudes and people work through their issues in a gender-specific group," the Rev. Ball said.

Having only men or women in a group makes more people comfortable

sharing, he said.

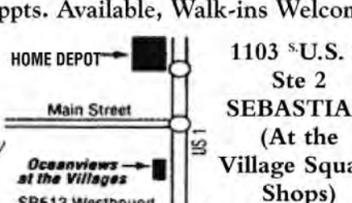
Pre-registration is not necessary before the step studies begin.

Immanuel Church is located at 455 S.W. 58th Ave., Vero Beach. For more information, call (772) 562-3185 or visit www.verochurch.com. For more information about Celebrate Recovery, visit www.celebraterecovery.com.

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Debunking computer myths

There are a lot of myths surrounding computers out there, some based on reality, some based on the way technology used to be and some based on plain old fear and paranoia.

Some computer myths tend to be so prevalent I often see veteran computer users falling prey to some of them. This week I thought I would try to dispel some of these myths.

The first myth is, if you connect to the Internet you will immediately become a target for some hacker who is out to steal your identity.

This myth is one that is born out of paranoia and misinformation. We have all seen stories in the news about some hacker getting caught accessing some big company database or some poor people getting their identities stolen, but the fact of the matter is most hackers just aren't interested in you. Hackers tend to go after the "big" targets, such as corporate databases, and don't spend too much time hunting individual end users.

But that's not what the Internet security software companies want you to think. There is a big market for computer security programs and firewall software, but if it's not configured or installed correctly (which is most of the time) it can bring your machine to a crawl and still leave you vulnerable.

As long as you have an up-to-date anti-virus program installed and running, and have all the current operating system updates installed, you should be safe plugging your machine into the Internet.

If it's identity theft you are worried about, I would be more concerned about all those big corporate entities out there that already have your personal information on file. It's databases such as those that are the real targets. Why take the time to hack into one user's machine for one identity when there are so many other systems out there that hold thousands (even millions) of identities in their databases?

Another common myth



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is, "regularly defragging my hard drive will make it run faster." This myth has its origins from the way technology used to be. Sure, if you are running an old 486 machine with Windows 95 and a 1 gig hard drive, defragging it periodically will clean things up a bit and give you a noticeable increase in performance.

If, on the other hand, you are running something a little more modern (any machine built within the last five years) defragging the hard drive all the time to increase performance is often just a waste of time.

Any increase in performance gained by defragging will typically be unnoticeable. Sure, it's nice to see all those red areas turn blue when you do defrag a modern machine, but don't be fooled. You aren't gaining much. I will concede that running defrag periodically to "tidy up" is good practice, but it's not the cure-all that some people still think it is.

The next myth comes from unclear advertisements that some computer manufacturers run. Many ads today for new computers tout their systems as being "wireless ready" right out of the box. And, to a degree, this may be true, with things such as WiFi chips being built into the motherboard, but the thing that the ads tend to leave out (or bury in fine print) is that you need to be in an area of wireless service for it to work.

If you don't have wireless Internet access and are contemplating buying a new computer that's wireless ready because you are under the impression that it will connect to the Internet right out of the box, you are about to make a mistake.

All this "wireless ready" stuff means is that you won't need any extra hardware to connect to an existing wireless service. It

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Remembering Patriot Day



Michelle Morris, Sebastian Police chief, says the Pledge of Allegiance with a crowd of about 200 people on hand for the Patriot Day observance commemorating Sept. 11 in Sebastian's Riverview Park Tuesday morning.

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Re: Leaving the Treasure Coast

I can understand why people would want to leave the Treasure Coast, especially St. Lucie County. I have found the local governments throwing around so much power and not caring about the people who pay their wages.

Where I used to live, our government was made up of aldermen that represented the people of their neighborhood. Here you have a council who has let their power go to their heads. And if you try to speak out they just bypass you or talk over you or force you to leave.

We have roads that go to nowhere built on the backs of our taxpayers and then never told the actual truth about the details of that road. Why doesn't the city tell everyone who actually owns the city center? We built it on our tax dollar I think we deserve to know the truth about that.

I had to go to Pennsylvania to find out my medical problems because the doctors here never took the time to run tests, but they sure like collecting that payment.

For someone who just had a skip in his heartbeat, it ended up being a heart that was only working at 15 percent, COPD and sleep apnea. Thank God we have caring doctors somewhere.

I have to profess, they are not all bad, but that heart doctor should not be practicing medicine.

I have found the county police to be rude and disrespectful and the courts, well let's just say the scales are not too well balanced in St. Lucie County. If you got the bucks for a high-priced lawyer, you're OK, but if not they will milk you dry.

To me, it seems like the large corporations have treasure under their wing. Mega stores on every corner as mom and pop stores just keep closing and once a place that was cheaper to live and had an easier life is now just as expensive.

When people always ask where you live and I tell them Florida they get the opinion that you get to go to Disney World every weekend. Heck, I tell them I am lucky if we get to go to the beach. Unless you're ready to die or spend the rest of your life in God's waiting room stay where you're at, it sure isn't any better here.

