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Up & coming

Mall to host senior idol

The Indian River Mall has teamed up with Sebastian River Medical Center and 97.1 Ocean FM to host the Second Annual Senior Idol. Auditions will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 23 in front of Dillard's.

Seniors from the Treasure Coast aged 65 and up are invited to audition to be crowned Indian River County's Senior Idol.

To schedule an audition, call (772) 770-9404 or email kmorgan@simon.com.

Free medical seminar to Learn How to Reverse the Aging Process

Triple board certified physician, Dr. Dirk Parvus will discuss the aging process and how to turn back the clock using science-based programs which include pharmaceutical grade supplements, bio-identical hormones, diet and exercise.

Dr. Parvus will also reveal the latest scientific advancements in Age Management Medicine which can reverse aging on the DNA level.

The seminar will take place March 20 at 5:30 p.m.

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WEEKEND WEATHER



Friday: Cloudy; high: 68; low: 45; high tide: 11:32 a.m.; low tide: 5:40 p.m.
Saturday: Partly cloudy; high: 73; low: 52; high tide: 12:10 p.m.; low tide: 6:22 p.m.
Sunday: Clear; high: 79; low: 52; high tide: 12:50 p.m.; low tide: 7:08 p.m.
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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Nonprofit looks to help residents with energy savings

By Jessica Tuggle
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SEBASTIAN — An energy conservation home makeover could be as close as a telephone call away.

The Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce recently provided a nonprofit organization with space in their building to run a satellite office to help residents and business owners evaluate their energy efficiency and increase energy conservation.

The nonprofit Solar and Energy Loan Fund expanded its operations from St. Lucie County to Indian River County on Feb. 1 and is currently expanding further into Brevard, Martin and Okeechobee counties.

Alonzo Mitchell, a clean energy specialist, is available to talk about qualifying for the loan program, evaluations and benefits of the program for both Brevard and Indian River County.

SELF is certified as a community

development financial institution by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, which allows them to provide short-term low interest loans for clean energy solutions, including both energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, most notably solar projects in Florida, a press release said.

Since 2010, the organization has

given out 188 loans worth \$1.7 million, Mr. Mitchell said.

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Bus union could continue negotiations despite strike vote

By Jessica Tuggle
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Despite a vote two weeks ago to strike by public transit union members, the GoLine bus systems have continued to run as scheduled.

Disputes about wages have brought negotiations on a three-year contract to a standstill, leaving the public transportation system reliability a question mark.

Representatives from the Senior Resource Association, the nonprofit entity that runs GoLine and Community Coach, the door-to-door office transit service, said a physical strike could still take place, but union representatives have agreed to set up a time to go back to the bargaining table.

Indian River County does supply some of the funding for the public transportation service, but because the Senior Resource Association, a private organization, is the one that runs the service, the employees are also private, and can go on strike, said Karen Deigl, CEO and president of Senior Resource Association.

Because of the vote to strike, updates on the status on the bus schedule are being updated daily on the GoLine and Senior Resource Association websites, as



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Passengers disembark at the current Go Line bus hub Friday afternoon.

well as the Channel 27, the government channel, she said.

"Community Coach riders that count on the transit service to get to life-sustaining services, such as dialysis or chemotherapy, should not see an interruption in their schedules," Ms. Deigl said.

At press time, the two

entities had not set a date for further negotiations.

Ms. Deigl said she is not certain what else can be done during the negotiations to come to an agreement because there isn't any money available for wage increases.

"When an agreement is ultimately reached, the contract is effective immediate-

ly and there are no funds left this fiscal year for raises and if that is the only sticking point, there is nothing more I can do," Ms. Deigl said. "I'm certainly willing to bargain in good faith and we'll see what happens."

The Senior Resource Association's fiscal year ends June 30, so it might be easier to talk about a

reopener between June and August for a better idea if anything can be done to work something out with the union, she said.

For the most updated information on routes, call (772) 569-0903 or visit www.golineir.com or www.seniorresourceassociation.org.

Commissioners attempt to keep negotiations with sports village alive

By Jessica Tuggle
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VERO BEACH — In a series of votes during the March 5 county commission meeting, commissioners tried to keep negotiations with the operators of Vero Beach Sports Village alive, but the results left neither party very excited.

Commissioners Wesley Davis and Peter O'Bryan made the motions that led

to commissioners agreeing to remove a liquidated-damages fee from a proposed renewal contract with Verotown LLC, a group of funding partners that include former sole sports facility lease, Minor League Baseball, and former Los Angeles Dodgers owner, Peter O'Malley.

The 4-1 vote granted Verotown the right to exit the proposed lease renewal before the end of the 5-year term without a

\$300,000 penalty, which was one of the bumps in the negotiation proceedings.

The current lease with Verotown expires next year and the organization has given notice that it will not pursue its lease renewal option due to dissatisfaction in lease negotiations.

Craig Callan, vice president of Vero Beach Sports Village, said Verotown also wanted the county to pay

annual insurance on the property at the tune of \$80,000 per year and continue to pay an annual amount for repairs and replacement costs at the facility.

He also said he doesn't see the negotiations as a lease renewal or a renegotiated lease, but rather, he's interested in putting together a new lease.

County attorney Alan Polackwich voiced some concern about the negoti-

ations being for a new lease because by law, a new lease would have to go out and a general request for proposals for the management and operation of the facility would have to be done.

Commissioners voted against insuring the property.

Verotown negotiators were also seeking annual repairs and replacement funding of \$250,000 for

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Wildlife celebrates this weekend

Hello, everyone. While the weather is holding up, go ahead and enjoy the great outdoors. There's a lot going on in Sebastian for you to enjoy.

If you have always wanted to know more about the birds that love this area as much as we do, head over to the Riverview Park in Sebastian on March 16.

There a bird tour led by David Simpson for the Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge will be held. It starts a little early, 6:45 a.m., but it's a lot of fun for just \$25. Be sure to bring binoculars, good walking shoes and a bottle of water.

If you want to keep supporting wildlife, stay for the Pelican Island Preserva-

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tion Society Wildlife Festival, taking place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that same day at Riverview Park. This year, the event is celebrating 110 years of Pelican Island being the first National Wildlife Refuge.

If you get there early, say 'Hi' to Mike Beck, husband of PIPS President Kristen Beck. He's just come back from a two-week long awareness ride celebrating the anniversary, and he biked all the way from Washington D.C. on his journey! He's going

to be on his bike Saturday, too, to complete the ride from Pelican Island to Riverview Park, and he, along with local bike riders, should be arriving in Sebastian in time to kick-off the beginning of the festival.

There's free parking and free admission and lots to do, including kayaking and boating tours.

This is just one example of how much we care about the community we live in.

No matter what you do, I hope you have fun doing it. Enjoy your week and drive safe!

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Photo courtesy of the Solar Energy Loan Fund

A new nonprofit to Indian River County, Solar Energy Loan Fund, has opened a satellite office in Sebastian to help residents and business owners find energy-conserving and energy-efficient products for their homes or stores with secure low-interest, short term loans. Alonzo Mitchell, a clean energy specialist, is available to talk about qualifying for the loan program, evaluations and benefits of the program for both Brevard and Indian River counties.

Energy

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"By providing people with complete, thorough and high-quality inspections reviewing heavy energy-consuming products and making replacements with energy-saving products, SELF clients have seen an average savings of 24 percent in their electric bills," Mr. Mitchell said.

Both resident and commercial energy evaluations and loans are available.

"Many times, people think of replacing the air conditioning unit to something more efficient will

help their power bills go down, but putting in a new system when all the air escapes through the windows and doors isn't going to help anything," Mr. Mitchell said. "Some of the most common energy saving steps are ensuring the windows, doors and air conditioning systems are high-efficiency and LED lights are used."

Working on the weatherization of the structure, including insulation, caulking window and door stripping can greatly conserve the energy in a structure and make a high-efficiency air conditioner work even better, Mr. Mitchell said.

"Why pour coffee in a cup with holes in it?" he said.

SELF also works with individuals who have low credit scores secure a loan for the energy projects.

The nonprofit began with a community development block grant of \$2.5 million, but since then, the organization has continued to find further funding from community redevelopment funds held by banks.

For more information, contact Mr. Mitchell at (321) 458-4187 or email at alonzom@solarenergyloanfund.org. More details can be found online at www.cleanenergyloanprogram.org.



