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Cindy Haskett and Jimmy were on hand for recent fundraiser

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Up & coming

Tree lighting taking place

Indian River Medical Center will host the 22nd anniversary of the auxiliary's tree of lights ceremony on Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. on the hospital grounds.

Winners of the hospital's annual children's holiday art contest will also be announced. The public is welcome to view all contestants' drawings on www.irmc.cc beginning Dec. 7.

For more information, call (772) 567-4311, Ext. 1133.

Volunteer at holiday party

The annual Youth Guidance holiday party will take place Dec. 15. The celebration will be held from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at St. Helen's Catholic Church gym, 2000 20th Ave., Vero Beach.

More than 150 volunteers are needed to construct holiday-themed crafts and play games with the youngsters while enjoying refreshments and music.

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

Laughter at library

Nancy Johnson, a certified laughter leader, will encourage attendees to make smiling, laughing and positive thinking priorities each day for a healthier and happier life.

Join her interactive laughter program on Dec. 6, from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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ENTERTAINMENT B1

HOLIDAY FUN



Many holiday events planned in, around Sebastian

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GIFT IDEAS



If you've got golfers on your shopping list here are some ideas

WEEKEND WEATHER



Friday: Partly cloudy; high: 75; low: 63; high tide: 9:15 a.m.; low tide: 3:10 p.m.
Saturday: Partly cloudy; high: 79; low: 61; high tide: 9:53 a.m.; low tide: 3:47 p.m.
Sunday: Partly cloudy; high: 75; low: 59; high tide: 10:32 a.m.; low tide: 4:25 p.m.

Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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Community to celebrate 120th birthday

By Jessica Tuggle
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ROSELAND — A small community of people in unincorporated Indian River County carry on a 120-year-old tradition of private, quiet life with

natural surroundings. Roseland, a small community just north of the city of Sebastian, began to see its first settlers in 1892, between the shores of the St. Sebastian River

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Natural gas coming to county

By Jessica Tuggle
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — One of the most highly sought after and lower cost forms of energy could soon be accessible to more commercial and residential properties in Indian River County.

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Kayakers paddle for By the River



Mike Beck of the Florida Outdoor Center helps guide an elephant canoe through a course during the 'Up the River with a Paddle' event Saturday Nov. 17. Proceeds from the event benefit By the River, an independent living facility in Sebastian. For more information, go to BytheRiver.org or call (772) 913-5144. See more photos page B5.

Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

Hundreds attend regional planning workshops

Voice concerns about resource development, economic diversity

By Samantha Joseph
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TREASURE COAST — A series of workshops to gather public feedback on a proposal to create a regional development plan attracted about 700 attendees in Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Palm Beach counties in October and November.

The Southeast Florida Regional Partnership, South Florida Regional

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Environmental discovery center to celebrate 25 years

Volunteers, eco-enthusiasts keep place vibrant

By Jessica Tuggle
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WABASSO — Twenty-five years ago, the Environmental Learning Center was just a dream. But now, more than 300,000 people have heard the story of the Indian River Lagoon's ecology and have been inspired by the center's environmentally conscious choices.

The Indian River County Commission recognized the learning center's commitment to environmental education in a proclamation during its Nov. 20 meeting at which time, the organization announced several special events to commemorate the 25th anniversary.

The original idea for the learning center sprang from the Pelican Island Audubon Society in the late 1980s, said Holly Dill, executive director of the Environmental Learning Center, located in Wabasso.

The idea was to create a public place, where visitors



File photo

From left: Colton Piakis, Andrew Novak and Eli Mejia-Linarez all from Vero Beach and Ryan Riker of Sebastian, enjoy time in the Environmental Learning Center's touch tank during a young explorers camp in July. Other camps are called island adventure, little wonders, our living world and marine safari. For more information on future camps or ELC in general, call (772)589-5050.

could learn about important natural resources and the very special ecology of the Indian River Lagoon. Today, this is exactly what the center has become,

even through its challenges, natural and financial, Ms. Dill said.

The nonprofit, she added, was created in 1988, and following a capi-

tal campaign and hundreds of hours of labor by volunteers clearing the island where the center

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Book drive aims to encourage young readers

By Jessica Tuggle
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Turning letters into sounds and sounds into words is one secret to boosting brainpower. Now the community can be directly involved in stimulating young minds.

The psychology department of the Indian River County School District is asking the community to participate throughout December in a book drive "Books for Brains," specifically targeting children from infant to 4 years old.

Christina Hayes, lead school psychologist, said the department has been collecting books for the drive since early November and is well on its way to the goal of providing 800 new or gently used books.

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Alexa Magana, a pre-kindergarten student at Fellsmere Elementary School, prepares to assist her teacher in reading 'There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly.' A book drive to give books to pre-kindergarten students around the county is currently underway and book donations can be made to the school district office or Vero Beach Elementary School.

Book

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The drive goes hand-in-hand with Superintendent Fran Adams' challenge to the district to get up to 90 percent of third-grade students reading at grade level by 2018, Ms. Hayes said.

Training and teaching a child to read and to love reading early on is one way to help children get a good start, not only in school, but in life.

Literacy has been directly linked to positive academic outcomes, as well as life prosperity, she said.

National Assessment of Adult Literacy statistics show that two-thirds of students who cannot read proficiently by the end of the fourth grade will end up in jail on welfare.

Eighty-five percent of all juveniles who interface with the juvenile court system are functionally illiterate, statistics show.

While not all students will experience such extreme outcomes, helping students

be the best they can be starts early, department officials said.

The psychology department has several functions, including providing academic and behavior consultation, short-term, academically relevant mental health interventions and other intervention specialties. The department seeks to find ways to support the academic milestones of students and the book drive is just one way they can do this, Ms. Hayes said.

"We feel this is one way we can help promote positive academic outcomes in students all across our district," she said.

The donated books will be delivered to children of families participating in READY! for Kindergarten, a family based, early learning program sponsored by the area nonprofit, The Learning Alliance.

The Learning Alliance focuses on helping families improve children's reading abilities in a variety of ways, including giving free eye exams and glasses to stu-

dents in need, tutoring students and training teachers in different methods of teaching students to read.

The books will also be delivered to students enrolled in the district's voluntary pre-kindergarten and pre-kindergarten exceptional student education programs, Ms. Hayes said.

Approximately 270 students will be given at least three books each should the drive goal be met by the end of December.

Books that would make appropriate donations include those specifically written for children 4 and younger. These books often have colorful pictures, rich vocabulary words, rhyming words and have themes that parents can talk about with their children.

Some popular authors for that age group are Eric Carle, Dr. Seuss and Sandra Boynton, Ms. Hayes said.

For more information, contact Mary Kramek, school psychologist, at (772) 564-6078.

Workshops

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Planning Council and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council hosted the work group meetings, so residents and planners could discuss a 50-year plan for seven counties in Southeast Florida.

The groups are developing Seven50, also called Southeast Florida's Prosperity Plan, for Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties.

Once complete, the plan will serve as a guide for building more diverse communities with stronger economies.

It focuses on education, workforce and economic development, environmental protection, climate resilience, preserving natural resources, agriculture, creating healthy communities, culture, inclusive regional leadership and equity, protecting community assets, and controlling development patterns in housing and transportation, said Maria Salazar, a marketer working with facilitators.

tors.

Funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's sustainable communities initiative, the meetings aimed to get residents thinking of development as a decades-long prospect.

"It was great to see how people kept focus on the notion that this is a long-term plan, and that we need to take charge of our future," said Marcela Cambor-Cutsaimanis, project director of the sustainable communities initiative at Southeast Florida Regional Partnership, a collaboration of hundreds of public, private and civic groups from the southeast Florida region. "It's important to set aside our differences as individual counties if we want to become resilient."

Among the leading priorities emerging from the discussions were calls for a clear vision about how each county should develop its resources to attract new industries and diversify its economy. Among the strategies were steps to attract firms engaged in research and biological sciences to bring high-salary jobs that complement the region's

agriculture and real estate sectors.

Transportation also emerged as a chief concern, with participants repeatedly calling for broader public transit and a transportation model that connected the region.

In Martin County, the top ideas included suggestions to focus on healthcare, broadband, education and energy to gain a competitive advantage.

In Indian River County, residents were intent on preserving the area's wetlands, beaches, lagoons and other natural resources, as well as maintaining its urban development plan.

When polled, St. Lucie County residents said they wanted diversity in housing, and a stronger culture of civic engagement.

"We challenged those in attendance to think about not only what they wanted for themselves, but also for younger generations and even those beyond that," Ms. Cambor-Cutsaimanis said. "People thought beyond their own needs."

For more information and recaps of the workshops, visit www.Seven50.org.

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Clearing space for habitat



Mary Meyer, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife volunteer, drags pine trees to a pile as she helps clear trees from a 10-acre parcel owned by Jane Schnee. Ms. Schnee uses the property as a scrub jay habitat and needs to clear hundreds of pine trees to do it. The property is located one-half-mile west of U.S 1 on Barber Street across from Park Place. For more information, call Ms. Schnee at (772) 589-3201.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer
Volunteer Sam Chancellor cuts one of the many pine trees on a piece of property, which is home to endangered scrub jays in Sebastian. The property owner, Jane Schnee, needs help clearing pine trees from the property to qualify it as a scrub jay habitat. For more information, call (772) 589-3201.

Short-term bereavement group added

For Hometown News
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — VNA Hospice has added a short-term, time-specific bereavement support group “How to Survive the Holidays After the Death of a Loved One” and is intended for those who are coping with the loss of a loved one during this holiday season.

This support group is available for a limited time every Monday through Dec. 31 (with the exception of Dec. 24) at the Indian River County Library in the Pelican Garden Room from 2-3 p.m. The Indian River County Library is located at 1600 21st St., Vero Beach.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Families can reflect on special memories of loved ones and honor them by ordering a memorial ornament with VNA Hospice.

As part of the “Tree of Remembrance” program, VNA Hospice offers holiday ornaments to individuals who donate to the hospice program. The new porcelain angel and

butterfly ornament is available with a \$20 donation. Or choose a hand-crafted porcelain butterfly ornament (\$15 donation) or a butterfly, dove or angel personalized ornament (\$25 donation). Each ornament comes packaged for gift giving.