I have to laugh at the slogan for Port St. Lucie, as they call it a "city for all ages." It sure is. The older folks spend all their time at the doctors, the middle age spend all their time working and the young folks spend all their time at the probation office.

And, no, for your information, I have never been in trouble. Just look and see something the politicians should be doing. Look around, we are turning into a ghost town as we speak. Hopefully, we will not get hit by a hurricane because if we do we will be in trouble as most of our contractors have flown the coop. There is no work and no, I don't feel like being a door greeter. It only takes a matter of time for a town to self-destruct. When the cash cows stop coming, the people start moving, it will only take a matter of time.

Another response

Re: To all the unhappy people living here on the Treasure Coast who plan on leaving: just go, and please leave soon. We don't care about your goodbye letters so don't waste the

free ink in our beloved paper. Most of us love it here and chose our paradise.

More about leaving the Treasure Coast

Just want you to know that it's not the southerners you think that's in power who live on the Treasure Coast. We southern folks are a laid-back, no-hurry people, and if you see a confederate flag. I guess, "ya'll will know ya'll is in the south."

You say you and your husband have experienced a lot of bigotry, prejudice hatred and more dishonesty here in the Treasure Coast, but did you know that just about everyone here is from some place up north, or some other country?

You go into a grocery store or most any other place and the people open their mouths and the way they walk and block the aisles you know they're not born and raised in the south.

Also, you sound like you should move back to your goody-goody state, just one more car off the crowded roads. Florida used to be a really nice place, now you look around and it's nothing but cement.

More response to leaving

To the "[...] white, hard-working, middle-age, college-educated couple from the northeast: this is what I and many others would like to say to you: goodbye!

It has nothing to do about prejudice, confederate flags, or being Republicans. Did you ever ask yourselves maybe it's you?

I'll deduct by your inflective word usage that you're a liberal. You used a stereotype of the south in order to justify your actions. For a college-educated person, that was pretty ignorant in itself.

You exemplify what another writer opined on the same page as your diatribe: too many handouts.

As to your claim about Republicans, (and yes, I am one), Barack Obama carried the state with 50.9 percent of the vote to McCain's 48.4 percent.

You may want to take a look at demographics of Democrats to Republican ratios, especially here in St. Lucie. You may be surprised. The doctors I go to have pulled me through cancer and my dentists have cared for me. If you can't shop for a good dentist and think that dentists up north are any better, well I'm sorry but you may be lazy or just plain nuts.

For more than 10 years I have not seen any hate outside the same stuff you see day in and day out anywhere in the country.

Again, stop looking for so much to be handed to you and give you what you expect. Maybe if you were tolerant of others and their history, they would be tolerant and pleasant to you.

Oh, by the way, I am from Brooklyn, N.Y. I am white. I am Jewish. And I have two college degrees.

Re: Obama must go

First, the writer finds it "difficult to comprehend how any American could be undecided about this year's election." This is Tea Party speak, meaning anyone who would vote other than their way is un-American.

Second, the writer wants to "get Washington out of our lives." Would that include letting women make their own decisions about birth control and abortion? Would it include allowing people to make their own decisions on whom to marry?

Third, the writer concludes with yet another Tea Party standard phrase "If we value our freedom Obama must go."

Republicans have managed to restrict voting in 31 states. Shouldn't all Americans have the freedom to cast a ballot? Oh, I forgot, we're not all "Americans."

Great speech, Mr. Obama

I sat surrounded by my children, with tears in my eyes, as our president, Mr. Barack Obama, spoke to the country and

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Seniors can expect more from nonprofit

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Senior Resource Association's board of directors announced plans for a senior services improvement initiative that will enhance adult day services and senior activities programs.

"As the only licensed adult day care provider in the county, we are obligated to continually assess how we can best serve these clients and their family caregivers," said Karen B. Rose Deigl, president/CEO of the Senior Resource Association.

"After careful evaluation, we have taken into consideration the highest need, our obligations to serve the community and the best

use of resources that are available to us at our Vero Beach location."

Built in 1952, the building that houses SRA's adult day services program is the oldest at the Vero Beach location.

Although many facility-related improvements have been made to the building over the last six years, it was not feasible to further retrofit it to meet clients' needs without rebuilding the facility. Options included: renting a different facility and relocating; using one of the existing buildings or initiating a capital campaign and rebuilding.

As a result of the nonprofit organization's board of directors and management's extensive evaluation and assessment process, the Schumann Center, the

current fixed-location Senior Center in Vero Beach, will be prepared for adult day services licensing.

"While our ultimate vision is to conduct a capital campaign for a state-of-the-art facility designed to meet the diverse needs of older adults, we need to address the needs of the adult day services clients and caregivers now, and therefore chose the most practical temporary option available to us at this time," said Ms. Deigl.

"With only minor modifications, this interim solution will enhance existing physical and cognitive activities and allow us to serve additional participants."