Quebec Patriotes second baseman Tony Blais (No. 33) tags Polé French National first baseman (No. 10) out at second at the Vero Beach Sports Village in March 2011.

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Sports

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five years with the stipulation that the county pay for the renovation of the hotel rooms on property, a rough estimate of about \$600,000.

Commissioners eventually voted 4-1 to pay into the repair and replacement fund \$150,000 annually and also have Vero-town pay \$50,000 annually to that fund.

They also voted 4-1 to spend \$600,000 on renovating the hotel rooms if Verotown is going to stick around for another five years. A portion of that funding would come from the original \$2 million capital fund, of which about \$400,000 is remaining.

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The Flagship Detroit, an American Airlines DC-3, spent some time in Vero Beach for Aviation Day March 2. As soon as you step aboard the 1937 Douglas DC-3, you step back into an aviation era long since gone. Twenty area residents got to experience flying on one America's first passenger airliners with a trip around Indian River County. The Flagship Detroit Foundation relies on memberships to keep this piece of aviation history flying. For more information, visit www.flagshipdetroit.org.



Flagship Detroit pilot Captain Tony DeSantis has the helm of the Douglas DC-3 as he flies over Vero Beach March 1.

Cliff Partlow
staff photographer



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

TV personality Marsh Littlejohn, left, talks with Flagship Detroit stewardess Peggy Fairchild who is wearing the American Airlines summer uniforms worn between 1942-1958.



Vero Beach residents Martin Lavender and Cindy Goetz, strike a pose as Dennis Pugsley, Flagship Detroit crewmember assists during a flight in Vero Beach March 1.

Cliff Partlow/staff photographer



Eric Menger, right, Vero Beach Municipal Airport Director, sits in the third seat behind Flagship Detroit co-pilot Gene Christian during a flight around Vero Beach March 1.

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As the captain gets the Flagship Detroit ready for take-off, passengers strap in and listen to stewardess/crewmember Peggy Fairchild explain what to expect during the 30-45 minute flight.

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Sixty-acre brush fire closes I-95 for several hours

Story and photos
By Cliff Partlow

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A 60-acre brushfire closed

both the north and southbound lanes of I-95 Wednesday, March 6 for several hours. The fire was contained mostly to property in

Indian River County. Equipment and manpower included four engines and five brush trucks from Indian River County, one engine,

one tanker, two brush trucks and a command vehicle and plow vehicles and a water helicopter from the Florida Division of Forestry. The

northbound lanes reopened around 5:30 p.m. and the southbound lanes opened a few hours later. There were no injuries reported. The fire

did jump to an area east of the Indian River County Corrections facility but was quickly extinguished by the FDOF helicopter.

Firefighters from St. Lucie County Fire District attack a hot spot during last Wednesday's brush fire.



A heavy blanket of smoke across I-95 between Indrio Road and State Road 60 shut down both lanes of the Interstate for several hours Wednesday, March 6.

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The Florida Division of Forestry water helicopter makes a drop on a jump-out fire east of the closed Indian River County Department of Corrections facility.



Dan Dietz, left, Indian River Fire Rescue Battalion Chief and Dale Armstrong, Florida Department of Forestry Forest Area Supervisor, survey last Wednesday's brush fire from the top of the Indian River County Landfill.

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"Based on that, we've grown our business tremendously," Mr. Goldfarb said. "All of the trust that we've built over two and a half years has led us to be the No. 1 gold buyer in Brevard County."

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

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.

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

And when it's decision time, Mr. Goldfarb said there is no pressure.

"We do not attempt to

pressure our clients to sell, but in fact do our best to educate our clients on the value of their items so they can see why we offer what we do," he said.

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

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

"We're a for-profit business, but we're local guys," He said. "The money stays in Brevard. We're not mailing it away. All our employees are from

Stan Goldfarb of Square Deal Gold Buyers examines a ring to determine its karat purity.



Brevard. It's a really good business model."

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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 Feb. 27 to March 5, 2013

Sebastian Police Department

- Emery Lamar McKinnond, 35, 1404 Seahouse St., Sebastian, was charged with possession of marijuana and habitual driving while license suspended.

Fellsmere Police Department

- Dustin Allen Cruce, 24, 90 N. Hickory St., Fellsmere, was charged with burglary, grand theft, dealing in stolen property, criminal mischief and burglary of a structure.
- John Thomas Violante, 22, 120 N. Hickory St., Fellsmere, was charged with possession of oxycodone and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.
- Ross Alexander Harrison, 22, 1213 Laconia St., Sebastian, was charged with aggravated assault with a

deadly weapon, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a drug without a prescription and being an accessory after the fact.

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

- Shawn George Arrandale, 52, 6394 Horizon Ave., Stuart, was charged with felony communications fraud.
- Jeffrey Jerome Carter, 28, 3620 44th St., Vero Beach, was charged with two counts of violation of probation and a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana.
- Michele Lynn McMillan, 43, 555 Tropic Lane, Apt. D, Vero Beach, was charged with tax fraud and grand theft.
- Anthony Frank Nappo, 40, 104 Flint St., Apt. B, Sebastian, was charged with introduction of contraband into a detention facility and possession of marijuana.
- Gavin Omar Stephenson, 34, 1460 Sheafe Ave. N.E., Palm Bay, was charged with burglary of a dwelling and grand theft.
- Virginia Lynette Bibbs, 37, 1048 Booker St.,

Fellsmere, was charged with possession of cocaine.

- Janelle Marie Erwin, 42, 460 13th Lane Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with felony battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest without violence.
- Algin Jerome Hall, 52, 1037 Booker St., Fellsmere, was charged with possession and sale of cocaine.
- Steven Kyle Heiser, 38, 4104 Limerick Court, Sebastian, was charged with third-degree grand theft, forgery and scheming to defraud a financial institution.
- John Wesley Howard, 43, 6685 58th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with two counts of habitual driving while license suspended and resisting arrest without violence.
- Thomas Jason McCorts, 33, 1966 21st Place S.W., Vero Beach, was charged with driving with a license suspended, tampering with a witness, battery and criminal mischief.
- Amanda Ceclia Walker, 48, 12940 100th Lane, Fellsmere, was charged with sale and possession of cocaine.
- Alphonso Coleman, 30, 164 Empress St., Sebastian, was charged with sale and possession of cocaine.

- Kareem Hakeefe Coleman, 22, 1850 Woodland Circle, Vero Beach, was charged with sale and possession of cocaine.
- Edward James Lewis, 44, 7575 129th St., Sebastian, was charged with sale and possession of cocaine.
- Stacy Nicole Morgan, 31, 458 10th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of methamphetamine and driving while license suspended.
- Cesar Ernesto Solis, 26, 4141 16th St., Apt. 202, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Eli Shane Fannin, 31, 8026 100th Court, Vero Beach, was charged with felony battery on a law enforcement officer.
- Carole Meng Ellis, 32, 1048 Booker St., Fellsmere, was charged with possession of cocaine, oxycodone, dealing in stolen property, two counts of burglary of a dwelling, two counts of third-degree grand theft and failure to register of a vehicle.
- David Scott Walker, 32, 1976 17th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with fleeing and eluding and driving under the influence.
- Pierre Charles Cauvin,

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- 33, 744 19th St., Apt. B, Vero Beach, was charged with burglary of a dwelling and criminal mischief.
- Jason Thomas Cambron, 34, 2400 84th Terrace, Vero Beach, was charged with giving false information to a secondary metals recycler, giving false information to a pawn broker, eight counts of dealing in stolen property and a misdemeanor charge of first-degree petit theft.
- Richard Chris McKemy, 58, 644 29th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a controlled substance.
- Julie Pierre, 31, 414 North 18th St., Apt. A, Fort Pierce, was charged with fleeing and eluding, retail theft, driving while license suspended, revoked or can-

- celled and no Florida driver license.
- Jennifer Lynn Powers-Sulinski, 34, 11284 Taft St., Pembroke Pine, was charged with impersonating a law enforcement officer and grand theft.
- Patricia Ann Smith, 32, 2400 85th Terrace, Vero Beach, was charged with giving false information to a secondary metals recycler.
- Lastacya Danielle Williams, 23, 2823 Stoneway Lane, Fort Pierce, was charged with retail theft.

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- Robert Steven Sebree, 25, 6415 Turnpike Feeder Road, Fort Pierce, was charged with grand theft.