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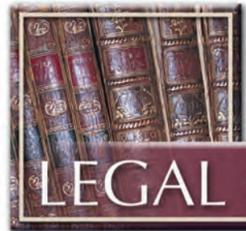
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Obituary

Randal C. Anderson

Randal C. Anderson, 57, of Grant, died Nov. 8, 2012. He was born in Vero Beach and lived in Grant for 28 years. He is survived by his wife of three years, Rhonda; his mother, Wanda; two sisters, Kathi and Karen and a brother, Ricky. Arrangements by All County Funeral Home & Crematory.



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Volunteers sought for income tax assistance

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VITA volunteers play a critical role in ensuring low-income county residents access valuable tax credits without paying high fees.

Volunteers also provide important information to customers about other free programs such as benefits screenings, financial education or budget coaching, helping clients to turn their tax refunds into long-lasting financial security.

Benefits of becoming a VITA volunteer include: free IRS training and materials

to help develop lifelong skills and build resumes; a variety of locations, dates and times convenient to schedule; ongoing support; a certificate of recognition and letter of appreciation from the IRS at the end of the tax season and personal satisfaction from providing an important service to the community.

No accounting experience is required. The tax software provides guidance and volunteers are protected under the Volunteer Protection Act.

Volunteer training in Indian River County will be held Dec. 17-21 and certification will be attained online. Certified volunteers will be required to commit to two half-days or one full-day per week from Jan. 22- April 15, 2013.

To volunteer, email eve.ballance@united-wayirc.org or call (772) 567-8900 Ext. 20.

Workshops, diploma classes available

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The culinary arts program is a hands-on program that teaches students basic cooking, knife skills, safety, sanitation and nutritional facts. The course will run from Jan. 15 to June 15. The class meets Tuesday and Thursday from 5-9:30 p.m. and every other Saturday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost is \$1,257 and includes textbooks.

An armed security guard course will be offered from 6-10 p.m. Monday to Friday from Dec. 10 through Dec 17. Cost is \$141.

A one-day Web-page design class will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Dec. 15. Cost is \$33.

A one-day Ebay workshop will give attendees tips and tricks on how to use this popular site. The workshop is from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Dec 1.

A one-day beginner digital camera class will be offered from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Dec.

8. Cost is \$32. GED preparation classes and the GED test are offered. The classes are designed so students can work at their own pace online or in a small, comfortable and quiet setting. All students must register in person and attend a GED orientation.

Once GED orientation is completed students may use the online option or attend class.

GED classes are available at the Adult Education School in Vero and Sebastian River High School. Cost is \$30 per term (\$90. per year). The current term began Nov. 1 and runs through Feb.28.

Consult a full-course schedule for times, dates and course fees. The course schedule is available at the office, at area libraries and at indianriverschools.org. Gift certificates are available. Adult Education, a division of the Indian River County School District, is located at 1426 19th St., Vero Beach. Phone 564-4970 for more information.

Celebrate

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and the Indian River Lagoon.

Now, 120 years later, the current residents hope to celebrate the historic roots of the community with their annual barbeque.

This year's event will be held on Dec. 1 from noon to 3 p.m. at the old firehouse on 129th Court between U.S. 1 and County Road 512, off of Roseland Road. As usual, the money raised at the event, from the meals and the silent auction, will go toward the Roseland Community Association to be dispersed to Roseland students going on to college or a trade or vocational school.

Jackie James moved to Roseland in 1993, but said she feels as though Roseland is the best place for her to call home.

"I lived down the beach

in the county below, and I had my own antique business, and I needed to have space, so I bought a cracker house up here," Ms. James said.

With a train station nearby, thick, mature trees and a small creek, Ms. James knew Roseland was home.

"The beauty lured me here. I think there's no place like it in Indian River County," she said.

She was appointed to the Roseland task force by the county in the early 2000s and, along with the rest of the task force, created a plan that would improve the community and businesses, yet still retain the small-town feel Roseland is known for, Ms. James said.

By having the barbeque, other people can show their support for Roseland and its values, said Cindy Wade, vice president of the Roseland Community Association.

Within 24 hours of moving to the community, Ms.

"The beauty lured me here. I think there's no place like it in Indian River County."

Jackie James Roseland resident

Wade said she was welcomed with open arms by neighbors and had an armload of food.

"We have million-dollar homes and mobile homes in Roseland and nobody cares because none of that matters. It's really more of an old-fashioned neighborhood," Ms. Wade said.

All the food at the event will be prepared by Roseland residents and professional chef Joanie Reed. Ms. Reed works at Disney's Vero Beach Resort and is volunteering her time, Ms. James said.

The menu will include baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread and iced tea. Adult plates are \$10 and

include chicken or pork barbeque, along with the extra sides.

A child's hotdog plate is \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the event.

Entertainment will be provided by Brevard County band, Summer Rain, performing many classic tunes, said Ms. Wade.

Also during the event will be an old-fashioned bake sale and a silent auction, featuring a variety of donated items from area businesses.

For more information about the barbeque or about the Roseland Community Association, call Ms. Wade at (772) 388-1228.

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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.



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"We're a for-profit 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.

Square Deal Gold Buyers is open from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

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Police report

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

Arrests listed were made from Nov. 13 to Nov. 20, 2012

Sebastian Police Department

- Jason Michael Cardoso, 20, 600 Turtlerun Drive, Sebastian, was charged with lewd and lascivious battery.
- Arnold Calvin Diehl, 54, 418 Arbor St., Sebastian, was charged with cultivation of marijuana and possession of marijuana with intent to sell.

Fellsmere Police Department

- Amber Marie Baldwin, 25, 111 S. Oleander St., Fellsmere, was charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for improper exhibition of a weapon.

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

- Agren Antwan Ivory, 24, 845 Fourth Court, Vero Beach, was charged with trafficking in oxycodone.

- Brizella Mortimer, 43, 4865 38th Circle, Apt. 101, Vero Beach, was charged with felony petit theft and violation of probation. She was on probation for two counts of third-degree grand theft and tampering with evidence.
- Alix Michael Norris, 21, 2543 Second St. S.W., Vero Beach, was charged with burglary, grand theft, fraudulent use of a credit card and violation of probation. He was on probation for burglary of a structure.
- Magdiel Alba, 37, 868 Peeples Drive, West Palm Beach, was charged with armed trespass.
- Jose Guadeloupe Cantu, 23, 7735 County Road 512, Vero Beach, was charged with two counts of grand theft of an automobile, two counts of burglary of an automobile and misdemeanor charges of criminal mischief and shoplifting/retail theft.
- Donnie Luane Dowling, 46, 7125 37th St., Vero Beach, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, domestic violence aggravated battery and a misdemeanor charge of domestic violence battery.
- Jesus Michel Lamadrid, 23, 3317 Grace Ave., Lake Worth, was charged with armed trespass.
- Daniel David Letts, 52,

- 2163 Third St. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with false imprisonment, felony battery with a prior conviction and misdemeanor charges of violation of pre-trial release and resisting arrest without violence.
- Anna Stasia Martin, 26, 2006 36th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with violation of probation. She was on probation for two counts of dealing in stolen property and giving false information to a secondhand dealer.
- Sandy Ann Perez, 18, 7400 U.S. 1, Apt. 41, Micco, was charged with dealing in stolen property.
- Mark Daniel Pratt, 30, 750 N.W. Lanfair St., Port St. Lucie, was charged with four counts of theft, four counts of burglary and violation of probation.
- Thomas Solomon Jr., 27, homeless, Vero Beach, was charged with sale of marijuana.
- Daniel Wesley Hylton, 32, 147 Mabry St., Sebastian, was charged with possession of morphine and misdemeanor charges of driving while license suspended with knowledge and possession of marijuana.
- Robbie Harold James, 45, 4795 38th Circle, Apt. 107, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor charge of posses-

- sion of drug paraphernalia.
- Shawn Paul Bennett, 24, 6600 U.S. 1, Vero Beach, was charged with two counts of burglary of a structure, possession of burglary tools, possession of oxycodone, morphine, codeine, methylphenidate, buphrenorphine, marijuana and two counts of third-degree grand theft.
- Melissa Flores, 27, 404 N. 38th St., Fort Pierce, was charged with dealing in stolen property, giving false information to a pawn broker and misdemeanor charges of first-degree petit theft and criminal mischief.
- William Arthur Maxwell, 59, 4648 50th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with grand theft, robbery with a deadly weapon and possession of a firearm, ammunition or electric device by a convicted felon.
- Gresia Aide Zamarripa, 27, 123 Curtis Circle, Sebastian, was charged with uttering a forged or counterfeit bill and a misdemeanor charge of second-degree petit theft.
- Carlos Manuel Santiago, 34, no address given, Melbourne, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and no Florida driver license.
- Joelle Lynn Scheimreif, 35, 102 Pelican Island Place, Sebastian, was charged with domestic violence aggravated

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- ed battery.
- Mark Anthony Saucier, 41, 10945 Mulberry St., Sebastian, was charged with child abuse and a misdemeanor charge of domestic violence battery.
- Brittany Dawn Williams, 25, 8856 99th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with two counts of violation of probation and a misdemeanor charge of domestic violence battery. She was on probation for burglary of a conveyance, petit theft and forgery.
- Donald Eric Anderson, 27, 1460 32nd Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor charge of disorderly intoxication.
- Tina Marie Hobgood, 27, 1675 Highland Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with

- burglary of a structure and a misdemeanor charge of first-degree petit theft.
- Cady Palmer Kepler, 26, 5861 Pine Ridge Circle, Vero Beach, was charged with two counts of violation of probation. He was on probation for burglary of a structure, burglary of a dwelling and dealing in stolen property.
- Martin Joe Ornelas, 23, 8304 Paso Robles, Fort Pierce, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Daraybron Javra Taylor, 22, 389 Hanford Road S.W., Palm Bay, was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and a misdemeanor charge of drug paraphernalia.

Networking skills class taking place Dec. 7

For Hometown News
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TREASURE COAST — All of the parties and social events during the holiday season provide the perfect opportunity to network for new clients or a new job. Yet, going in blindly can leave a person less than merry. To get the most out of these events, it's best to mingle with a strategy.

To help those interested in improving networking skills, the Corporate and Community Training Institute at Indian River State College is offering an "essential networking skills for success" class.

This class will provide the tools to confidently speak to others in any situation; succinctly communicate job

skills; connect with the needs of potential clients; establish trust; and gain new customers. The class is great for new employees, career-changers, sales teams, as well as senior management, who use networking to recognize new opportunities, trends and talent than can expand their business.