Subsequently, over the next two months the Senior Resource Association will

transition its activities for independent older adults, from the current fixed location at the Schumann Center in Vero Beach to other locations in the county.

Working with community partners to enhance its programs, the organization will provide well-rounded educational, social, physical and spiritual activities at locations throughout the community.

Senior Resource Association 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 senior's individual needs.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County's animal wellness clinic is now taking appointments for pet wellness exams, vaccinations and spay/neuter surgeries on Monday, Wednesday and

Thursday.

"Our goal is to make preventative care for animals affordable and accessible," said Maria Ramirez, the shelter's director of animal care.

Since the clinic opened in January, it's offered services to the community two days each week. But over the last few months, the shelter has

seen a need to increase its hours.

The goals of the clinic include improving pet healthcare across the Treasure Coast, increasing animal health education and reducing the number of animals turned in to shelters due to medical issues.

Clinic services are available to anyone with pets,

regardless of residence or income. The clinic also has special programs in place to help individuals on public assistance.

The Humane Society's animal wellness clinic is located at 6230 77th St., Vero Beach. Appointments are required and can be made by calling (772) 388-0801.

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doesn't mean that you can just turn it on and be online as some people have been led to believe.

In order for these systems to work, they need to be in a wireless "cloud" either your own wireless service, DSL or cable plugged into a

wireless router, or a public wireless hotspot, such as those found in many hotels, airports and coffee shops.

I hope this helps and until next week, happy computing!

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the world as he accepted the bid for president. What an exceptional man. What a family man, a man for every soul in the country. We can only hope that those who have witnessed this great man take strides to bring this great country back to where we were 15 years ago re-elect him. We will only suffer more loss if Mr. Romney and his band of thieves are elected. This nation, under Obama, will once again shine.

All for the wrong reasons

It amazes me how this election for president is not for the best man for the job, but rather, let's get Obama out of office. I have yet to hear a solid plan on how Romney plans to get jobs. I do hear that they want to cater to the large corporations. Why so we as taxpayers can foot the bill for them to get started and then they leave to China like everyone else?

I have yet to hear him or Obama say anything about stopping the free trade with China. One thing that scares me with Romney is his views on Iran. We do not need another war. Iraq and Afghanistan have already help put us in debt and Iran is not going to be an easy piece of cake as Iraq was.

Maybe since the Republicans are so into wanting to sign these so-

called guarantees why don't we see if Romney will commit that his sons will be the first sign on the dotted line to go to war?

And I don't mean West Point as they did in the Vietnam war. Heck, Ryan is a young guy too, and since all he has ever done is politics maybe he could sign up too.

I don't especially like people who are afraid to get their hands dirty once in a while. To me Obama is not presidential material and never was as he just came out of the woodwork, but Romney is a money man and money and politics only means power and greed and he has shown he has those qualities with Bain Capital.

Like I always say "voting for the lesser of two evils is still a vote for evil."

I think I will just pass on this year's election or maybe vote for Ron Paul anyway. He is the only one who stands for the Constitution.

A nod for Ryan

Our generation finally has a very welcome spokesman in Paul Ryan. Too many politicians are content with the status quo. Too many of them rationalize kicking the can down the road. What that means, however, is they will selfishly continue their out-of-control deficit government spending on themselves. When they are gone, the debt will be dumped in our laps.

Good riddance to them. Welcome Paul Ryan.

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THROUGH SEPT. 15

• The **Sebastian Little League** is having registration for its fall season at the Barber Street Fields on Thursday and Friday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Boys and girls of all ages are encouraged to participate in this program focusing on skill development with the help of professional coaches. For more information, Google or Facebook Sebastian little league.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

• **Safe boating course** offered by the Vero Beach Power Squadron from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Learn boat handling, aids to navigation, navigation rules, trailering, knots and life-saving equipment. Many insurance companies offer discounts if you have completed a boating class. Get your Florida safe boating ID card. Those born after Jan. 1, 1988, get an operator's license. Cost is \$35. 301 Acacia Rd., Vero Beach. To register, call (772) 978-9769 or email fuzdap99@aol.com.

MONDAY, SEPT. 17

• The **Friends of the North Indian River County Library** will meet from 11 a.m.-noon in the library conference room. The library is located at 1001 Sebastian Blvd., midway between I-95 and U.S. 1, in Sebastian. For more information, call (772) 589-0046 or email lynnwalsh@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19

• Indian River Mall invites local businesses and organizations to get involved in the **senior active lifestyle and wellness expo** presented by Health First Health Plans and 97.1 Ocean FM.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

• **Indian River NOW** will host a non-partisan candidate's forum for the Nov. 6 general election at C.J. Cannons from noon-2 p.m. All candidates are invited. Registration begins at 11:45 a.m. Cost is \$20 at the door; \$18 in advance, mailed to Indian River NOW, POB 96, Vero Beach, FL 32961-0096. RSVP before Sept. 19 to Linda Hengerer, (772) 473-3037 or via email to IndianRiverNOWfl@gmail.com with lunch choice. Reservations required. Choice of meatloaf or stuffed sole. C.J. Cannon's, 3414

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Archaeologist, clown in lineup for free speaker series

By Jessica Tuggle
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — A free speaker series at The Emerson Center in Vero Beach doesn't require tickets, but the lineup, organizers hope, will pack the house.