Seacoast National Bank will present the Great American Duck Derby

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The inaugural Great American Duck Derby, presented by Seacoast National Bank, is coming to Indian River County on May 19 to support two essential programs provided by Treasure Coast Community Health Foundation.

The Great American Duck Derby is a race of 10,000-plus ducks that are adopted for \$5 each by people in the community who want to have fun

and help support two wonderful healthcare programs — Women's Healthcare Safety Net Fund for breast cancer screening and diagnosis services and the Pediatric Tooth Fairy Fund.

Both programs were developed by Treasure Coast Community Health Foundation to provide financial assistance at-risk women and children living in our community.

"We are excited about sponsoring this event and offering our branches as adoption centers to help

reach the \$50,000 goal," said Cyn DeLee Dalton, senior vice president, regional retail manager/Indian River County.

Adopted ducks are released into the Indian River Lagoon at Captain Hiram's in Sebastian where they will race to the finish line where a select few lucky ducks will win prizes. The more ducks you adopt, the more you will increase your chances to win and also help to ensure the health of women and children in our community. This is a family-

friendly event with food and live entertainment.

Duck adoptions can be facilitated online at duckrace.com/treasurecoast, or from March 25-May 17, duck adoptions will be facilitated at any Seacoast National Bank branch in Indian River or Brevard counties.

For branch locations and hours, visit www.seacoastnational.com.

Police brief

Active wildfires this month

There are four active wildfires in Indian River County that the Florida Forest Service is monitoring or actively engaged on.

On March 1, a night wildfire near I-95 mile marker 154 southbound covered 35 acres. The cause is currently unknown.

On March 6, a fire at I-95 mile marker 141 south-

bound covered 60 acres. Cause is currently unknown.

On March 7, a vineyard fire was started by children on 43rd Avenue between 1st Street and 5th Street that covered .2 of an acre.

Also on March 7, a homeless campfire started a South Park fire in the 800 block of 20th Avenue and covered eight acres.

— Information compiled by law enforcement and fire rescue sources.



Photo courtesy of Seacoast National Bank

The Great American Duck Derby, presented by Seacoast National Bank will be held on May 19, at Capt. Hiram's in Sebastian. Proceeds will support two essential programs provided by Treasure Coast Community Health Foundation. Making plans for the event are, from left, Steve Dorrance, executive director of Treasure Coast Community Health Foundation and Seacoast's Cyn DeLee Dalton, Cathy Roberts, Michele Downey, Nicki Maslin and Michele Knight.

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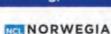
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Computers' 'tools' have multiple uses

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

You may see a half a dozen flat-bladed screwdrivers, half a dozen Philips screwdrivers, a handful of crescent wrenches, two or three socket wrench sets, etc.

What you won't ever see is that same mechanic going through his toolbox and throwing away (deleting) all the tools that are duplicates in order to "free up space" in his toolbox.

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

For instance, he may need to turn a bolt, and the wrench he normally uses won't give him the kind of leverage he needs that a similar but less used wrench affords him.

The same concept holds true for the programs loaded on a typical computer. Click the start button, go to All Programs and a list appears showing all the programs (tools) that are installed on the computer. Windows 8 users, open the Start Screen and right click anywhere. Often, you will see two or three text editing programs, a couple of different photo editing programs, multiple accounting programs, and others.

I liken these duplicate programs to duplicate tools in our garage mechanic's toolbox. You as the user may have a favorite word processor for instance, but there are times when a different word cruncher may be better suited for a task at hand.

I typically write my column using Microsoft Word. It came with my machine, does the job and I'm familiar with how to use it to get the job done. But when it comes to creating labels, a job that MS Word does allow for, I find that my ancient, version four copy of MS Works is far easier for me to use and lets me get the job done with much less aggravation.

For me, the label wizard that comes installed in MS Works is the right tool for that job and had worked for me faithfully for more than a decade.

Now, if I were like many end users that I encounter,



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SEAN MCCARTHY

and had deleted MS Works from my system because, "I already have a word processor that I use and I don't need another one, especially such an old version," then every time I ran into the task of printing labels, I would be struggling to remember how to get Word to do it correctly. Especially when I know that I could have gotten the job done with far less frustration if I had just left MS Works right where it was.

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

One question I am often asked is, "How do you tell the computer that you want to use a different program than the program Windows has assigned to open a particular file type?"

If you "right click" the file, an option that usually appears is "open with." Holding your mouse over the "open with" option will show all the programs installed capable of opening that file type.

If you want to change how Windows automatically opens a file when you double click it, click the "choose program" command in the open with menu, select the program that you want to use and then make sure the "always use the selected program" checkbox is selected before you click OK. Using the right click, "open with" menu to switch between "tools" or permanently change what program opens any given file.

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

Art lovers unite under the oaks



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

Deidra Owens, of Sebastian, admires the hand blown glass ornaments during the 62nd Annual Under the Oaks Saturday in Riverside Park. Thousands of art lovers filled the park March 8-10 to see some of the finest art from around the world.



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More about those on welfare

I've read some other articles concerning my exact thoughts about these young people having kids just to be on welfare. This is why the city is plagued by high poverty rate. These people drop out of school with very limited choices because of a weak family foundation, and this is a generational problem. But here's an idea: Stand out in front of the housing authority with signs pertaining to "quit having babies that you can't support." On certain days, you have Bible thumpers standing at the female clinics trying to stop young women from going in there. Well, and this would include myself, stand out in front of the housing authority and get into the faces of these people who made bad choice in life who have the desire just to live off of backs of the tax payers' expense.

Boy, would that be a scene. Especially when you see them pull up in there nice cars with a couple kids in tow, huh? Perhaps embarrassment would be the right medicine these people should have thrown at them.

How to solve illegal immigration

There is an easy way to solve the illegal immigration problem. First, fine any company \$1 million for every illegal they hire and send the owner or CEO of the business to prison, not a Federal summer camp but state prison, for 10 years. That would solve the problem overnight. The problem is big business want illegals, so they have basically an almost slave labor workforce with no rights, and the politicians pandering to business like to use them as the whipping boys for all society's ills. The myth of illegals getting free this and free that is been perpetuated every week in this column, but hey, little brown-skinned people are an easy target aren't they? They look different.

Regarding the elephants

Hometown News issue of March 1, 2013, front page: A Mr. John Lenhardt, Executive Director of The National Elephant Center spoke to a crowd of about 50 people Wednesday, Feb. 20th stating, "I'm a very happy man today." "Elephants need a future and we're looking forward to a wonderful future here."

A \$2.5 million project is only the 'first phase' of the center, which includes a large barn with paddocks, an animal keeper work center, and more than 20 acres of four interconnected pastures with watering holes, mud wallows,

dust bathing areas and shade.

Just last year, Fellsmere City Councilman Fernando Herrera came out to the property approximately three miles north and west of downtown Fellsmere and all he could see were orange trees and other native plants.

What??

Herrera stated, "I think it's awesome and this is a perfect place for the animals."

"They are not going to bother anyone and it's a nice place for them with the weather." Mr. Lenhardt stated. "Up to this point the great majority of the funding for the project has come from zoos and several 'generous donors.'"

"Moving forward fundraising will have to be a big focus in order for expansion to occur, center staff said."

What? Are you kidding? The center will not be open to the public? What? But will offer training for both elephants and elephant keepers, and occasionally be open to education programs to raise 'awareness' about elephants and the 'work' at the center.

Hometown News issue March 8, 2013, Page A8: "More than 100 people gathered at the Trinity Episcopal Church Saturday to help those who, for no fault of their own, need a nutritious meal. People from many churches and charitable organizations packed nearly 115,000 meals for 'Hunger Challenge Vero Beach.'"

The women shown in several photos were smiling and happy in what they were doing. In contrast, a National Elephant Center, a dream of Mr. John Lenhardt to make "Him Happy." This truly demonstrates the selfishness and ignorance of some, and the absolute opposite of others.

When Councilman Fernando Herrera went out to the "elephant property," all he could see was orange trees and native plants!

What did that mean? This is Florida!

It seems to me, many people in authority are involved in "The Future of Elephants." In fact, they are gung ho. Two-and-a-half million could feed a lot of families right in our own neighborhoods, help them find jobs. Donations from zoos, but people are not allowed to visit this new elephant center.

Other donations? How about this one — Politics?