Participants will learn strategies to get the most success from an event - even before arriving, the right way to approach someone and start a conversation, how to get a word in when a person is monopolizing the discussion, gracefully exiting the conversation, getting the most out of follow-up, making every handshake count and more.

The class will be taught by

Cynthia Roden, certified etiquette consultant from the Etiquette and Leadership Institute, an affiliate of the Protocol School of Washington and the founder of the Modern Etiquette Movement. She combines more than 20 years of experience in the fields of agency advertising, entrepreneurship and the dramatic arts to create memorable interactive workshops that yield actionable takeaways and lasting results.

The "Essential Networking Skills for Success" will be at the IRSC Mueller Campus at 6155 College Lane in Vero Beach, from 9-11 a.m. on Dec. 7. Cost is \$39.

For more information, call (888) 283-1177, or visit www.irsbcbiz.com.

Center

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would be constructed, the first building opened in 1992.

"The first building built was our welcome center. Now it's 25 years later and we are exploding with activities to celebrate," Ms. Dill said.

Within the past decade, the concept of green and sustainable living has played a huge role in the center's education programming, targeting children, as well as adults.

"Every one of us can choose to make a change in our lives to live more sustainably, and that's what we are trying to teach at the Environmental Learning Center by giving practical examples," Ms. Dill said. "People can take them and implement them because that's our mission, to lead people to more sustainable lives."

The calendar of events for the year of celebration has not been finalized yet, but several activities are set and ready to go.

From Jan. 15 through March 30, the public can enter a free photo contest,

"Lagoon Treasures." Details will soon be made available at the learning center and online.

A polo charity match will be held at Vero Beach Polo Club Feb. 24 at 1 p.m.

The annual EcoFest will be bigger and better than ever in celebration of the 25-year mark, Ms. Dill said.

"We are targeting families to come on out and have a good time in the outdoors. We are going to have more interactive booths and vendors. We have also expanded the 'make and take' art activities for the young kids," Ms. Dill said.

The free event will be held on March 3 from noon to 4 p.m.

The learning experience from the center will travel around the county in March to the Firefighter's Fair at the Indian River County Fairgrounds March 8 through March 17 and to the Vero Beach Boat Show at Riverside Park in Vero Beach on March 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A beach clean up is scheduled for March 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wabasso beach at the Penny Hill Beach Emporium.

At different times during

the year, there will be nature book readings and author signings at the Vero Beach Book Center, as well as eco-quizzes on Treasure Coast Radio.

April will bring another bunch of springtime activities, including a Plein Air Poetry Day on April 6 from 4 to 7 p.m.; a Catch, Photo and Release fishing tournament April 12-13; a wild and scenic film festival at the Majestic 11 Theatre in Vero Beach on April 21 and a junior eco-golf tournament and festival at the Vero Beach Country Club with the Indian River Golf Foundation on April 27.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the organization, and people interested in volunteering can visit the learning center on Dec. 4 to find out what being a volunteer is all about, Ms. Dill said.

From 3 to 5 p.m., those interested can stop in and informally get information about volunteer opportunities, without any commitment level required.

For more information about events and activities at the Environmental Learning Center, call (772) 589-5050 or visit www.discoverelc.org.

Women's club kicks off season

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SEBASTIAN — The GFWC Sebastian Woman's Club kicked off the season by hosting "Mangia!" at the organization's clubhouse on Oct. 7.

"Mangia," loosely translated, is Italian for "let's eat." The ladies of the club served several lasagna dishes, including sausage, beef, veggie and dairy-free lasagna with salads and rolls. The entrées were followed by the group's signature dessert table.

More than 40 guests attended the fundraiser. The club's next event, just in time for Christmas shopping, will be a Premier Design jewelry party on Nov. 9.

The Sebastian Woman's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The group promotes volunteerism and fellowship in the community and meets the fourth Monday of each month at the Sara Wentworth Rose clubhouse on U.S. 1 in Sebastian.

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Tips on handling tech support calls

Well, it finally happened. Your computer has issues and it's time to call for help.

It happens to every computer user eventually that dreaded call to tech support.

This week, I will share some tips that can make that inevitable call go smoothly.

The first question to ask is who are you going to call? That answer depends on the issues you are having.

For instance, if you are having Internet connection issues, you may want to call your Internet provider (AT&T, Comcast, Road Runner or whoever you are using to connect to the Internet).

If you are having hardware issues, such as problems accessing a printer or other device, you may need to contact support for that device.

For problems with your operating system (Windows won't load, etc.), a call to Microsoft's tech support may be in order.

If you are having problems with the computer itself (getting errors or beep codes as soon as you turn it on), you may want to call the manufacturer of the computer.

That's a lot of decisions to make even before making a call, but you need to be clear about the nature of the problem. Answering these questions beforehand will help clarify your issues before you make the call.

Also, don't forget the warranty.

Some devices may carry warranties that last years. It would be frustrating to fix or replace a device only to find out you could have had it fixed under warranty.

Once you're clear on whom to call and why, sit in front of the computer when you make the call. There is little that any phone support technician can do for you if you are not sitting in front of the machine. You have to be his "eyes and ears" so make sure that when you call for help, you are at your computer.

After spending some time on hold, (nothing I can help with there) you will finally



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get someone on the line. Remember, this person is new to your issue and has no idea what you have or have not tried yet. He's going to ask you questions and perhaps have you click some things.

Even if he is having you click something you have already clicked, comments such as, "I already tried that," don't help. He hasn't tried anything yet and needs to start somewhere.

Also, keep in mind that even if your tech support person has a thick accent, he probably does this type of thing 40 hours a week and knows exactly what he's looking for.

When he asks you to click something and you don't immediately see it, don't instantly reply with, "I don't have that." Do a thorough scan of all of the icons in whatever screen you are looking in and make sure. Nine times out of 10, you'll find it.

Follow the directions the support person gives you, and try not to get distracted by all the other stuff that will pop up on the way. Stay focused on his or her instructions and you'll usually get through most issues quickly and without too much frustration.

Hopefully, you won't have to make that call, but when you do, having as much information in front of you will help. Things such as any specific error messages that may be popping up, what you were doing when the problem occurred and so on. This information is invaluable to the tech support person on the other end of the phone.

If you have a "quick question," that's great. Just remember that 99 percent of all tech support calls are just quick questions. It's the answer that can drag on for hours.

So, how did I come up with this week's subject matter?

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Paddling for Up the River



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Kristen Beck, left, and the rest of the elephant canoe race team maneuver through a course on the St. Sebastian River during the 'Up the River with a Paddle' event Nov. 17. The annual event benefitted By the River, an independent living facility in Sebastian. For more information, call (772) 913-5144.



Got something to say?

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In response to a ranter

Upon reading the rant of non-educated people, which actually appeared to be two posts, as the content is almost word for word. This is concerning opportunity. According to the writer the true color shines through that he actually is professing that voters for Obama were uneducated and we should go to the library to get educated.

I believe the right to vote applies to all and just not the privileged educated. Education status has no bearing on the fact. In a truthful outlook over the past the position of being educated has not even had a bearing on our politicians who run the government.

You mentioned prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance and here I have to agree, but yet we also must remember that prayer was never forced upon anyone. If the pledge bothers someone then there is the door.

We are so quick to blame the economic woes upon the present president but this shortfall has been passed down and coming for a while.

Our government wastes more money than anyone could ever imagine. Both parties spend countless hours building up and trying to tear down the Obama administration yet the fact that an audit by Ron Paul of the Federal Reserve showed that \$16 trillion has been loaned to U.S. and foreign banks interest free and not one dime was paid back since 2007 to the present. Why is there not an outcry for this, or is it because it's just big banking?

It seems if someone voted for Obama they are just looking for a handout. What I would like to ask is who is responsible for the loss of our jobs to China, who created the housing bust, who took money from Social Security to pay off other debts or help balance budgets? You don't need to go to the library for this one just look to Washington.

It seems like every year you hear the same old tale that we must get out of this hole and pull up our bootstraps and pitch in. This is why the marketplace and local governments are having problems with unions as the American people are not pulling up their bootstraps anymore. We are tired of bailing out the government and large corporations while these people line their pockets with gold and it will end up being just on a continuous cycle. The people don't want it anymore and since you caused my good-paying job to leave you now want me to accept a big-box job receiving minimum wage and fewer benefits and being treated like cattle.

This is what you want the American people to do? You do it first! You support a family and pay your mortgage on a house that is not even worth what you paid for it, and you put gas that has doubled or tripled over the past few years all on minimum wage. Just so I can say I have a job. It's not economically sound. The government made their bed and now the time has come for them to sleep in it. The government could fade away tomorrow and I would survive fine. It is the folks who are so far up the governments' behind that they won't know what to do without them.

Your final assumption was that these so-called parasites of society should not be allowed to reproduce. Your way of thinking reminds me of a few books I read on a man and if you go to the library, you profess that you do. I would suggest you read about him while you are there. Look in the card catalog under Hitler because he professed the same thing about the Jews. That statement took away any educated credibility you might have had.

Editor's note: A bill to audit the Federal Reserve, sponsored by former presidential candidate Ron Paul, passed the House in July. The bill was then blocked in the Senate and

never came to a vote.

A thank you and an opinion

I want to thank *Hometown News* for checking the rants for accuracy and citing the deviations from fact. Too many rants are presented as gospel. Keep up the good work.

As for the recent rant, "Fire the CEO, the USA is not a for-profit corporation." The old saying, "the business of America is business," might pass for wisdom at a Rotary Club lunch, but America is far more than just a marketplace.

Not only can business flourish here (hopefully, all private enterprise, not just corporate monopolies), but also science, the arts, education and small-d democracy.

According to Gov. Christy, president Obama has been on the phone with him every day since Sandy struck New Jersey and the northeast. He said the president has gone out of his way to see that material and services have been fast-tracked to his state. The president visited New York and New Jersey for a first-hand look at the situation on the ground.

As for one of our drones being fired upon by Iran; what should we expect? The drone was flying over Iranian airspace, not Fort Pierce. Iran does have the right to protect its own air space. American exceptionalism does not give us the right to intrude on another country, nor does it give us the right to ignore history.

During the latter days of the Eisenhower administration, Francis Gary Powers, pilot of a U2 spy plane, was shot down over the Soviet Union. He was captured, much to our embarrassment, but not to our surprise.

A military flight over enemy territory will not be greeted with a bouquet of flowers, although Donald Rumsfeld assured us we could expect as much when we invaded Iraq to relieve them of their dictator and all their weapons of mass destruction. Of course they had them, intelligence agencies told him so. Well, Don was right about the dictator; he was there.