The 2012-13 Florida Humanities Series at The Emerson Center will begin in October and excitement is already building for the popular educational lecture series.

On Oct. 25, archaeologist and author Robert S. Carr will present "Finding Bimini: Ponce de Leon's Florida." The discussion will cover European explorers, the prehistoric and early historic contacts between Florida, the Bahamas and Cuba, as well as the mystery of the Fountain of Youth.

Mr. Carr is the executive director of the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy, a not-for-profit in Davie.

Marine Bank and Trust is the sponsor of the series. The series broadly covers topics relating to Florida issues, history, nature and culture.

All presentations in the humanities series begin at 7 p.m.

Musician, composer and educator Randall "Big Daddy" Webster will present, "An Introspection of Blues" on Dec. 6.

In a press release, Mr. Webster said he strives to bring positive change with his music.

"The tradition of playing music from the soul is much the same around the world as it is in America and people tap into that," he said.

Mr. Webster has toured overseas 53 times to 28 countries and has solo, duo and band releases.

The New Year will bring



Archaeologist Robert Carr will be the first speaker in The Emerson Center's free Florida Humanities speaker series on Oct. 25. Mr. Carr has extensive knowledge about Florida and the surrounding islands in relationship to Juan Ponce de Leon's travels.

Photo courtesy of Paris Productions



Author Dana Ste. Clair will be a featured speaker for The Emerson Center's free Florida Humanities speaker series on Feb. 21. His presentation is about Florida cracker culture and history.

Photo courtesy of Paris Productions

back a hot topic: immigration in Florida.

On Jan. 17, Alex Stepnick, an authority on immigration law and the impact of immigration on Miami, will present, "Immigration's Impact on Florida and the United States."

Dana Ste. Clair, a historian on Florida cracker culture and director of the St. Augustine 450th commemoration, will visit The Emerson Center on Feb. 21. His presentation will be "The Cracker Culture in

Florida History."

Spending childhood summers immersed in a "cracker way of life" spurred his interest in the culture of the times.

A professional clown and the former Goodwill ambassador for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus is scheduled to speak on March 21.

Steve Smith's presentation, "Laughing Matters! An Energetic and Enthusiastic Look Into the Art of Clowning," promises to be uplifting, educational and

inspiring.

Mr. Smith has been in show business for more than 40 years and his credentials include employment under Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, Walt Disney World, McDonald's and Ringling College, to name a few.

The final speaker in the series will be former astronaut and retired U.S. Navy Capt. Jon McBride.

Mr. McBride was the pilot of the first Challenger See **SERIES, B2**

Church to host block party

For Hometown News
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

SEBASTIAN — Coastal Community Church of Sebastian will sponsor a free block party barbecue on Sept. 15.

The party will take place from 3-6 at Riverview Park located on U.S. 1 and C.R.512 in Sebastian.

There will be inflatable

bounce houses, a bungee run and carnival games. A live DJ will play music favorites and there will be giveaways from local businesses.

The community will be treated to slow-roasted, barbecue pork. Hotdogs, pizza samples, cotton candy, funnel cakes and snow cones will also be available.

The church welcomes additional businesses to donate prizes or food for the event.

Event sponsorship is also available. However, no goods or services will be sold at the event. If a business can provide something for free that would enhance the event for families in the community, please contact the church now to see how

a business can partner.

Coastal Community Church worships at 10 a.m. on Sundays in the auditorium of Sebastian River Middle School. Nursery, children, youth and young adult programs are available.

For more information, call (772)202-0121 or visit www.SebastianChurch.com.



Week of 9-14-2012

ARIES - March 21-April 20

Aries, you will bring creativity and originality to a project at work this week. Working with people comes easy to you, so put your ingenuity to good use.

TAURUS - April 21-May 21

Taurus, you are entering a creative phase and others will admire and appreciate your work. But don't allow the extra attention to go to your head. Be humble at every turn.

GEMINI - May 22-June 21

There are plenty of opportunities for communicating your ideas this week, Gemini. Expect quite a few meetings and other social occasions where you can discuss things with others.

CANCER - June 22-July 22

Cancer, you have a basic idea of how you want to handle your finances, but you are open to suggestions, too. Consult with a professional if you are considering making major changes.

LEO - July 23-Aug. 23

Your ability to supervise and organize people makes you unique, Leo. This role will become central to your lifestyle for the next few days as you tackle new responsibilities at work.

VIRGO - Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Virgo, opportunities to advance your career present themselves, but you are not sure if you are ready for a bigger role. Seek advice from trusted colleagues.