Don't hold your breath

Welfare fraud is rampant but it could be reduced, if not eliminated, by politicians if they had the will to act. Unfortunately, President Obama is beholden to just the kind of people most likely to be on welfare. Don't hold your breath waiting for him to do anything helpful for the taxpayer.

Low school ratings may equate food stamps

The low ratings of many of our public schools are deplorable. Even if these kids are pushed through and allowed to graduate, they will be totally unprepared to compete in the world of work. They may be able to flip hamburgers but they may very well end up on food stamps and welfare.

Issues with the second amendment

Not once, but twice, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that the Second Amendment prohibits Congress from taking away our guns. Our citizens have every right to protect themselves. That's the way it has always been. That's the way it should be. It is a perfectly legitimate right.

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Business

Distinguished board officers join directors



Photo courtesy of Erick Gill

Treasure Coast Education Research Development Authority Executive Committee, from left: Stef Matthes, Ben DeVries, Erik Melville, Jane Bachelor, Hoyt "Pat" Murphy and Mike Adams. Front row, from left: Travis Murphy, Hoyt "Pat" Murphy, Kathleen McGinn, Jane Bachelor, Jose Farinos, Peter Stoffella. Back: Mike Adams, Kevin Heinicka, Erik Melville, Ben DeVries and Stefan Matthes.

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TREASURE COAST — The Treasure Coast Education Research Development Authority, located in Fort Pierce and serving St. Lucie County and the Research Coast, announced the 2013 executive officers of its distinguished Board of Directors.

At a recent meeting, former board chairman Jose Farinos, Dean of Advanced Technology Division of Indian River State College, passed the gavel and leadership duties on to St. Lucie County resident and President of Adams Ranch, Mike Adams.

Taking on the responsibilities as the TCERDA board's vice chairman is Erik Melville, assistant superintendent and financial adviser at Melville Wealth Management of Raymond James and Associates and a University of Florida Senior Lecturer. Academic Program Marketing Coordinator Jane Bachelor was installed as the Authority Board Secretary, Stefan Matthes, PE., a senior vice-president at Culpepper and Terpening, is the organization's Government Affairs Officer, and Hoyt "Pat" Mur-

phy of Hoyt C. Murphy, Realtors, accepted a position as the Authority Board Treasurer.

In addition to the officers, the TCERDA Board is fortunate to have several active members who serve on a variety of committees to develop and recruit education and research-based inhabitants for the Treasure Coast Research Park. A long-term goal of the St. Lucie County Board of Commissioners is to transform the Treasure Coast into an area of research, education, and development.

Also serving on TCERDA's current board and offering a host of professional skills and expertise are Dr. Peter Stoffella, professor and center director for the University of Florida Indian River Research and Education Center; River County Management and Owner Travis Murphy; University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture Facilities Planning and Operations Director Kevin Heinicka and Dr. Kathleen McGinn, assistant superintendent of Strategic Planning and Central Services for the St. Lucie County School District.

TCERDA's Board of Directors will implement St. Lucie

County's master plan for the Treasure Coast Research Park, which calls for the creation of a 1,650 acre Research and Education Park located in St. Lucie County just off Kings Highway in Fort Pierce.

The mission of the Treasure Coast Education, Research and Development Authority is to create a legacy for Florida's future generations. TCERDA's top priority is to attract research organizations that will make an investment in commercial innovation and scientific research. The park will foster new businesses and new employment, the result of which will be a continual expansion of human intellectual capital.

As the organization's newest board chairman, Mike Adams brings a great deal of expertise and enthusiasm to the table. A lifelong resident of St. Lucie County and long-time member of the Indian River Citrus League Land and Water Committee, Mr. Adams also serves on several boards, including several on which he serves as the board president, such as the St. Lucie Farm Bureau, the Florida Bradford Breeders, and the Treasure Coast Resource Conservation & Develop-

ment Council. He is a member of the St. Lucie County Cooperative Extension Advisory Council, the St. Lucie County Everglades Restudy Committee, and the Foundation Board of Indian River State College.

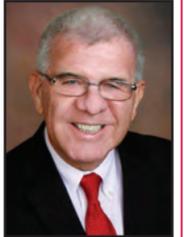
With a passion for the area, its land and its potential, Adams is looking forward to the opportunity to help implement a world-class research and educational facility right here on the Treasure Coast through TCERDA.

The TCERDA board is appointed by the St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners. Anchored by the USDA's 170,000 square-foot Horticultural Research Laboratory and the 90,000 square-foot University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, St. Lucie County's Education and Research Park is home to more than 200 scientists, researchers, and educators.

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New vice president at Guardians for New Futures

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TREASURE COAST — Michelle Akins assumes role of vice president of the local, not-for-profit Guardians for New Futures.

Ms. Akins has worked as the Quality Assurance Coordinator for the Child Abuse Death Review Committee for the past eight years.

She has more than 20 years of experience with Department of Children and Families and is a staunch child advocate. Michelle provides training on parenting and works diligently throughout

Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties and provides free trainings sponsored by Guardians for New Futures.

She donates hundreds of hours to ensure that our children are kept safe. Her trainings in the areas of risk assessment, mandatory reporting and recognizing abuse and neg-



Michelle Akins

lect are geared toward professions that work with children and are often open to the public.

She trains with the Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute and works with the Substance abuse and Mental Health, Public Defenders Office and the St. Lucie County jail on the reentry program.

She is a natural fit with Guardians for New Futures, local nonprofit in working to support children who are abused, neglected, and abandoned children and provide public awareness and education.

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Community supports dog therapy mission



Vero Beach resident Harry Taylor watches as Dixie, his 10-month-old Dalmatian hound mix, tries to climb a tree to get to a squirrel in the Dogs For Life Off-leash Park Friday afternoon.

Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

Off-leash park to stay open another year

By Jessica Tuggle
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VERO BEACH — A puppy park is staying open for another year and a training center campaign is underway, thanks to generous community members.

After a few weeks of an uncertain future, Dogs for Life of Vero Beach, a non-profit organization focused on improving the quality of life for people with disabilities by training dogs, announced it's private, off-leash dog park will stay open through the end of the year with the help of an anonymous donation.

The Vero Beach Country Club is also backing the nonprofit by helping to kickstart a campaign to build a training center for assistance dogs on the dog park site, said Shelly Ferger, founder of Dogs for Life.

Within the assistance dog program is a subsection for dogs to be trained to work with war veterans with post-

traumatic stress disorders and Vero Beach Country Club has stepped up to the plate as a sponsor for that program, Ms. Ferger said.

An estimated 80,000 retiring veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars will be retiring to Florida in the next two years and Dogs for Life wants to help meet their needs by pre-training service dogs, a press release said.

Pia Pia is one of the dogs trained by Dogs for Life to work with her companion, retired U.S. Army Veteran Jim Taylor.

Panic attacks in crowded areas are a common result of post-traumatic stress disorder, and dogs like Pia Pia can be trained to stay close to their companion so that no people get too close and trigger the panic attack.

Other assistance dogs trained by Dogs for Life learn how to help them cope with hearing or seeing loss or other limited mobility issues.

The dogs are trained to alert their companion when a knock is heard at the door, or when a doorbell, telephone, alarm clock or smoke alarm is rung. Some

dogs can even be trained to operate a special phone that dials 911 when their companion is in distress.

Dogs for Life does not receive government funding and relies on membership fees and donations to get through the year.

An anonymous donation in February has allowed the off-leash dog park to remain open through the end of 2013, but on a regular basis membership fees are used to maintain and operate the 4.5 acre park.

A one-year membership fee for one dog is \$300, a second dog would add on \$75, a third, \$50.

Qualifying dogs must be inoculated, neutered and social. Prior to membership, an orientation at the park is scheduled with the dogs. Once the membership is finalized, members have their own security code to access the park from dawn to dusk all year round.

The off-leash dog park is located at the intersection of 12th Street and 16th Avenue in Vero Beach. For more information about Dogs for Life, contact Ms. Ferger at (772) 567-8969 or visit www.dogsforlifevb.org.

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Connie and Ross Cotherman, who've been married for 28 years, spend some time getting to know Rusty, a Shiba Inu mix at the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County. Cliff Partlow, staff photographer.

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Workshop to focus on sales tax

The Indian River County Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with SCORE will present the workshop "Understanding Florida Sales Tax" from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on March 20 at the Chamber of Commerce, 1216 21st St.