Republicans of the Tea Party are determined to undo all social progress made since the New Deal. That will not happen.

Successful air show

The Stuart Air Show Nov. 9, 10 and 11 was a huge success. I would like to encourage all of Stuart and the surrounding areas to attend the Stuart Air Show in 2013.

The show was full of talented aerial acts along with rides for the children and numerous displays of local businesses and fun treats to eat. We enjoyed facilitating the WWII battle reenactments for the air show.

Many area nonprofits benefit from the air show, too numerous to mention. Please see the Stuart Air show website for the list of benefactors.

I represent the Road to Victory Museum at 319 Stypmann Ave., in Stuart, behind Veteran's Memorial Park. The museum is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. every Saturday and by appointment for private showings. The volunteers at the museum would be honored to have the community view the artifacts and historical vehicles from their collection. Please consider a visit to our museum.

Be skeptical of predictions

Our federal government has spent \$25 billion studying global warming. The rate of spending has increased each and every year. Environmental alarmists claim America is dying under a sea of pollution and the cities will soon be under water.

Doomsday prophecies have grabbed headlines but computer models are frequently faulty. In the mid-1970s, computer models told us we should prepare for global cooling. Today's predictions should be greeted with a great deal of skepticism.

Congratulations?

Congratulations to the Democrats. You have given your president the OK to finish the job of making the United States of America into a European socialist state. If you want to see what we will be like in the future, look at Greece and Spain and reflect on the riots, stagnant economies, massive unemployment and complete social unrest!

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Lauren's Way helps homeless



Lauren Weaver arranges supply items in a kit during Lauren's Way Thanksgiving drive at Waldo's Saturday. The 12-year-old student uses this time of the year to gather donations to help the homeless in Indian River County. For more information, go to laurensway.org.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Twelve-year-old Lauren Weaver, left was visited by local businesswoman Alma Lee Loy Saturday at Waldo's during the Lauren's Way Thanksgiving gift drive. The Master's Academy student has been gathering supplies for the homeless during the Thanksgiving holiday for five years and has distributed more than 300 gift boxes with much-needed supplies to The Source and the Homeless Family Center.

Cliff Partlow staff photographer

Compute

From page A6

Well, I've been doing remote computer support over the phone for more than 15 years and often spend up to 40 hours a week on the phone helping people walk through their computer issues. I still fix computers and over the years I found

the calls that go quickest are the ones where the caller is at least a little prepared, in front of the computer when they call and follow my instructions precisely without getting distracted along the way.

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Florida City Gas gave a presentation during the Nov. 20 county commission meeting about a new gas line project in the county, which came about largely in part because of a request from Fellsmere.

Construction has already begun on areas of county roads 512 and 510 and a few other side roads in the north county area.

Mark Seagrave, market development manager for the natural gas company, said his company has served Indian River County since 1996.

More than a year ago, Jason Nunemaker, city manager of Fellsmere, requested a study be done about bringing a natural gas line into the city to help it with economic development. Now the company is putting in motion a plan that will eventually bring natural gas to Fellsmere, properties west of

Fellsmere, areas in Sebastian, possibly Winter Beach and eventually, the barrier island.

Florida City Gas is owned by AGL Resources, the largest natural gas provider in the country, serving more than 4.5 million customers in seven states.

Mr. Seagrave said the demand for natural gas is the highest it has been in the 26 years he has been in the industry. With the discovery of methods to get natural gas from shale deposits, the U.S. has been able to increase its supply of natural gas, thereby lowering the cost to the consumer for the product.

Shale is a sedimentary rock with a variety of minerals, including clay. Shale gas is produced and found within shale rock formations.

"It's a hedge against the rising cost of electricity," Mr. Seagrave said.

He said requests from larger commercial properties, such as citrus packing houses, have resulted in a four-part plan to bring new natu-

ral gas pipelines to the north and central part of the county, as their current lines would not have enough capacity.

Fellsmere's interest in natural gas comes from its desire to bring more industry to the area. A big part of the interest lies in an aquaculture farm that is considering moving to Fellsmere and having natural gas accessibility, Mr. Seagrave said.

Commissioners seemed quite interested in the presentation and the potential it had for making Indian River County more marketable.

Commissioner Wesley Davis said along with fiber lines, natural gas could be another tool in the county's toolbox to give it a competitive edge over other counties, when businesses are looking to relocate.

Potential future plans for using compressed natural gas to run county fleets were also discussed and seen as a potential energy savings for the county.

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Festive season kicks off in Sebastian

By Jessica Tuggle
jtuggle@hometownnewsol.com

SEBASTIAN — This weekend will be full of holiday activities for Sebastian families and visitors.

At 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 30, Sebastian businesses will deck the halls and light up the night with Christmas décor for the 24th annual Light Up Night, put together by the Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce.

Each year, businesses all over Sebastian decorate their establishments with lights, holly and berries and other holiday decorations and invite residents and visitors to stop in for refreshments, sales and in-house drawings, said Britney Faulk, operations director at the chamber.

Maps of all the participating businesses are available at the chamber, she said.

Usually there are about 30 businesses that participate, so members of the public can bounce around from place to place the entire night, enjoying busi-

nesses in Sebastian they may not visit very often, Ms. Faulk said.

"Everyone knows that a staple of Light Up Night is Lisanne Robinson's Beyond Useless Boutique and her eggnog," she said.

Each business has the opportunity for bragging rights as secret judges will go around evaluating the businesses' decorations in four categories: best traditional indoor and outdoor, and best Christmas fantasy indoor and outdoor.

"We just tell them the categories and they go to town," Ms. Faulk said.

On Dec. 1, the holiday parade returns and more than 40 organizations are expected to participate in the trek along Indian River Drive from Main Street to Riverview Park.

Bruce Zingman of the Sebastian Property Owners Association said participants will include a color guard, and members from churches, schools, dance schools, small businesses, Boys and Girl scouts and more.



Photo courtesy of the Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce
The Gingerbread House at the Monnett Eye Center was a highlight of Sebastian's annual Light Up Night. Businesses around the city will decorate their shops once again for this year's Light Up Night on Nov. 30.

The two boat launches in that area will be closed from about 3:30 p.m. through the end of the parade, and Indian River Drive will be closed until the parade passes through, Mr. Zingman said.

Lineup begins at 5 p.m. and the parade begins at 6 p.m., heading south toward the city park.

"And as always, the last float is Santa Claus," Mr. Zingman said.

The end of the parade route is Santa's house in Riverview Park and children are invited to get their picture taken with Santa and whisper their Christmas wishes to him. Each child will receive a stuffed animal after their visit with jolly old

St. Nick, Mr. Zingman said.

Parents or guardians should bring their own cameras to take photos as cameras are not provided, he said.

For more information about either event, contact the Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce at (772) 589-5993.



Week of 11-30-2012

ARIES - March 21-April 20

Aries, avoid taking on more than you can handle at work and home this week. When tackling tasks, don't be afraid to ask for and accept help.

TAURUS - April 21-May 21

Family and romantic endeavors may have been put aside while work issues have been at the forefront, Taurus. It is time to shift priorities.

GEMINI - May 22-June 21

Gemini, there's not much you can do to change the course of this week's events. You might want to consider swimming with the current instead of against it.

CANCER - June 22-July 22

Cancer, overanalyzing your workload is not going to make it disappear any faster. Therefore, simply take your assignments at face value and just get started.

LEO - July 23-Aug. 23

New experiences can be scary at first, but many times you will find that they are opportunities to learn and grow, Leo. Take full advantage of all opportunities this week.

VIRGO - Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Virgo, although it seems like you have most of your financial woes worked out, now is not the time to get too cocky with spending. Being conservative is the way to go.

LIBRA - Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Libra, career developments have you riding high and you're anxious to share your news with the world. This enthusiasm can be a good catalyst for change with others.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Scorpio, success may not come easy with a project you're working on. But rest easy and take solace knowing you have tried things outside of your comfort

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College to present musical

For Hometown News
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

TREASURE COAST — The Indian River State College Performing and Visual Arts Department will present the hit musical "Ragtime" beginning Dec. 6.

The show will run through Dec. 9 with shows Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and three 2 p.m. matinee performances, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Individual tickets are \$15 each.

Based on the novel by E.L. Dotorow with music by Terrence McNally and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, the IRSC production of "Ragtime" is a can't-miss event.

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hope and despair, and what it means to live in America.

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Tickets can be purchased online at www.irsc.edu or at the box office located in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center lobby on the IRSC main campus at 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by phone with VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.

For convenience, tickets may now be picked up at will call before the shows.

Call the McAlpin Fine Arts Center box office at (800) 220-9915 to reserve a seat.

Out & about

THROUGH APRIL 30

• **Art exhibition**, McKee Botanical Garden, Vero Beach, times vary. The garden presents "Frabel Reimagined," a collection of 200 glass sculptures by world-famous framework glass artist Hans Godo Frabel. Cost: garden admission fees apply. Website: www.mckee-garden.org.

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

• **Light Up Night**, locations vary, Sebastian, 5:30 p.m. Businesses around the city decorate for the season and the Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce's 24th annual Light Up Night. Light refreshments and good cheer provided. Cost: free. Website: www.sebastian-chamber.com.

FRIDAY, NOV. 30- SATURDAY, DEC. 1

• **Riverside Theatre presents "The Comedy Zone,"** Waxlax Stage, Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach, 7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m. Featuring

Patrick Garrity and Carmen Morales. Cost: \$15. Website: www.riversidetheatre.com.

• **The American Legion POST 189 fall gun show** will be open from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday. The public is invited. Entrance fee is \$3. Vendors will be displaying various assortments of weapons, historical artifacts, military memorabilia, along with other interesting items. An NRA concealed weapons class will be held on Saturday at 1 p.m. This American Legion POST 189 is located at 807 Louisiana Ave., Sebastian. For more information, call (772) 696-5182.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

• **A fundraiser of comedy and music, to benefit the Neal Stannard memorial scholarship fund**, will be held at 7 p.m. at the Vero Beach Theatre Guild. "I Just Want My Blanky Back," a one-man comedy starring George Andrew, will be presented, along with the musical trio The Dolls performing "40 Years of Rock and Roll." Tickets are \$20 and can be

purchased at Marine Bank & Trust locations on Beachland Boulevard and U.S. 1. They can also be purchased at the door, or delivered by calling (772) 532-8747.