LIBRA - Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Libra, recreational activities are ideal ways for you to keep in shape and reduce stress over the course of the week. You could feel your troubles melt away.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Scorpio, you have a great interest in business and making career decisions that will work for you. That new venture you have been pon-

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Series

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mission in space and currently lives in Cocoa. Now retired, Mr. McBride will speak about "The Florida Space Program: Its Past, Present and Future."

Another speaker series put on by The Emerson Center is the Celebrated Speaker Series, which is a ticketed series. Season tickets are available and single event tickets will be available Dec. 1.

The Celebrated Speaker Series will kick off on Jan. 12, 2013 with a pair of speaking engagements by former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

For more information, call (772) 778-5249 or visit www.theemersoncenter.org/humanities.asp.

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Nonprofit hosting concert Nov. 26

For Hometown News
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Jason Vieaux, who is rated among the most talented guitarists of his generation, has agreed to perform another concert for SunUp ARC this year.

"The intimate atmosphere of the Jason Vieaux concert last year delighted classic guitar lovers," said Carol Jean Jordan, ARC member.

"His one-on-one conversation in this small venue added to the ambiance of the evening. I am sure his many admirers will return to enjoy his amazing performance along with his communicative skills," she said.

The concert will be held Nov. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Plaza, 884 17th St., Vero Beach. Seating is limited, so reserve tickets early.

There will be a short, private, sponsor's only recep-

tion before the general admission meet and greet cocktail reception. Limited sponsorships are still available.

SunUp ARC is a nonprofit agency dedicated to meeting the needs of people with developmental disabilities in Indian River County.

General admission tickets are \$50 per person in advance and \$60 per person at the door.

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Scouts to host car wash

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TREASURE COAST — The Boy Scouts of America, Gulf Stream Council, will present an inaugural, council-wide car wash on Sept. 15.

More than 75 separate Boy Scout troops, Cub Scout packs, Venture Crews (co-ed) and Sea Scouts Ships (co-ed) will host their unit "Car Wash for Scouting" event at numerous locations throughout Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Okeechobee and Hendry counties.

The Gulf Stream Council serves almost 10,000 scouts

and 3,000 adult volunteers representing seven districts in south Florida from Boca Raton to Vero Beach and around Lake Okeechobee.

The council also maintains and runs three scout camps including Dark Hammock, Oklawaha and Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation located on 640 acres in Tequesta.

"By all units participating in their Scout uniforms for the car wash event on the same day, it will help promote increased public awareness of Scouting in our communities," said Mark Luttier, council president.

All proceeds will go directly to support the scouting programs of the Gulf Stream Council.

Since 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has helped mold the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and life-long values with fun.

Scouting helps build character, promotes responsible citizenship, respect for the outdoors and develops personal fitness.

For more information or for car wash locations, visit www.gulfstreamcouncil.org or call (561) 694-8585.

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Planetarium kicks off season

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TREASURE COAST — Kicking off the new Indian River State College Hallstrom Planetarium season is a free star party and open house on Sept. 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the IRSC main campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce.

The event will feature a preview of the new season's program, as well as guided tours of the night sky through telescopes, (weather permitting) courtesy of

the Treasure Coast Astronomical Society.

The planetarium's starlight series 2012-13 begins Oct. 19 with the galactic show, "The Goldilocks Planet."

Audiences will join in a search for other earthlike worlds and orbit distant stars that are "just right" for supporting life.

"The Goldilocks Planet" will be presented on Oct. 19-20, Nov. 2-3 and Nov. 16-17. Planetarium show times are Friday evenings at 7 and 8 p.m. and Saturday after-

noons at 1 and 2 p.m.

Planetarium shows are recommended for adults and for children over age 4.

The Hallstrom Planetarium's temperature is maintained at 72 degrees and visitors may want to bring a light jacket or sweater.

Tickets are \$3 each and may be purchased at the IRSC box office at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center or by calling (800) 220-9915 with VISA, Discover, American Express or MasterCard or visit www.irsc.edu.

Out

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Cherokee Drive, Vero Beach 32960. Located at the Vero Beach Airport.

Inlet Wines & Brew will have a special art night from 6-8 p.m. followed by music from Hair Peace. There will be jazz, comedy, fine wine, craft beer, imported beer, 15 beers on tap, premium cigars, a light food menu and good company. 13401 U.S. 1 Sebastian, at the corner of Roseland Road in the plaza, south end.

MONDAY, SEPT. 24

Celebrate Recovery at Immanuel Church in Vero Beach will begin both a men's and women's step study at 7 p.m. at the church located at 455 Southwest 58th Ave. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program based on the eight principles found in the Beatitudes to help people dealing with life's hurts, hang-ups, and habits.

For more information, call (772) 562-3185 or visit www.verochurch.com.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 25

Ed Garland, communications and outreach representative for the St. John's River water management district's Palm Bay office, will be the speaker at the Friends of St. Sebastian River's general meeting. There will be a presentation about the changes in district operations to address the continuing reductions in their budget. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at the North Indian River County Library, 1001 Sebastian Blvd. in Sebastian, and all are welcomed to attend.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29

"Night Sounds" from 7-9 p.m. hosted by the Friends of Sebastian Inlet State Park supporting National Public Lands Day, the concert will showcase recording artists Billy Mure, Debbie Murphy and the Top Hats. Sebastian Inlet State Park is located off South A1A in Melbourne.