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Capturing nature on canvas using plein air skills

Folks learn new strokes

By Jessica Tuggle
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VERO BEACH — Reds, blues and yellows are all around in different combination creating rainbows of color and painter Rick Kelly is helping local artists capture those colors in a natural light.

This month at McKee Botanical Garden, Mr. Kelly, a Treasure Coast landscape artist who studied under A.E. Backus, is the artist-in residence and will be leading plein air art classes in the campus gardens.

The classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The class fee ranges, starting at \$60 for one workshop, a press release said.

When it comes to painting, and plein air painting especially, it is very important to decide why a subject is being painted, Mr. Kelly said.

"Why am I painting that tree? Decide why and at that stage you can develop



Barbara St. Jacques works on a plein air oil painting at McKee Botanical Garden in Vero Beach under the instruction of artist-in-residence, Rick Kelly. Throughout March, Mr. Kelly will give plein air painting lessons twice a week. Contact the garden administration for more information.

Staff photo by Jessica Tuggle

the rest," he said.

During the first class, the students pulled out their paintbrushes and began

transforming their canvas into a series of shapes and lines. It was their first step into a technique Mr. Kelly

enjoys and calls "pull-off."

After covering a section of canvas in oils with a little bit of water, an artist

can pull, push or drag the paint off the canvas to cre-

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Week of 3-15-2013

ARIES - March 21-April 20

Aries, don't be pushy with authority figures because such an attitude is not in your best interest. You are better off putting on the charm and getting them to see your softer side.

TAURUS - April 21-May 21

Taurus, avoid getting involved in a family spat unless someone seeks your advice. Let your relative's work things out on their own and only offer your thoughts when prompted.

GEMINI - May 22-June 21

Gemini, you might run into a snag with your spouse or partner over shared finances. Rather than settle issues this week, you're better off waiting a few days.

CANCER - June 22-July 22

Cancer, even if the people around you are feeling tense and touchy, you have an innate way of making them feel at ease. Humor and compassion are two great traits.

LEO - Jul 23-Aug 23

Leo, you might need to make travel plans for a work trip in the coming month. Embrace the opportunity to benefit your career, but don't forget to have a little fun when you're away.

VIRGO - Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Virgo, now is not the time to talk about shared expenses or the division of labor in a relationship. You'll only be starting an argument, and you do not need that right now, Virgo.

LIBRA - Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Staying neutral is the best way to go this week, Libra. Avoid any knee-jerk reactions and practice your poker face. There are some opportunities for fun on Thursday.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Scorpio, demonstrate grace under pressure at work this week, even if you feel tempted to lash out at others. Take

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Wildlife event celebrates anniversary of island

For Hometown News
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The 2013 Wildlife Festival will be the 110th anniversary celebration of Pelican Island as the first National Wildlife Refuge.

The event will be held at Riverview Park on March

16 in Sebastian. There will be free parking and admission, as well as some free activities, except kayaking, boat and birding tours.

The pontoon boat tours to Pelican Island are a suggested donation of \$15.

All proceeds from this

event support the Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge.

Many exhibitors line the sidewalks of Riverview Park, including arts & crafts, environmental, and food vendors.

Live wildlife shows feature birds of prey and reptiles throughout the day.

Discounted Pelican Island tours depart every 45 minutes. Special kid's activities are offered non-stop throughout the day. A photography display features entries and winners of the festival photography contest.

This year's emcee will once again be Teddy Roo-

sevelt, aka Joe Wiegand. Mr. Wiegand has studied President Roosevelt extensively and has reenacted Theodore Roosevelt in Chatauqua-style events for many years.

For more information, visit <http://firstrefuge.org/events/wildlifefestival>.

Out & about

THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 17

• **Indian River County Firefighters' Fair**, Indian River County Fairgrounds, Vero Beach, times vary. Event includes rides, games, exhibits, food and great family fun. Cost: admission prices vary. [Website: www.firefightersfair.org](http://www.firefightersfair.org).

• **Riverside Theatre presents "Les Miserables,"** Stark Stage, Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach, times vary. The musical brings to life the tragic story of Jean Valjean, a convict whose entire life is changed due to a single act of kindness. Cost: \$36-\$70. [Website: www.riversidetheatre.com](http://www.riversidetheatre.com).

THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 24

• Vero Beach Theatre Guild presents Disney's **"Beauty and the Beast,"**

Vero Beach Theatre Guild, Vero Beach, times vary. Cost: \$20, \$22. Students 18 and younger half price. Season subscriptions available. [Website: www.verobeachtheatreguild.com](http://www.verobeachtheatreguild.com).

• **Riverside Theatre presents "Side By Side By Sondheim,"** Waxlax Stage, Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach, times vary. A tribute to composer-lyricist Stephen Sondheim. Cost: \$40. [Website: www.riversidetheatre.com](http://www.riversidetheatre.com).

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

• **Star party**, Sebastian Inlet State Park, Sebastian, 8 p.m. The Indian River Astronomy Society will host a stargazing party at the day use area 0.5 miles south of the bridge, weather and clouds permitting. Telescopes will be provided, or bring your own. Cost: Park entry fees apply. [Website: www.senioresourceassociation.org](http://www.senioresourceassociation.org).

www.floridastateparks.org/sebastianinlet/events.cfm.

• **The Met: Live in HD**, The Majestic 11 Theatre, Vero Beach, 12 p.m. Zandonai's "Francesca da Rimini." Cost: \$275 for a season ticket. [Website: www.verobeachopera.org](http://www.verobeachopera.org).

• **Pelican Island Wildlife Festival**, Riverview Park, Sebastian, time to be announced. The 2013 festival will mark the 110th anniversary celebration of Pelican Island as the first National Wildlife Refuge. Cost: free. [Website: www.firstrefuge.org](http://www.firstrefuge.org).

• **5k run/walk and 1-mile fun run**, location to be announced, 7 a.m. "March for Meals" is presented by the Senior Resource Association of Indian River County. Cost: to be announced. [Website: www.senioresourceassociation.org](http://www.senioresourceassociation.org).

• **Celebrated Speaker Series**, The

Emerson Center, Vero Beach, 4 p.m., 7 p.m. Guest speaker: James A. Baker III, who has served in various positions under three U.S. presidents and with five presidential campaigns. Cost: \$220 for a subscription, \$65 for a single performance. [Website: www.theemersoncenter.org](http://www.theemersoncenter.org).

• **Presbyterian Women of the First Presbyterian Church** will hold their annual **Spring Fling luncheon and Style Show** from 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. in the church's Center for Christian Life at 520 Royal Palm Blvd., Vero Beach. The luncheon will be catered by Culinary Capers. The style show will feature models wearing fashions provided by Patchington. Children will model clothing hand-tailored by the Sewing Circle. Raffles and door prizes will add to the fun. All See **OUT, B2**

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Canvas

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ate a sketch of the object or objects in the scene. Afterward, other colors can be added to enhance and draw attention to the focal features of the piece, Mr. Kelly said.

Juxtaposing colors in just the right combination can make the viewer see brilliant shades and layers of color without a painter mixing the colors on the palette, Mr. Kelly said.

Kent Wahl, a seasonal resident, was bit by the painting bug last year, took a class with Mr. Kelly and since then has been

expanding his skill set and decided to try the garden art classes.

"This is my first plein air painting," Mr. Wahl said.

Being able to paint something in nature is difficult, because the sunlight is constantly changing, so taking a picture of what appeals to you is best, he said.

"With a photograph to go by, it's easier to take your time and get the paint down just right," Mr. Wahl said.

Barbara St. Jacques, another seasonal resident, enjoys plein air painting and was excited about the new painting technique, which she tried out on can-

vas by creating a cactus plant.

"I just loved the 'Medusa' type of look of the plant," Ms. St. Jacques said. "I really like plein air painting, it really gets me in the zone and it's just wonderful to be in nature."

The classes will each have a different focus or technique, but they are all independent of each other and a student can come in on any one lesson and still get a lot out of it, Mr. Kelly said.

For more information about events and activities at McKee Botanical Garden, call (772) 794-0601 or visit www.mckee garden.org.