• **World AIDS Day** will be celebrated at Wabasso Church of God, 8710 64th Ave., Wabasso. It will include breakfast and lunch, a \$10 gift card for HIV testing, speakers, giveaways and music. For more information (772) 794-7477.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1- SUNDAY, DEC. 2

• **Craft show**, Riverview Park, Sebastian, 9 a.m. Hosted by the Craft Club of Sebastian. Cost: free. Website: www.sebastiancraftclub.com.
• **Christmas lights**, LaPorte Farms, Sebastian, 6 p.m. Park and walk through the farm to look at Christmas lights. Cost: donations accepted. Website: www.laportefarms.com.
• **Riverside Children's Theatre presents "Disney's 101 Dalmatians,"** Anne Morton Theatre, Riverside

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Hospital to host tree ceremony

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Indian River Medical Center will host the 22nd anniversary of the Auxiliary's Tree of Lights ceremony on Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. on the hospital grounds.

Highlights include solo performer 13-year-old Gabrielle McFall, daughter of Megan McFall, clinical coordinator, IRMC's partners in women's health program, and refreshments in the Ambulatory Services Center lobby following the

tree lighting. And there is a new 25-foot holiday tree this year.

The Tree of Lights plays a dual role as it heralds in the holidays while at the same time, raises money for worthwhile projects through donations ranging from \$5 to \$500 toward a light for the tree.

Contributions can be made for a light in honor or in memory of a relative or friend.

The money raised through the Tree of Lights is used to purchase necessary equipment and provide education programs, said Rebecca

Boyer, manager of women's health care, that allow the women's health care team to continue to provide quality health-care to the community.

Winners of the hospital's annual children's holiday art contest will also be announced. All children of employees, volunteers and doctors ages 5-12 are eligible to enter. The public is welcome to view all contestants' drawings on www.irmc.cc beginning Dec. 7.

For more information, call (772) 567-4311, Ext. 1133.

Annual party in need of volunteers

For Hometown News
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The annual Youth Guidance holiday party will take place Dec. 15. The celebration will be held from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the St. Helen's Catholic Church gym, 2000 20th Ave., Vero Beach.

More than 150 volunteers are needed to construct holiday-themed crafts and play games with the youngsters while enjoying refreshments and music.

The party takes place every December and has been a Youth Guidance tradition for numerous years to allow the children to begin

the season with homemade treasures and treats, as well as interact with positive adult role models.

Close to 200 youngsters attend this event and volunteers are needed to work one-on-one and assist them with their projects.

Through the generous support of the community members, the organization is able to give the children a memorable holiday with many exciting programs and activities.

The mission of Youth Guidance, a United Way partner agency, is to empower the county's neediest youth through mentoring relationships, and broaden their horizons with

educational, cultural and recreational opportunities.

The agency is actively seeking volunteers to serve as mentors or periodic volunteers to participate in the variety of group mentoring programs and ongoing activities for the unmatched children in the program or to provide regular help in the office.

Youth Guidance is also looking for partnerships with businesses, service clubs and church groups to pair with their unmatched children for just one activity a year.

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Children's Theatre, Vero Beach, 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$8. Website: www.riversidetheatre.com.

SUNDAY, DEC. 2

• **Art in the Park, Humiston Park**, Vero Beach, 10 a.m. Outdoor fine art and craft show by the Vero Beach Art Club. Cost: free. Website:

www.verobeachartclub.org.

• **Holidays at the museum**, Vero Beach Museum of Art, Vero Beach, 1 p.m. Event will include refreshments, art projects and entertainment by community youth musicians, dancers and Santa Claus. Cost: free. Website: www.verobeach-museum.org.

• **Bubbles, bags and bling**, The Heritage Center, Vero Beach, 10 a.m. More than 25 vendors selling jewelry, handbags, scarves, holiday

gifts and more. All proceeds benefit Sunshine Physical Therapy, a nonprofit clinic. Cost: \$5. Website: www.sunshinept.org.

TUESDAY, DEC. 4- THURSDAY, DEC. 6

• **Tennis fundraiser**, location and time to be announced, Vero Beach. Mardy Fish Foundation's annual tennis benefit. Cost: not available. Website: www.mardyfishfoundation.org.

THURSDAY, Dec. 6

• **Florida Humanities Series Lecture**, The Emerson Center, Vero Beach, 7 p.m. Featuring composer and producer Randall "Big Daddy Blues" Webster and his presentation, "An Introspection of Blues." Cost: free. Website: www.theemersoncenter.org.

• **Holiday instrumental concert**, Waxlax Center for the Performing Arts, Saint Edwards School, 7 p.m. A concert by the middle and upper school instrumental classes. Cost: not available. Website: www.steds.org.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7

• **Christmas ball**, Vero Beach Community Center, Vero Beach, 7:30 p.m. Specialty

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Art for Animals benefits Humane Society



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Marvin and Jean Messex enjoy some of the 200 pieces of art on hand at the Art for Animals fundraiser at the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County Friday evening. Portions of the three-day show and sale benefit the HSVB. The event helped raise nearly \$7,000.

Scopes

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zone.

SAGITTARIUS –
Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Sagittarius, avoid confrontations at all costs, as this week you will not come out victorious. Keep a low profile and don't ruffle any feathers.

CAPRICORN – Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Capricorn, if you think about things too long, there's a good chance you won't act at all. Instead, consider your options quickly and then get going on your plans.

AQUARIUS – Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Quality time spent at home or with the family has buoyed your spirits, Aquarius. The next step on your relaxation journey is to book a vacation to a warm area of the world.

PISCES – Feb. 19-March 20

Don't underestimate your ability to garner quite a following, Pisces. There are many people just waiting to hear what you have to say next.



Rebecca Van Cordt, left and Bill Goyla were among those at the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County's Art for Animals fundraiser Friday evening. Local artists brought more than 200 pieces for sale with a portion of sales going to the Humane Society.

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and walk through the farm to look at Christmas lights. Cost: donations accepted. Website: www.laportefarms.com.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7- SUNDAY, DEC. 9

• **Prism concert**, Sebastian River High School Performing Arts Center, Sebastian, times vary. The largest fundraising event of the year for the Sebastian River High School music department. The concerts will showcase the concert and jazz bands, the flag and dance line and the choral program. Cost: \$5-\$25. Website: www.srhband.com.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7- SUNDAY, DEC. 16

• **Riverside Children's Theatre** presents "Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr.," Anne Morton Theatre, Riverside

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FRIDAY, DEC. 7- SATURDAY, DEC. 8
• **Christmas lights, LaPorte Farms**, Sebastian, 6 p.m. Park

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Arts have gone to the dogs ... and cats

From left: Pam MacDonald, HSVB Foundation president, Virginia Schw-eren and her husband, Warren, were among the scores of visitors during the Art for Animals show and sale at the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County last Friday evening. More than 200 pieces including oil paintings, photographs and ceramics, filled the education room. A portion of sales and a modest entry fee, benefitted the Humane Society.



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From left: Susan Hale, Judy Burgarella and Marie Morrow, were on hand for the annual Art for Animals fundraiser at the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County. Area artists created animal specific art to show and sell. Visitors also were able to tour the facility. Proceeds benefit programs at the center.

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Cindy Haskett and Jimmy stroll through the education wing of the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County Friday evening during Art for Animals. Ms. Haskett adopted Jimmy from the Humane Society a few weeks ago.

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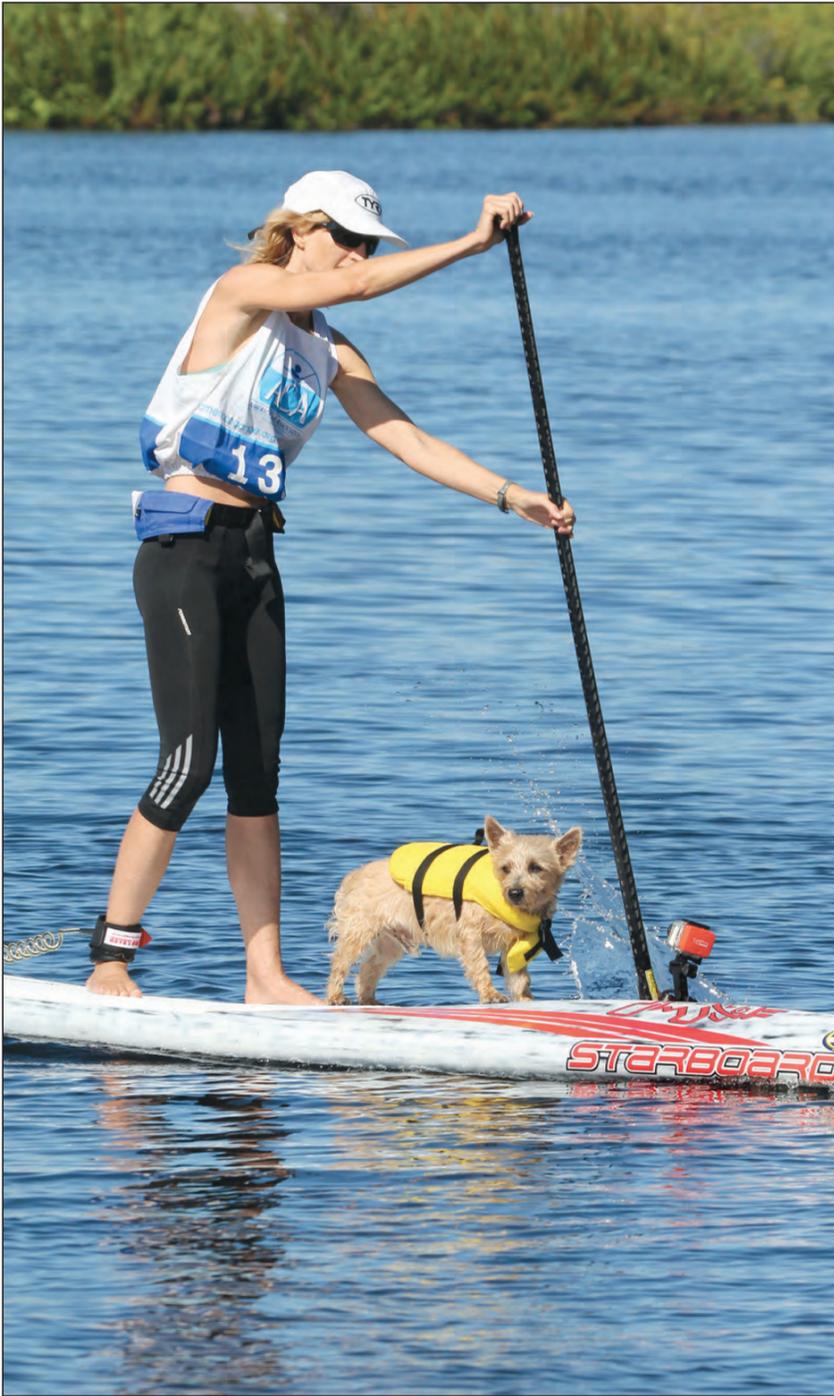
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Up the River annual race benefits By the River