ONGOING EVENTS

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

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 of every month. Money donations for shipping costs

are also appreciated. Bring cookies to Vero Beach Elks Lodge 1774, 1350 26th St. Vero Beach.

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

Men's singles tennis pyramid: Play runs from 6-8 p.m. every Thursday at the Riverside Racquet Complex, 350 Dahlia Lane, Vero Beach. This is an adult league for ages 18 and older; men's levels of 3.5/4.0. The fees are \$2 per week for members and \$5 per week for non-members (plus \$1 light fee per hour when applicable). Participants must check inside the pro shop with the attendant on duty and pay before going to the courts. Players must register weekly by sending an email to Brian Orzel, singles pyramid coordinator at orzelp@gmail.com 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 Wednes-

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Indian River Mall hosts Baby-Palooza



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The Indian River Mall held a Baby-Palooza Saturday. The theme was 39 weeks to term. The Indian River Medical Center, the March of Dimes and Treasure and Space Coast Radio sponsored the event. Matthew Hazel, 6, watches as his sister, Isabelle, 4, gets her face painted with fireworks.

Scopes

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dering takes a big step forward.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Interactions with coworkers could feel a little strained, Sagittarius. Make a few adjustments to remedy any uncomfortable situations. Take stock of your working relationships.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Capricorn, your drive for independence is very obvious to others this week. However, your determination could also put you in an unpredictable mood.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21-Feb. 18

This is a good time to take a deep breath and lighten up your load and your feelings, Aquarius. Tell some jokes or go out for a social occasion. You'll be thankful you did.

PISCES - Feb. 19-March 20

People often sense that you can have your head on straight, Pisces. So don't be surprised when you are asked for advice.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Five-month-old Gabriella-Bella Pena hangs on as mom, Bianca Pena, listens to doctors Deni Malaze and Ana Benitez-Prieto during Baby-Palooza at the Indian River Mall Saturday. The March of Dimes and Indian River Medical center sponsored the event.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

The Baby-Palooza, sponsored by the March of Dimes and the Indian River Medical Center, drew quite a crowd to the Indian River Mall Saturday. One of the booths highlighted cakes and cupcakes. This cupcake had a couple of hitchhikers, two peas in a pod designed by Andrea Brown of the Yellow Rose Cakery.

Out

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day at noon the Irish Club, located at 1314 20th Street in Vero Beach, invites the public for a home-made lunch and dessert while listening to the big band sound of a local senior musical group. All ages are invited, and the cost is \$7, no reservation required. Please bring a non-perishable food item. Every month the IRCA distributes this food, along with fresh meat to the veterans. For more information, call (772) 913-1196 or (772) 569-1460.

• **Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge:** Call the refuge at (772) 562-3909, Ext. 275, or visit fws.gov/pelicanisland/events

• **Italian-American War Veterans, Post No.3 and Women's Auxiliary,** located at

2500 15th Ave., Vero Beach, holds business meetings at 7 p.m., on the second Wednesday of each month. Social meetings are held at 6 p.m., on the fourth Wednesday of the month. New members welcome. For information, call (772) 231-5673 or (772) 770-2558.

• **Vero Beach Railroad Station** in downtown Vero Beach was originally built in 1903. It is on the National Register of Historic Places, and is open Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., and Wednesday through Friday from 10

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College seeking graduates to join association

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TREASURE COAST — Indian River State College is inviting all graduates to become members of the IRSC alumni association. The association is open to graduates of Indian River Junior College, Indian River Community College and now Indian River State College.

There are many activities planned for the 2012-13 academic year including receptions with visiting lec-

turers, student productions, speed networking, special event invitations and a professional development workshop.

An annual membership in the alumni association is \$10 and lifetime membership is \$200. All funds received from alumni membership goes to scholarship support.

For more information, visit irscfoundation.org and click on the alumni tab, email tcinkovi@irsc.edu or call (772) 462-7254.

Having fun with laughter



June Fenty, left and Marcia Bassett exercise their laughing muscles during enjoy life-choose laughter taught by Nancy Johnson, the laughing lady, at the North County Library Thursday, Sept. 6. About two-dozen area residents took part in the laughter class, which included singing, dancing and some brain exercises. For more information, call (772) 713-6030.

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Nancy Johnson, right, certified laughter leader watches as Jeff Hart, left, and Patti Colin try and describe what's in a bag just by feeling it during enjoy life-choose laughter classes at the North County Library last Thursday. The classes are free and meet the first Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (772) 713-6030.

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Barbara Mercer, right, reacts to some of the antics of Nancy Johnson, a certified laughter leader during enjoy life-choose laughter class at the North County Library last Thursday. The classes are free and scheduled on the first Thursday of the month through the end of the year. For more information, call (772) 713-6030.