McKee Botanical Garden's March artist-in-residence Rick Kelly teaches plein air oil painting techniques during a recent plein air class at the garden in Vero Beach. Staff photo by Jessica Tuggle

Scopes

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the high road and you will be rewarded.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Sagittarius, the perfect opportunity for a night out with friends presents itself this week. This could be the ideal way to unwind, so enjoy your night out with friends.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Capricorn, although it seems like everyone is tense, you feel free as a bird. That could be because you have worked hard to free up time to get away.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Aquarius, conversations with others may not flow smoothly, and you may have to come up with a way to reword what you're trying to get across. Stick with it.

PISCES - Feb. 19-March 20

Pisces, though you're praised for your marvelous imagination and sense of whimsy, you also know when to get down to business.

Bank supports outreach center with roadshow

For Hometown News
NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

VERO BEACH — Seacoast National Bank recently hosted two "Treasure Finders Roadshow" events on Feb. 19 and 20, at the 20th Street branch in Vero Beach and Sebastian West branch in Sebastian.

Guests donated nonperishable food items and made monetary donations for Harvest Food & Outreach Center in lieu of admission for appraisals conducted by the renowned local resident expert, Ralph Oko from Treasure Coast Collectibles.

In addition to the Roadshow fundraising event, Seacoast has established a legacy of support for Har-

vest Food & Outreach Center as a members of the 501c3 nonprofit organization's "Community Advocates" group, contributing more than thousands of dollars for programs that provide hunger relief and hope for impoverished families and the working poor through food, counseling, education and job-readiness programs in our community.

In addition, Seacoast employees also volunteer to facilitate financial-related courses at Harvest's Life Enrichment Center.

Seacoast National Bank is the operating arm of Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida.

For more information, visit the website at SeacoastNational.com.



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Photo courtesy of Seacoast National Bank

Out

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women of the community are invited to attend.

The Oceanside Business Association will host a Saturday night concert from 5:30- 8:30pm on Vero's Ocean Drive and Humiston Park. This month's music is by The

Category 5 Band and the theme is St. Patrick's Eve, weather permitting. There will be raffles sponsored by local merchants (6 for \$5) and the proceeds go to a local charity. Come dressed like a Leprechaun, enjoy green beer and buy your chances on our "Pot of Gold" raffle!! There's fun for all, including a kid's zone. Admission is free.

The OBA invites everyone to share the fun with the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade at 10a.m. It starts by the Farmer's Market on Dahlia. It travels up Ocean Drive and turns west on Azalea Lane, finishing up at Irish Treasures & Casey's.

THROUGH MARCH 30

Artist in residence, McKee Botanical Garden, Vero Beach, times vary. See McKee Garden through the eyes and paintbrush of local artist, Rick Kelly. Cost: garden admission fees apply. Website: www.mckee garden.org.

THROUGH APRIL 30

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

The Indian River County Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Business Network Breakfast at the Heritage Center, 2140 14th Ave, Vero Beach. A presentation will be given by Florida Power & Light. The monthly breakfast provides an opportunity to meet others in the business community as well as introduce yourself and your business. The Network Breakfast is held from 7:45-9 a.m. Cost for Chamber members is \$16 with reservations, \$20 without reserva-

tions. First time attendees are also welcome at a cost of \$16. Advance reservations are required and can be made at (772) 567-3491, Ext. 110 or visit www.indianriverchamber.com and click on Events Registration.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Alums of Brown University from Melbourne to Stuart will gather at the Grand Harbor Beach Club, 8500 N. A-1-A in Vero Beach. A cocktail reception featuring hors d'oeuvres and cash bar at 5:30 will be followed by a delicious surf and turf dinner. The speakers for the evening will be Jack Hayes, Brown's new athletic director, and Davies Bisset, '85, executive director of the Brown Sports Foundation. The cost of the event is \$40 for Brown Club dues-paying members and \$50 for all others. For more information, call (772) 770-1195.

ONGOING EVENTS

- Spark of Divine Learning See OUT, B4

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

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

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

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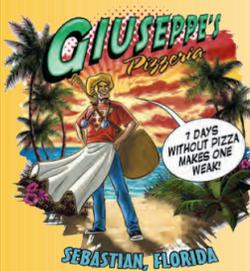
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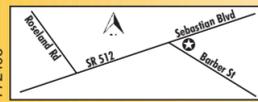
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Organization celebrates new president

For Hometown News
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TREASURE COAST — The Friends in Pink, the Pink Tie Friends organization on the Treasure Coast has new leadership.

Cheryl Norman Caldwell has been selected as the new president of the non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds to help breast cancer patients with inadequate health insurance, in Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties.

"This is quite an honor to take over the reins of such a helping organization," said Ms. Caldwell, president, Pink Tie Friends and Friends in Pink. "While we recently changed our official name and we have new leadership, my goal is that our mission and that of our volunteers and our Board of Directors remains the same in providing financial assistance to breast cancer patients on the Treasure Coast who either have no insurance or are underinsured."

New officers include Secretary, Mary Jane Searfoorce; Valerie Collins continues as Treasurer. The vice presidency position remains open. Presidency remains open. Immediate past president, Judy Schilder, now joins the Friends in Pink Board of Directors along with Madeline Herrmann, Kathy Harwood, and Allen Everett.

Ms. Caldwell says Friends in Pink is continuing to grow with nearly 200 recipients helped in the last year.

"To grow our services to the tri-county area we constantly need new faces and fresh sources of financial support. As word of our work helping breast cancer patients receive life-saving surgery and treatment spreads, we are prepared to welcome those who wish to make a generous donation of their time or their dollars to help others," she said.

For more information, visit the online site at www.PinkTieFriends.org or www.FriendsInPink.org or call (772) 785-8730.



Photo courtesy of Sam Yates
Cheryl Norman Caldwell, right, president of Pink Tie Friends and Friends In Pink accepts the president's gavel from Judy Schilder, immediate past president of Pink Tie Friends.

Clubs and classes

CLUBS

- **The GFWC Treasure Coast Women** meet the first Monday of each month at the Community Center, 2266 14th Ave., at 7 p.m. Women over 18 are welcome. This is a community service volunteer organization and that promotes fellowship among women. For more information, visit www.gfwctreasurecoastwomen.org.
- **Exchange Club of Indian River** meets Wednesdays from noon-1 p.m. at Culinary Capers, 737 22nd Street, Vero Beach. This civic club is a group of men and women working together to make the community a better place to live. For more information, call (772) 532-4398, email bluewateropen@gmail.com, or visit www.exchangeclubofindianriver.org and www.bluewateropen.org.
- **The Sebastian Fishin' Chic's** meet the last Thursday of the month, at the Sebastian Entertainment Center. For more information, call Michelle Barkley, at (772) 473-9462, Kristen Beck, at (772) 794-9900, or Karen Herndon, at (772) 633-2043.
- **The Mental Health Association in Indian River County bipolar support group** will meet at the Mental Health Association offices at 777 37th St., Suite D-105, Vero Beach, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, from 6 to 7:30

p.m. Family members and loved ones are also welcome to attend. For more information, call (772) 569-9788.

• **Treasure Coast Archeological Society for Treasure Hunting and Metal Detecting** meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the North County Indian River Library on County Road 512 in Sebastian. Anyone interested is welcome. For more information, call (321) 388-9047.

• **Humanists at Barefoot Bay** meets the second Saturday of every month at the South Mainland Library, 7921 Ron Beatty Blvd., Micco, at 2 p.m. All compassionate and critical thinkers are invited. For more information, call (772) 664-0170, or email downeast_ggo@bellsouth.net.

• **TOPS 641:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Chapter No. 641 meets every Thursday at the Roseland Fire Department, located on 129th Court, off Roseland Road in Sebastian. Weigh-in is from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 8:30 a.m. For information call (772)-589-8445.

• **TOPS 470:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Micco Chapter No. 470 meets every Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the South Mainland Library, 7921 Ron Beatty Blvd., Micco, next to Barefoot Bay. New members are always welcome. For more information, call (772) 569-0760.

tion, call (772) 388-3984.

• **Rotary Club of Sebastian** meets at 12:15 p.m. every Thursday at Sebastian River Medical Center, 13695 U.S. 1, Sebastian. For more information, call (772) 360-5837 or visit www.sebastianrotaryclub.org.

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

• **Personal Computer Users Club** meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the North County Library, 1001 County Road 512, Sebastian. For more information, call (772) 388-5248.