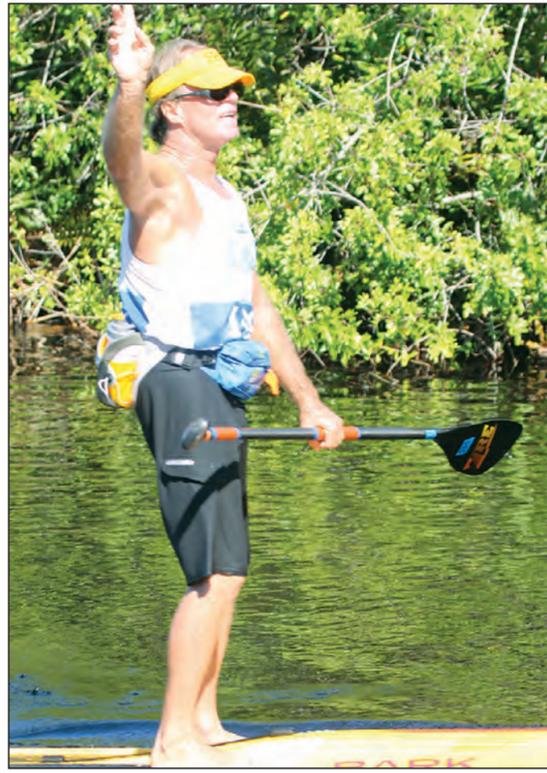
Matthew Helton crosses the finish line after a 5-mile kayak race during the 'Up the River with a Paddle' event at Dale Wimbrow Park Nov. 17. Seventeen elephant canoe teams and several professional and amateur kayakers helped raise funds for By the River, an independent residential facility in Sebastian. For more information, visit BytheRiver.org or call (772) 913-5144.

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Robin Fratto and her dog, Kiwi, cross the finish line on her stand-up paddleboard during the 'Up the River with a Paddle' event at Dale Wimbrow Park Nov. 17. Proceeds from the event benefit By the River, an independent living facility in Sebastian. For more information, call (772) 913-5144.

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Jim Higgins crosses the finish line with a time of 56:48 in the 5-mile stand-up paddleboard race during the annual 'Up the River with a Paddle' event on the St. Sebastian River Nov. 17. Proceeds benefit By the River. For more information, visit BytheRiver.org.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Local citrus growers and packers will donate navel oranges and ruby red grapefruit to support the community wide work of the United Way of Indian River County for the 16th annual holiday citrus sale. Orders can be placed at the United Way Center, 1836 14th Ave., Vero Beach, Friday, Nov. 30 through Thursday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"There will be no lines, more personal attention to each order and overall more efficiency," said Faith Frazier, United Way event coordinator. Fruit will be shipped UPS.

Rusty Banack of Quality Fruit Packers and Scott Lambeth of Golden River Fruit Company have

organized and executed this annual sale since its founding.

"We've found this to be a great way for the agricultural community to give back," said Mr. Lambeth.

Local growers and packers involved include: Fellsmere Farms, Green River Packing, Golden River Fruit Company, Hogan & Sons, IMG Citrus, Indian River Exchange Packers, LeRoy Smith, Oslo Citrus Growers Association, Premier Citrus Packers, The Packers of Indian River, Quality Fruit Packers of Indian River, Riverfront Groves and United Indian River Packers.

"We are all aware of people in need in this community and are happy to join in and do our part," said Mr. Banack.

For more information, call (772) 567-8900.

Gift ideas for golfers on your holiday shopping list

Although Black Friday and Cyber Monday have passed, there may be a few people left on your holiday shopping list. For the golfers on that list, here are a few ideas.

One of the biggest problems we all have this time of year is putting on those extra pounds. Weight loss Coach Larry Jacobs has a tele-seminar series (www.weightlossforgolfers.com) that helps golfers navigate a difficult time of year when dietary temptations are rich, plentiful and powerfully seductive.

"With a change in eating habits, it's possible to start 2013 a lot lighter than you were on Thanksgiving," said Jacobs, who has helped clients adopt healthful diets and lose pounds since 1983.

He offers his live and interactive "Weight Loss for Golfers" tele-seminar every four months. The best part is it isn't a diet. There is no calorie counting, no starving, just a change in your eating habits. The program determines what the best foods are for that individual to support his or her weight loss goals, and what foods do not. The tele-seminars are easy to follow and can be done in the privacy of the home and at a pace you set.

The latest fad in foot wear comes from GoBe (www.gobegolf.com). This "go anywhere" design features the Talon tread allowing for superior traction without the need for cleats. In addition, these



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shoes are designed by PGA and LPGA professionals and are incredibly comfortable.

GoBe uppers are 20 times more water resistance that treated leather. The cushioned EVA insole offers superior comfort and helps keep your feet cool, dry and fresh, all while offering great traction in a shoe you can wear from the house, to the course and then out to dinner afterward.

"We believe that spikes add pressure points that tire feet," said Joe Allen, GoBe president. "With that in mind, GoBe designed a sole with traction that allows the player to maintain swing performance without the need for spikes."

GoBe footwear is available through the website with prices starting under \$140.

For the golfer who enjoys his or her time in the den, Burton Golf (www.burton-golf.com) has the Den Caddy. Made from textured, durable buffalo vinyl, this accessory is perfect for the den or office.

The Den Caddy is a 10-inch wide by 20-inch tall replica of a Burton staff bag. It has two pockets for storage, a belly pocket that may be embroidered and zipper pulls. The caddy also holds up to 24 dozen balls

for putting or chipping practice in the den.

The rules require us to mark our golf balls so that we can positively identify them. Rather than putting a simple circle or dot on the ball, why not give it some style? Thanks to Tin Cup (www.tin-cup.com) you have a huge variety of designs at your disposal.

Tin Cup enables you to mark your ball with a personalized marker using the logo or design of your choice. Your ball slips into the cup, which covers about half the ball, and you use markers to fill in the cut-out design to personalize your ball. There are designs for colleges and universities, animals, military logos, four leaf clovers, flags and even a snowman. My favorite is the Havana cigar.

Tin Cups start under \$20 for just the cup, and with ultra-fine markers and a handsome leather pouch included, run about \$30.

NewSpin Golf's Swing Smart (www.swingsmart.com) is a Bluetooth-enabled sensor module that attaches to your golf club's shaft. The device, which weighs less than an ounce, wirelessly communicates with a free app for an iPad, iPhone or iPod device.

Golfers using the device and app can read information on swing tempo, swing speed, face angle, angle of attack and then provide tips to make your swing work.

In addition, the app will show you your swing path

and plane in a 360-degree, three-dimensional view. It then highlights the exact route of the club head from any angle. The app even works for putting and you can save your best swings and data for later reference. The unit retails for \$249.99 and is available directly through the website.

One of the most simple swing aids comes from Avid Golf (www.avidgolfusa.com).

The Swedge is designed to fix your hook, cure your slice, improve your accuracy and increase your distance.

Shaped like a quarter-piece of pizza, the Swedge fits under your right armpit for right-handers, opposite for lefties. This helps golfers focus attention on keeping that arm in its proper position during the swing. No more "flying elbow."

The Swedge is proudly made in the U.S. and features a nylon shell that helps keep it from getting dirty or absorbing sweat. There is also a clip attachment so you can put it on your golf bag for easy access. It retails for just \$19.99 and is available through the website.

Now go get those last few items you need to finish your list. Maybe Santa will be as good to you.

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

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• **The Met: Live in HD**, The

Majestic 11 Theatre, Vero Beach, 12:55 p.m. Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera." Cost: \$275 for a season ticket. [Website: www.verobeachopera.org](http://www.verobeachopera.org)

• **Indian River gala**, The Moorings Club, Vero Beach, 6:30 p.m. "All that Glitters" is the largest event of the season

for the Hibiscus Children's Center with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, gourmet dinner, dancing and live and silent auctions. Cost: \$250. [Website: www.hibiscuschildrenscenter.org](http://www.hibiscuschildrenscenter.org)

• **The Humanists at Barefoot Bay** will meet at noon, the South Mainland Library, 7921 Ron Beatty Blvd., Micco to tentatively view a DVD about Charles Darwin. 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.

SUNDAY, DEC. 9

• **Holiday music concert**, Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center, Vero Beach, 2 p.m. The high school symphonic band and orchestra, concert and show choir will present "Deck the Halls." Cost: \$10, \$12. [Website: www.indianriverschools.org/vbhs/PAC/index.html](http://www.indianriverschools.org/vbhs/PAC/index.html)

• **Holiday performance**, The Emerson Center, Vero Beach, 3 p.m. Featuring Corinna Sowers-Adler, cabaret star, presenting a variety of pop music, show tunes and special holiday music. Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. [Website: www.theemerson-center.org](http://www.theemerson-center.org)

MONDAY, DEC. 10

• **Holiday music concert**, Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center, Vero

Beach, 7:30 p.m. The high school symphonic band and orchestra, concert and show choir will present "Deck the Halls." Cost: \$10, \$12. [Website: http://www.indianriverschools.org/vbhs/PAC/index.html](http://www.indianriverschools.org/vbhs/PAC/index.html)

TUESDAY, DEC. 11

• **Quarter auction**, St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, Sebastian, 6 p.m. A fun-filled event with local vendors, food and items for auction. The benefits will go toward a local charity. Cost: free admission. [Website: www.stelizabethssbastian.org](http://www.stelizabethssbastian.org)

THURSDAY, DEC. 13

• **"Festival of Lessons and Carols"**, Waxlax Center for the Performing Arts, Saint Edwards School, 7 p.m. Cost: not available. [Website: www.steds.org](http://www.steds.org)

FRIDAY, DEC. 14

• **Concert**, Trinity Episcopal Church, Vero Beach, 7:30 p.m. The Vero Beach Choral Society presents "Winter Songs of Warmth and Joy," featuring the newly formed Madrigal Ensemble. Cost: \$5-\$20. [Website: www.verobeach-choralsociety.org](http://www.verobeach-choralsociety.org)

• **Christmas lights**, LaPorte Farms, Sebastian, 6 p.m. Park and walk through the farm to look at Christmas lights. Cost: donations accepted. [Website: www.laportefarms.com](http://www.laportefarms.com)

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Sophie Bentham Wood is the new director of marketing and communication at the Vero Beach Museum of Art.
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The arts and December

Hello, Forever Young readers.