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Annual HIV/AIDS symposium to take place Sept. 18

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Indian River County Health Department and Indian River County HIV/AIDS Awareness Network are sponsoring the fourth annual HIV/AIDS symposium: "Teach One, Reach One," on Sept. 18, from 8:30 a.m.-noon at the Vero Beach Community Center, 2266 14th Ave., Vero Beach.

This event is designed to help raise awareness on how the global HIV/AIDS epidemic affects local communities. Presenters will provide information on issues related to HIV/AIDS and a discussion panel will

follow to talk about how these issues affect the county.

Additionally, the event will have free breakfast for attendees, free HIV testing and local vendors.

"This is a great opportunity to get educated about HIV/AIDS and help prevent the spread of the human immunodeficiency virus" said Miranda Hawker, Indian River County Health Department administrator.

Getting information out there and increasing awareness throughout the community is what "Teach One, Reach One" is all about.

For more information or to register for this event, call (772) 794-7477 or email john_may@doh.state.fl.us.

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a.m. until 3 p.m. Visitors can tour the exhibit center and get a glimpse of local history from prehistoric times through World War II. There is a model train display that offers panoramic views of historical sites in Indian River County. The railroad station is located at 2336 14th Ave., Vero Beach. For more information, call (772) 778-3435.

Indian River County Historical Society preserves the artifacts, sites and structures related to Indian River County heritage and offers maps and directions to sites of historic interest throughout the county. The society is housed in a 1903 Vero Beach Train Station, located at 2336 14th Ave., Vero Beach, and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, call (772) 778-3435.

• The Heritage Bluegrass

Band performs every Tuesday night, from 7:30-10 p.m. There is no admission charge and donations are appreciated. Light refreshments are available. The Heritage Center is located at 2140 14th Ave., Vero Beach.

Guided kayak tours: Visitors paddle along the Indian River Lagoon and enjoy nature at its tropical best. Experience the thrill of close encounters with dolphins, manatees and exotic birds. The guide is a master naturalist and U.S. Coast Guard captain. Cost is \$47 each for a 2-1/2 hour tour. Reservations are required. Space is limited to 12 participants. For more information call (772) 234-3436.

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Lately, golfers here on Florida's east coast have been opening their editions of *Hometown News* and finding some great announcements. If you've looked for and found the advertisements for golf courses, you've surely seen the same thing that I have. We are currently in a buyer's market.

I flipped open last week's edition to catch up on the local sports and, right there, staring me in the face was golf for practically nothing.

I know that summertime golf in Florida is usually inexpensive and the economy is still struggling along, but this borderlines on the ridiculous. Local courses are embattled in a price war trying to get you to swing your clubs on their fairways. Bad news for them great news for golfers.

One course, which just a few years ago would only let you play there if you were a

member or a member's guest, had golf with cart, lunch, range balls and a cold beer all for under \$30.

Not hungry? How about a two-some for less than \$40? Not enough golf, you say? How about the smorgasbord special, "All you can play, all day" for the very low price of \$30? More, give me more, you say? Alright, they'll even throw in lunch. That is surely insane.

Apparently our courses have grown tired of watching their carts sit empty and their fairways go divot-less. Owners and general managers have figured out the best way to catch a golfer's eye is to throw a low price in front of him or her.

If you've been spending your weekends mowing the yard, watching cars race around in circles or doing the laundry, now is your chance to grab some golf while the grabbing is good.

You are familiar with the term prices subject to



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change? Rest assured, this buyer's bonanza on golf will not last forever.

One friend of mine was having a fit over the low rates being tossed about as courses struggle through a sluggish economy.

"Are they trying to ruin it?" he asked me. "How can anyone make any money if they keep dropping their prices? They're giving it away."

To understand why rates are the lowest that I can remember in quite some time, let's go back to your high-school economics class. The first rule is supply and demand.

During the summer most courses have a huge supply

of tee times available and not enough demand from golfers to fill them. Most of their regular golfers have returned to their northern homes and those who stay in town simply lack the numbers to fill the tee sheets. Every course wants as many of those remaining golfers to spend their golfing days with them. Fact of the matter is, most courses spend the summer just trying to keep their heads above water.

Being tight for many people, golfers have found less expensive ways to spend their after-work and weekend hours.

Instead of sneaking out of the office and teeing it up on a Friday afternoon, they are instead putting in a few extra hours, have been catching up on chores around the house or just spending more time with their spouse.

A golf course has a fairly set expense sheet. Barring

unforeseen expenses, costs are roughly the same to keep the course open whether they have 20 players a day or 200. Obviously if you have 200 you can charge less, make a smaller profit off each golfer but have so many that you still turn a profit. That's what the courses are doing these days. The number of leagues and singles playing after work are all down this year.

Those of us who live here year-round are fortunate. Just avoid looking at the air conditioning bill this month. We get to enjoy golf at its least expensive and when one course starts to struggle and lowers its rates, everyone usually follows.