• **COPE Support Group:** The Indian River County Council on Aging with the Visiting Nurse Association offers a support group to help caregivers cope with the day-to-day care of a loved one. The group meets the third Thursday of every month from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Presbyterian Church, 1405 Louisiana Ave., Sebastian. For more information, call (772) 569-0760.

• **Democratic Club of Barefoot Bay:** Meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in Building D-E at the Golf Course in Barefoot Bay. For more information, call (772) 664-3895.

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• **Asthmatics** meets on Mondays at 4:30 p.m., in the South Mainland Community Center, 3700 Allen Ave., Micco. Cost is \$5 per class.

• **Chess Club** meets the first and third Monday each month from 4 to 6 p.m. at the North Indian River County Library, 1001 Sebastian Blvd., Sebastian. Open to all ages.

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

have the following dance lessons:

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

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CLASSES

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Walt Disney World is probably best known for its theme parks. Of its golf courses, the two most people recognize are the Palm and Magnolia, which was home to, until this year, an annual PGA Tour stop.

While those two courses are nice and the most popular of Disney's tracks, my favorite is Osprey Ridge Golf Course.

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Wilderness in the most tranquil of locales on Disney property, Osprey Ridge is carved out of dramatic strands of live oak, pine, palmetto, cypress and bay trees. Designed by Tom Fazio, the course is rated at 4.5 stars by Golf Digest and is a Certified Audubon Cooperative Wildlife Sanctuary.

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the course plays to a modest 6,968 yards, with a par of 72. Do not let the modest yardage fool you. Fazio knows just how to challenge the better player, while making a layout fun for the recreational golfers as well.

Throughout the course there are nesting ospreys who love hunting the glistening lakes for food. You know you've had a great day when you've played well on a beautiful course and yet one of your best memories is seeing an osprey snatch a fish from a lake and fly off to its nest.

The course starts off in a rather odd way. Due to construction of a rather large hotel where the original 18th hole was, the course has been slightly re-routed. There is a new first hole and from there the holes all run in the same order as before, but with the difficult par-3 17th hole now serving as the finishing hole.

On the new first hole, you

start with a simple 380-yard par 4 with water guarding the green on the left. Sadly, it doesn't seem to fit with the other 17 holes, and the 650-yard trek from the green to the second tee is not something fun for those walking and carrying their clubs. However, from this tee on, the fun just gets better and better.

The par-3 fourth is a fantastic hole. Playing anywhere from 111 to 193 yards, this hole features an elevated tee that looks down a small valley to a green that sits above a large bunker, framed by mounds and trees.

Your only par-5 on the front side comes at the eighth, and it's a monster, measuring 582 yards from the tips. Even from the forward tees, the hole plays to a stout 480 yards.

The back-nine starts with the first and shortest of three par-5s on that side. After a solid drive, you will need a

little moxie to get to the green in two as the second shot requires you to carry the ball a little over 200 yards over water and over a bunker.

The par-4 15th may be one of the best I've played. At 453 yards from the back and a tee shot that must go over water, it's a true beast. The green is elevated and closely guarded by a deep bunker. Proudly, I hit a 4-hybrid to about six feet and made birdie.

Your entire round winds around beautiful terrain. With all the nature and complete lack of buildings on the course, it's easy to forget you're at Walt Disney World. That is until it comes to the fine, personable service.

If you plan to play golf more than once at Walt Disney World or plan to play more than one course, the resort will store your clubs and transfer them from one Disney course to another at

the beginning of each day, free of charge.

The free service that I like the most is use of the Clubhouse lockers. Keys are available in the Pro Shop. From there you get your own locker for the day. Store your street shoes, a change of clothes and your toiletry bag and you may enjoy a shower after your round and change into fresh clothes before getting on with the rest of your day.

Greens fees at Osprey Ridge Golf Course run from \$39 to \$165. To find out more about all this and all of the Walt Disney World Resort's courses call the resort at (407) WDW-GOLF or drop by the website at www.disney-golf.com.

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



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pyramid: Play runs from 6-8 p.m. every Thursday at the Riverside Racquet Complex, 350 Dahlia Lane, Vero Beach. This is an adult league for ages 18 and older; men's levels of 3.5/4.0. The fees are \$2 per week for members and \$5 per week for non-members (plus \$1 light fee per hour when applicable). Participants must check inside the pro shop with the attendant on duty and pay before going to the courts. Players must register weekly by sending an email to Brian Orzel, singles pyramid coordinator at orzelp@gmail.com by noon on Thursdays. A maximum of 14 players will be accepted for these pyramid or ladder format sets against three different opponents. For more information contact Gaby Dwyer, tennis supervisor, at (772) 231-4787 or contact Brian Orzel at (772) 538-0465.

Sunset Saturday night cruises: Oceanside Business Association of Vero Beach's sunset Saturday cruises on the

second Saturday of the month located on the corner of Ocean Drive and Dahlia Lane. For more information, visit www.VeroBeachOBA.com.

Sunset at the plaza sponsored by Mulligan's Beach House will have arts, crafts, live music, kids eat free and more every Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at the Vero Beach Mulligan's, 1025 Beachland Blvd., Vero Beach.

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

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

Italian-American War Veterans, Post No.3 and Women's Auxiliary, located at 2500 15th Ave., Vero Beach, holds business meetings at 7 p.m., on the second Wednesday of each month. Social meetings are held at 6 p.m., on the fourth Wednesday of the month. New members welcome. For information, call (772) 231-5673 or (772) 770-2558.

Vero Beach Railroad Station in downtown Vero Beach was originally built in 1903. It is on the National Register of Historic Places, and is open Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., and Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Visitors can tour the exhibit center and get a glimpse of local history from prehistoric times through World War II. There is a model train display that offers panoramic views of historical sites in Indian River County. The railroad station is located at 2336 14th Ave., Vero Beach. For more information, call (772) 778-3435.

Indian River County Historical Society preserves the artifacts, sites and structures related to Indian River County heritage and offers maps and directions to sites of historical interest throughout the

county. The society is housed in a 1903 Vero Beach Train Station, located at 2336 14th Ave., Vero Beach, and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, call (772) 778-3435.

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

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

Indian River Citrus Museum tells the story and preserves the artifacts, photographs and memorabilia of the pioneers who established the most distinguished citrus fruit in the world. Open Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., in the Heritage Center, 2140 14th Ave., Vero Beach. For more information call (772) 770-2263.

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

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

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

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Contestants from all over the state to vie for Ms. Senior Florida

By Dawn Krebs

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TREASURE COAST — In just a week, 20 ladies will vie for the state title of Ms. Senior Florida, the first time the pageant has come to the Sunshine State.

Twenty contestants, ranging in age from 60 to 88 years old, will grace the stage of the Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center on March 23.

"This is not a beauty pageant since all the contestants are ladies of elegance and all are winners," said Hedi Headley, state pageant director and host of "Your Second 50 Years" radio show.

According to the rules of the pageant, a contestant must be over the age of 60. She will express her lifestyle through evening gown, talent, philosophy of life and an interview with the judges. The theme for this year's pageant is "Forever Young."

"The judges will be looking for a lady with talent, inner beauty and an energetic and positive outlook on life," she said.

Though the pageant is being held in Vero Beach, the contestant are from all over the state, including Melbourne, Port St. Lucie, Vero Beach, Bradenton, Cocoa, St. Augustine and Palm City.

Such a large variety of location ensures large varieties of talents, as well.

"Ladies will showcase various types of talent, including dancers, vocalists, comedy and dramatic skills," said Deanna Fielden, the pageant talent coordinator.

For the evening's talent, Cheri Halleran of Vero Beach will sing and dance to the song, "These Shoes are Made for Walking," while Glenis Delmar will display paintings she has created. Also from Vero

Beach, Betsy Ross Horn will sing "I Got Lost in His Arms," and Terry Johnson will perform stand-up comedy.

Florence Jo Licata will perform, as will Cynthia Monsour, who will do a dramatic reading.

Barbara Petrillo will display her jewelry designs, and Joanne Purcell will sing. Peggy Robbins will dance the Charleston and Margaret Van Parys will show off some power yoga moves.

From Port St. Lucie, Carmelita Church will perform "Coming to America," while Colette Schweizer will sing "I Feel Pretty."

From Brevard County, Linda Cobb of Melbourne Beach will Zumba dance, while Melbourne resident Joan Commons will sing "What Are You Doing The Rest of Your Life."