I have been working on this wonderful publication for more than a year now, behind the scenes, making sure that all the information ended up on the page and before your eyes.

Now, with a few changes and some revamping, I've accepted the challenge of writing *Forever Young* but will still help to produce it. It couldn't have come at a better time because the arts are a true love of mine, and the focus of the December edition of *Forever Young*.

When I was little, I remember the bus rides from school to museums. There were tons of museums to go to and as I walked around, bright-eyed and filled with wonder, I became fascinated with a world that was beautiful.

Whether it was a science museum, Ripley's Believe It or Not in St. Augustine or an art museum, I was always enthralled with what was on each corner, wall and display.



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When I was 18, I took a trip to New York City. When my cousin asked what I wanted to see, the first place on my list was the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Surrounded by paintings, statues and jewelry from around the world through different periods of time, I fully understood the history around me.

Each component of "the arts," shows us glimpses into other worlds, one that is not in the here and now. They are a temporary distraction from life.

My love of the arts is found not only in paintings, but in the beauty of music the well-choreographed steps of a ballet or the perfect reenactment of a character.

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more than enough to offer and December is bursting at the seams with plays, recitals, symphonies and museums focusing on the holidays. There's no excuse not to get out of the house and watch the beautiful light displays.

After all ... 'tis the season!
There is so much to the holidays: family, malls, presents and shopping that we can become bogged down with

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'Nutcracker' at a different pace

By **Brittany Llorente**

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VERO BEACH — It's the classic tale of Clara, a young girl who is taken to The Land of Sweets by her nutcracker prince. But this year, the traditional "Nutcracker" ballet is performed in swing time with a stage full of children and teens from the county.

"It's all jazz and swing and it's very fun and exciting," said Adam Schnell, choreographer for the play.

This is the third year Riverside Children's Theatre will perform the play and Mr. Schnell said it has developed a following.

"We sold out the first year and almost sold out last year," Mr. Schnell said. "It really became an audience favorite and not necessarily for the children involved. A lot of local people have embraced it."

The play is appropriate for all ages,

embraced by the smallest of children watching those their age on stage, to parents and grandparents who are able to start a tradition and watch the classic tale in a new light and watch those onstage bloom from year to year.

"One of the great things about this production is seeing those who were in the smaller roles when they were younger advance to the primary roles as they grow older," Mr. Schnell said, noting that almost two thirds of the cast are either in their second or third year.

"It really shows that the kids enjoy the production, seeing them try out year after year," Mr. Schnell said.

The children onstage are as young as 6 up to high-school seniors.

"All of the ages interact at some point onstage," Mr. Schnell said. "One age group is never isolated; they move and interact through the play."

The Riverside Children's Theater has a tradition of helping mold young dancers and actors and actresses. This play is

one of the highlights of the theater's season.

"We're so into the education component and getting inspired," Mr. Schnell said. "I love to hear the children say, 'Oh, we're learning this part and this role because I liked how so-and-so did it.' It inspires them to play in more dance classes and want to be an actor or actress and pursue the arts."

From the curtain raise to the final step, the show hopes to dazzle the masses.

"It's a very nostalgic show," Mr. Schnell said.

"The Nutcracker in Swingtime" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22 and Sunday, Dec. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Anne Morton Theatre, 3250 Riverside Park Drive, Vero Beach.

For more information, contact the theater box office at (772) 231-6990 or visit www.riversidetheatre.com.

RIVERSIDE THEATRE EVENTS

Comedy Zone: at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1, 7, 14, 15, 28 and 29 and at 9:30 p.m. Dec. 1, 14, 15, 28 and 29.

"Funny Girl:" at 2 p.m. Jan. 12, 13, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26 and 27 and at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24 and at 8 p.m. Jan. 10, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26.

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Museum holds events through holiday season



By Brittany Llorente

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VERO BEACH — The Vero Beach Museum of Art consistently has a full schedule of events and this holiday season, the museum steps up even more to provide entertainment for all ages.

All through December, the museum's main exhibit is "Norman Rockwell: Behind the Camera."

The exhibit features prints, photographs, and original paintings and drawings from the permanent collection of the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Mass.

"Norman Rockwell illustrated covers for

The Saturday Evening Post for 47 years," said Joe Ellis, public relations officer for the museum, in an email. "The public loved his often-humorous depictions of American life."

The quaint American scenes and life in rural areas have made Mr. Rockwell's paintings and drawings classic.

"Norman Rockwell has an enduring American popularity," Mr. Ellis said.

The museum also has something for children from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2.

The free event, which turns 25 this year, features holiday art activities, musicians and dancers from local schools and a visit from Santa.

"It was a gift of gratitude from the museum," Mr. Ellis said. "It has become an annual tradition."

From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 the museum presents "Concerts After Dark."



Norman Rockwell made more than 4,000 original pieces in his lifetime. This illustration in *The Saturday Evening Post* was featured on Dec. 29, 1956.

"Guests enjoy a beautiful outdoor setting and atmosphere of the museum's sculpture park," Mr. Ellis stated.

The sounds of jazz fill the park by talented local musicians. December's performers are the James Archer Quartet.

"During the holidays, the museums include many more families and tourists," Mr. Ellis stated. "Exhibitions can be enjoyed by all ages.

For our Rockwell exhibit we have created a free, fun gallery activity for families. It's the perfect place to bring those 'holiday house guests.'"

For more information on the Vero Beach Museum of Art, call (772) 231-0707 or visit www.verobeach-museum.org.



Gardens to light up for holidays, beyond

By **Brittany Llorente**

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VERO BEACH — With lights through the gardens and trees glimmering and twinkling, patrons can see McKee Botanical Gardens in a new view.

When the park normally closes at 5 p.m., the creatures that come out at night are still tucked in bed. During the events in December, the park is open into the night.

"It gives a different dimension to the garden," said Kelly Susino, marketing and events manager for McKee Botanical Gardens. "It is really a neat experience to see the areas lit up."

For those looking to give visitors a Florida-style holiday experience, the gardens kick off their "Old Fashioned Celebration," Tuesday, Dec. 20.

"We are going to have a vintage Bel-

gian street organ playing holiday music and the garden will be lit up with Christmas lights," Ms. Susino said. "We will also have some of the sculptures from the Frable Reimagined exhibit lit up."

Santa and Mrs. Claus will also merrily sing carols and listen to Christmas list requests, while a large scale-model train will be set up nearby.

"A lot of families in the community make coming to see the lights an annual tradition," Ms. Susino said. "It's really a different kind of holiday feel for those who are from up north to visit and see our lifestyle during the holidays. We can go outside with a jacket and jeans, while visitors from the north are used to being buried under feet of snow."

While some family members leave the day after Christmas, some are

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McKee Botanical Gardens will be open during evening hours to feature the garden awash with lights.

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A few of years ago, I was planning a long weekend trip to the mountains for our wedding anniversary. We were flying from into Charlotte, N.C. I knew that it was close to where I needed to research, but I should forget that, it was my anniversary.

However, I couldn't help checking the map and only one hour east was my research town. I needed to go "west" with my husband, not "east" to the library, right? But it was so close! The courthouse would be closed on Saturday and the library probably would be, too. Better forget it, but it was so close!

It happens that my father's family and my mother's family both lived in Richmond County, N.C., between 1790 and 1836, in separate ends of the county. Each family had moved on in different directions

I checked the library hours. Almost

GENEALOGY BRENDA K. SMITH



any North Carolina library has a great genealogy room with lots of local history. The library was open until 5 p.m. Saturday. I could land at Charlotte, rent the car and drive to Rockingham, and be there by 4 p.m. One whole hour in the library, then we could head west.

Fortunately, I have the most understanding husband in the world, and he doesn't mind researching and likes cemeteries as much as I do. He says, "go for it," and so we actually pull up to the library in Rockingham, N.C. at 4 p.m. Saturday. It had a huge genealogy room. He took one side and I took the other and we spent the next 45 min-

utes going through local history material. Before closing, I went to the copy machine to copy the few things we found that might mean something at a later date.

Standing in line at the copy machine, I glance at a hand-drawn map Vernon has found in a thin little book. It has all the churches in the county marked. The booklet is the history of the churches in the county and has an index at the back. In the index is listed "Knight's Chapel."

Quickly looking this up through the book, I find that Knight's Chapel was founded by Moses Knight in 1790. Moses Knight! He's mine, and the chapel is marked at the state line right where he had lived. This is a great find. I copy the map and the page I need, and we are kicked out of the library at closing time.

There is plenty of daylight left on a

summer day in August, so we start visiting cemeteries looking for my mother's family, stopping to talk to neighbors and taking all their directions to the little cemeteries in the out-of-the-way places. This search brings no results and so I reluctantly decide to give up and continue on with our original plans.

Knight's Chapel is calling to me. It is right on U.S. 1 a few miles down the road at the state line. Of course that was in 1790. Before we leave town, I say to Vernon, "Why don't we just drive down the road. Who knows, maybe there will be a big sign with Knight's Chapel written on it?" And so we do.

There is no sign and no Knight's Chapel, but after we cross into South Carolina we pass a little white church sitting far back on the road.

"There's a church with a nice ceme-

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Tasting Asia, one plate at a time

By Jessica Tuggle
For Forever Young

VERO BEACH — Variety may be the spice of life, but the spices and flavors of Ming's Hibachi Buffet just make it better.

The restaurant's been building its reputation for serving satisfying Asian cuisine, including offering a sushi bar and hibachi grill.

Lunch and dinner guests can select their own meats and vegetables for a freshly cooked stir-fried meal right in front of their eyes. Can't decide between shrimp, steak or chicken? No worries, try a little bit of everything.

During dinner, the hibachi grill also offers other seafood delicacies including calamari.

The restaurant's red and black décor keep the facilities looking cool and classy, and the slightly dim lights provide for a more intimate dining experi-

ence.