Enjoy it while you can, folks. The courses need us now. Come winter, the same economic rule that helps us now, will hurt us then. So don't be too mad once the rates start to climb again.

Without the winter demand we'd have few golf courses to choose from over the summer. You can't have your cake and eat it too. Unless it comes with cart, greens fee and a beer for less than \$30!

The second annual golf tournament benefiting the Discovery Dream Center will be held on Oct. 13 at Gator Trace Golf & Country Club in Fort Pierce. The format is a four-person scramble that includes breakfast, lunch, gift bag and prizes. Cost is \$70 for individuals and \$240 for a foursome.

For more information and to sign up, contact Lela at (772) 318-9142 or info@discoverydreamcenter.com.

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

Car dealership hopes to help soccer club with fundraiser

For Hometown News
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Dyer Chevrolet is teaming up with the Indian River Soccer Association to provide their players and coaches with soccer kits filled with equipment bags, pop-up nets, sport cones, scrimmage vests, T-shirts, a sponsorship check and an

opportunity to help them raise funds.

The soccer association will have the opportunity to raise as much as \$10,000 through a fundraising opportunity, where one recipient will win the choice of a 2012 Chevrolet Equinox or Cruze.

Another winner will receive a home entertainment package.

Dyer Chevrolet and other West Palm Beach-area Chevrolet dealerships are donating these prizes to participating leagues in the area.

One-hundred percent of the proceeds collected from the fundraiser go directly to the leagues. The funds may be used in any way the league chooses.

A one-time sponsorship check will be presented by Dyer Chevrolet to Indian

River Soccer Association. The league also will have an opportunity to raise additional funds for their use as part of a Chevy Youth Soccer Fundraiser.

Sponsored leagues across the country will each receive 2,000 fundraiser entry tickets to distribute for a suggested donation, and the league will keep 100 percent of the proceeds raised.

At the end of the

fundraiser, there will be four winners of a Chevy Equinox or Chevy Cruze vehicle, and in each participating market there will be a secondary prize of a home entertainment center valued at \$1,000.

Some leagues plan to grant scholarships to families who cannot afford to enroll their children in the league, while others will use the funds to improve fields and equipment.

"We are proud to be able to help the kids in our community by donating equipment and giving them the opportunity to raise much-needed funds for their league," said Bill Donnelly, service director for Dyer Chevrolet.

"We are excited to be part of the effort this year, and anticipate a fun-filled season with Indian River Soccer Association," he said.

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Annual golf tourney to take place Sept. 22

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TREASURE COAST — The second annual golf tournament to raise money for the Austin Erlanger

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All monies raised are used toward an annual scholarship awarded to a graduating Vero Beach High School

senior member of the school choir or show chorus to help in their continuing education.

The shotgun scramble tournament will include a practice range prior to the start of the tournament, complimentary water and

beer during the tournament, lunch, prizes and raffles. Donation is \$85 per golfer.

Foursome requests will be granted. All others will be randomly paired.

For more information, call (772) 201-5229.

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• **McKee Botanical Garden** is an 18-acre botanical garden listed on the National Register of Historic Places and endorsed by the Garden Conservancy. This Florida hammock offers a diverse botanical collection, as well as several restored architectural treasures, the hall of giants and Spanish kitchen. Self-guided tours are available Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. It is closed Mondays and major holidays. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for children. It is located at 350 U.S. 1, Vero Beach. It also has a gift shop, library and café. For more information, call (772) 794-0601 or www.mckee-garden.org.

• **McLarty Treasure Museum** features treasures discovered from ancient Spanish ships wrecked in 1715, off of Indian River County's coast. Open seven days a week from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is \$1 for ages 6 and older. Located at 13180 A1A, Vero Beach, north of County Road 510. For more information, call (772) 589-2147.

• **Environmental Learning Center:** An elevated boardwalk creates a trail through a mangrove forest, butterfly garden, native plant garden, wet labs and more. Also there are canoe tours, workshops and other activities. It's open daily, with one-hour tours offered throughout the week. There is no admission charge. Visitors can also see the Florida cracker-style home of poet Laura Riding Jackson on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. The center is located at 255 Live Oak Drive, Vero Beach, south of the Wabasso Bridge. For more information call (772) 589-5050 or visit www.elcweb.org.

• **ORCA:** Enjoy the Oslo Riverfront Conservation Area, 350 acres along the Indian River Lagoon in southern Indian River County. The trail system takes you through a variety of distinct natural communities. A canopy of live oaks, orchids, wild coffee bushes, mangrove wetlands and wildlife are part of the experience. There is a bird watching observation platform and tower and the "awesome pine," the largest slash pine tree in the world. Park is open daily from dawn to dusk, with weekly and monthly guided nature walks. There is no admission charge. For more information, call (772) 778-7200, Ext. 173.

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• **Environmental viewing area** gives a close-up view of manatees and other wildlife during the winter months. Limited parking is available; see signage. It is west of the Vero Beach Municipal Power Plant on Indian River Boulevard, near the 17th Street Bridge, in Vero Beach.

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