Three full buffet lines offer hundreds of meal combinations so no diner has to eat exactly the same thing, even if they ate there every day of the week.

The bourbon chicken on the buffet line with sides of egg drop soup, fried rice and egg rolls, while traditional fare, is a tasty combination. The Thai chicken with broccoli dish has a much milder flavor and is a pale contrast to the bourbon chicken, but is still quite appetizing.

Restaurant staff is attentive to both dinner guests and the food in the buffet line, constantly checking that the food is well maintained and there is plenty of everything.

Sometimes, not everyone in a dining party is in the mood for what the majority want to eat, but at Ming's, that's not a problem. Fruit, salad and a few American-style dishes are usually available on

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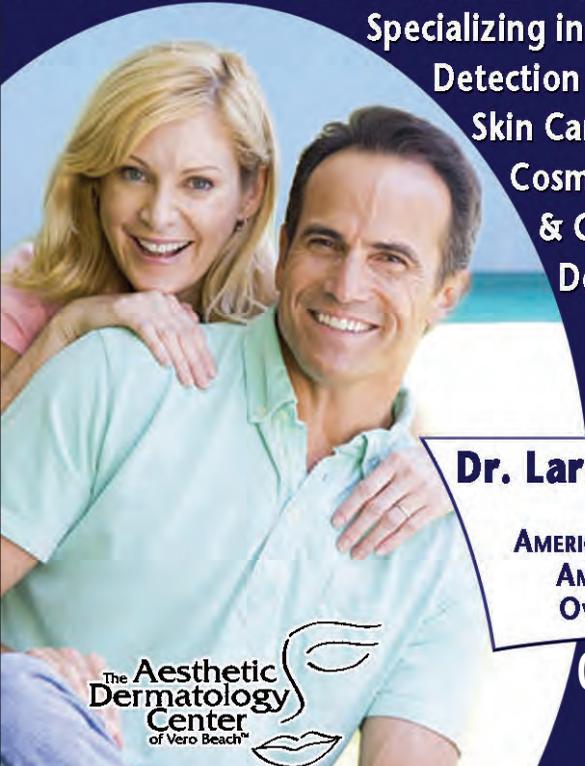
Jimming Zheng of Ming's Hibachi Buffet in Vero Beach prepares a sushi roll to order. Hundreds of meal combinations could be created with the variety of food available at the buffet.

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Change up family traditions during holidays

Times change, dress changes, even “the change” has changed.

I know some of us (usually the men-folk) yearn for the old days when things were simpler (for them) but I don't think I would have fared very well at all. I cannot picture myself in a woolen bathing suit rushing home from taking the children to the beach so I can have a home-cooked lunch waiting for my husband when he gets home from the polls, while fighting hot flashes, during Prohibition.

Most symptoms of “the change” are now treatable to a certain extent, shortening the late-night hours spent fanning ourselves considerably with the freezer door.

Holidays may be one constant in our lives but the way we celebrate has certainly come a long way.

When my children were young, we



ROSE'S ROOM
ROSE PADRICK

usually had the big family day at our house. My husband's family would converge in the morning, cousins usually began running and screaming in all directions just about the time Macy's parade began, we would be finishing the last piece of pie (for the moment) just as the game came on, then coffee and more pie during halftime.

As my family aged and grew with the addition of significant others, the arrival of my grandchildren and new sets of in-laws, we re-invented our celebrations as necessary.

I began serving a brunch on the

holidays; my children could spend half the day with us then be free to enjoy turkey and trimmings with the other side of their families.

Contrary to popular opinion, (usually from the other side of the family) I did not arrange things this way to have the pleasure of my grandchildren's company when they were awake and bright in the morning not tired and cranky later in the afternoon. Nor was it my intention to be the grammy that loves them the most by filling them with hand/turkey cookies or gingerbread men just to send them to their other grandparents. (But I have to admit the words “favoritist grammy in the world” did spread a special kind of warmth throughout my sleep-deprived soul, as did the nap that I was now able to grab later in the afternoon.)

But still we grew. None of us have

homes large enough to accommodate 45-plus people and still have room for all the cousins (second and third generation now) to run and scream, so we once again became harbingers of change.

Our latest change-vention is a huge gathering in a nearby park. We are blessed to live in a place that lives up to the title the Sunshine State, so renting a pavilion at any of the beautiful parks in Brevard works out wonderfully.

Our favorite place so far is Kars Park, the pavilions are near the playgrounds, which is excellent for all the little ones and one grammy who has to stop playing every once in a while and be a grown-up but sneaks back the first chance she gets.

Since gathering my large brood into one place at one time has become

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the buffet tables.

Pizza, spaghetti, fried chicken wings and baked fish were some of the dishes available recently during the lunch hours.

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lucky enough to have their families stay into the New Year. For families looking for a nightly outing, the evening hours continue Tuesday, Dec. 27 through Thursday, Dec. 29 with the "Nights of Lights" event.

"We have additional lighting in the ponds and the waterways through the garden," Ms. Susino said. "We take away the holiday-themed decorations. Last year was the first year we did the event and it was such a success."

McKee Botanical Gardens not only holds beauty but history.

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"In the 40s it was one of the most popular places in Florida," Ms. Susino said. "In the 70s the instillation of area attractions reduced attendance and it closed. It was reopened in 2001. It has been really special for those who remembered going there as a child and it's very nostalgic for a lot of people. It really is a quaint and tranquil place."

The after-hour event hours are 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Regular hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday and Monday.

For admission costs and more information on McKee Botanical Gardens, call (772) 794-0601 or visit www.mckee-garden.org.

Genealogy

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tery, do you want to look?"

The sign reads: New Hope Methodist Church. That sounds familiar. I check the copied pages. "Moses and William Knight founded Knight's Chapel in 1790, which later became New Hope Methodist Church."

Along the side there is a nice cemetery, and at the front, and sitting next to where the original church would have been, is a fenced-in section. Most of the stones remaining are the Knight family, some are Moses' children. This is "our" family plot. It is Saturday night, tomorrow is Sunday service at the church and there is no way I am going anywhere. We are going to church.

As we walked into the church, all five elderly attendees turn to stare. Service

was over, and they were having Sunday school. They were friendly and polite, but had no idea how or when the church was founded and didn't really seem to care. The Knight family is long since gone and they were only interested in their own families and anxious to tell me about them. The rest of Sunday school was spent on family stories.

My little out-of-the-way trip to spend one hour in a library turned into a memory of a lifetime. Welcome to genealogy. One chance meeting, one quick stop, checking just one more source, can change the whole direction of your research, or give you your own memorable experience. So take the chance and the time and go, for it!

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Arts

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everything. It can become hectic and the stress begins to pile on.

Take a moment out of the day, plan an outing with the family, whether it is grandchildren or your adult children, and go see a play or a concert.

Browse through a gallery or museum and take the time to enjoy works of art.

In the months ahead, you will notice

changes to this publication, to make it better rounded and more enjoyable for you. We hope to include more columns, including those with focuses on wine and travel.

As a last word, we hope you have a safe and happy holiday season.

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We welcome your opinions at ForeverYoung@hometownnewsol.com.



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Rose

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akin to herding cats, especially during the holidays, we now celebrate Thanksmas.

Plastic Thanksgiving and Christmas tablecloths surround the hand-embroidered linen masterpiece left to me by my mother. My brother's old -fashioned biscuit warmer holds store- bought dinner rolls. Shorts and tennis shoes are better suited to flag football games than white shirts and ties.

The annual Padrick oldsters vs. youngsters volleyball game (the youngsters won this year. That'll teach my children not to let me play on their team!) has replaced sitting on the couch yelling at football players on the small screen.

There are special challenges to having the traditional dinner outside, away from stoves and microwaves but it's always a learning experience. You can't blow out

Sterno (my eyebrows should grow back in a month or so). If you bring canned cranberries you really should bring can openers. If a mom doesn't actually see a grammy pass the third piece of chocolate pie to the child sitting behind a bush it didn't really happen.

Actually, there are some things that never change in this life and I wish them on each and every person reading this. The warm, sweet smell of a tired little child who has laughed and played so long that he falls into an exhausted slumber in your lap. The feel of cool grass between your toes when you shed your shoes to cool off after running a full 10 feet before someone steals the ball away from you. The lovely peacefulness that permeates your whole body when you look around and realize there is no place in the whole world you would rather be.

Happy holidays to all, wherever and however you celebrate them!

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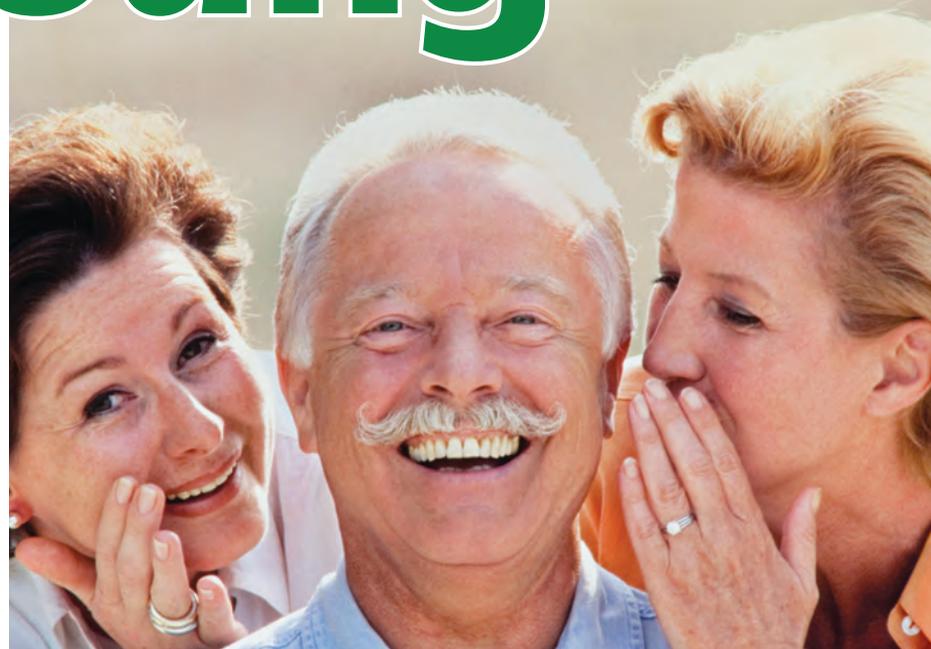
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