Melbourne resident Alice Kreitz will perform a Hula dance, Cocoa resident Peggy Tune will display her artistic creations, and Barbara Wong will perform African Djembe drumming.

From elsewhere in the state, Eileen Warchall of Palm City will perform ballroom dancing, and Jeanne Larranaga of Bradenton will sing, "God Bless the USA." Also, Lindsey Smith of St. Augustine will perform a talent skit.

Even though this is the first pageant in Florida, this is not Ms. Headley's first time coordinating one.

In 1990, she and Helen McKnight created the Ms. Senior Arizona pageant, which still continues today, drawing more than 3,000 to its annual event.

In 2003, Ms. Headley and Ms. McKnight moved to Florida and recently decided to begin again and give the elegant ladies that live here a chance to represent Florida on the state level, as well as the national stage.

All the contestants will



Photo courtesy of Tom Pierce

Ms. Senior Florida Pageant contestants gathered for a rehearsal at Regency Park recently. The 20 contestants will vie for the title of Ms. Senior Florida at 7 p.m. March 23 at the Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center in Vero Beach.

Standing, from left, is Peggy Robbins, 88; Alice Kreitz, 79; Glenis Delmar, 74; Joann Purcell, 70; Margaret Vanparys, 70; Peggy Tune, 80; Cheri Halleran, 67; Terry Johnson, 81; Jeanne Larranaga, 69; Lindsey Smith, 67; Eileen Warchall, 78; and Carmelita Church, 70. In the front row, from left, is Linda Cobb, 60; Cynthia Monsour, 62; Barbara Petrillo, 63; Dr. Florence Licata, 61; Colette Schweizer, 66; and Barbara Wong, 70. Not pictured is Betsy Ross Horn, 71, and Joan Commons, 60.

receive various prizes and gifts, and the one crowned Ms. Senior Florida will attend the national competition taking place in October at the Harrah's Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City.

The presenting sponsor of the event is Regency Park, the independent senior living community in Vero Beach, but other sponsorships for the pageant are still available. Other sponsors include Hometown News, 97.1 Ocean FM, Senior Life Magazine, Minute man Press, Aloha

Home Care and Artistic Florist.

"These ladies of strength, pride and faith can teach us all life lessons by they themselves deal with tragedies, disappointments and success."

The inaugural Ms. Senior Florida Pageant will take place at 7 p.m. March 23 at Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center, located at 1707 16th St. in Vero Beach.

The pageant is open to the public, and tickets are \$10, and can be purchased

at the Cultural Council of Indian River County or the performing arts center box office. Group rates are also

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

ART GALLERIES

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

The Gallery at Windsor, 10680 Belvedere Square, Vero Beach. By appointment only. (772) 388-4071.

Gallery 14, 1911 14th Ave., Vero Beach. (772) 562-5525.

The Laughing Dog Gallery, 2910 Cardinal Drive, Vero Beach. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. (772) 234-6711

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

Vero Beach Museum of Art features exhibitions of international, national and state importance are shown throughout the year in four galleries. The museum also houses a gift shop store and is the largest teaching museum school in Florida. It is located at 3001 Riverside Park Drive, Vero Beach. For more information, call (772) 231-0707.

BARS AND CLUBS

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

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

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

Kilted Mermaid, 1937 Old Dixie Highway Vero Beach. Open Tuesday-Saturday, 5 p.m.-1 a.m. Wednesday, open mic jam session; Thursday, trivia with Jason; Friday, live music; Saturday, live music. Call (772) 569-5533.

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

Marsh Landing, 44 N. Broadway St., Fellsmere: Bluegrass jam every Thursday night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call for other entertainment schedules. (772) 571-8622.

J.J. Manning's Irish Pub, Wednesday night, wine and bingo night at 7 p.m.; Thursday, pub quiz night at 7 p.m. 740 S. Fleming St., Sebastian. (772) 589-1238. www.jjmanningirishpub.com

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

Tropical Inn Resort LGBT Brevard's Premier Gay & Lesbian Resort. Friday's female impersonator show; \$15 includes two drinks. Seating starts at 8 p.m. Show starts at 9 p.m. Call for reservations. Saturday's Tiki Bar Poolside 2-10 p.m. Live performances and DJ JAM Masters. Sunday's, tiki bar poolside noon-10 p.m. T-dance, 4-8 p.m. Live performances and DJ JAM Master. The resort is located at 4700 Dixie Highway N.E. Palm Bay. For more information, call (321) 951-0350.

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Obituaries

Brian Michael Rumsey

Brian Michael Rumsey, 32, of Sebastian, died March 4, 2013.

He was born in Wellsboro, Pa., and lived in Sebastian.

He is survived by his mother, Penny; her father GERALD; his partner, Tara; two daughters, Sivana and Gwendolyn; a brother, Jason (Becki); his sister Stephanie (John); paternal grandparents, Janet and Harvey and maternal grandparents, Bonny and David.

Arrangements by Strunk Funeral Home in Sebastian.

Ruth E. O'Bryan

Ruth E. O'Bryan, 72, of Sebastian, died Feb. 25, 2013.

She was born in Glen Cove, N.Y., and moved to Sebastian in 1998.

She was survived by her husband of 50 years, Walter; a son, Stephen; a daughter Sheryl; a brother, Daniel; and two

grandsons, Paxton and Miles.

Arrangements by Strunk Funeral Home and Crematory.

Carl J. Forgitano

Carl J. Forgitano, 93, of Sebastian, died Feb. 25, 2013.

He was born in Chelsea, Mass., and moved to Sebastian in 1980.

He was survived by his wife, Clare and a niece, Jo-Ann.

Arrangements by Strunk Funeral Home and Crematory.

Dewey Hampton Freeman Jr.

Dewey Hampton Freeman Jr., 89, of Sebastian, died March 2, 2013.

He was born in Cutchogue, N.Y., and lived in Sebastian for 28 years.

He is survived by a son, Trip; a sister, Lorraine and two grandchildren.

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Fighting spring insects naturally

GARDEN NOOK

JOE ZELENAK



Spring is almost here, and with all the nice weather and colorful flowers comes an onslaught of pests and intruders that will want to make your home and plants their home. Small critters such as roaches, spiders, flies, termites and even rodents look at your possessions as a nice cozy place to call home.

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You have to remember that the insecticide in that one-gallon jug you got from the store works by absorbing into the body of the insect and killing them by attacking the nervous system. That very same chemical can also absorb through the skin of the human user. In very small quantities you probably will not see any marked symptoms, but over time these

chemicals can be stored in the body and cause damage years later.

When using pest control products, always follow label directions and use gloves and a protective mask.

Spring not only brings May flowers, it is also the beginning of the termite swarming season. Any home can get termites, not just wooden structures. These damaging pests can cause thousands of dollars of damage if they find a way into your home. If they are already have invaded your structure, it is always best to call a professional. There are things you can do, however, to minimize your risk and try to keep the pests out.

There are many ways you can help prevent termites from invading your structure. One way is to be sure your home is painted and any wood parts on your home are painted over completely. You should

never allow any wood products form a bridge between your house and the soil. In addition, try not to allow bushes or shrubs to touch the main structure of the house. Repair all cracks or siding. Inspect them every season for signs of termites. Always remove branches of trees that overhang your structure as this can provide an entry point.

I have heard of many natural treatments for termites, but I have not tested them. One such treatment is using Aloe plants. You simply crush the plants and add about five parts water. You can then allow the mixture to "steep" for a day or so. Strain the mix before applying with a sprayer. If you are spraying the perimeter, it is always a good idea to part some of the dirt away from the foundation before spraying the mix. I have also heard you can use castor oil in the same manner.

Another huge nuisance during the spring season, or anytime, is the roach. No matter how clean you keep a residence, they still may find your home a nice cozy place to reside. Again, usually the first thing we go for when we

see a roach is the chemical in the gallon jug.

Before using the heavy artillery you might want to try keeping the pests out by using catnip. Place the catnip in small sachet bags and place them in strategic places throughout the house. The roaches hate it and it just might solve your problem.

One of the oldest methods is to use boric acid as a killing agent. You can mix some sugar with the boric acid to attract the bugs to it and once they eat it or get it on their legs and body, they will transfer it back to the nest. Remember that boric acid can be toxic to humans if ingested so keep away from children and pets. You can also use baking soda in the same fashion.

That's all for this week, but in a future column I will be talking about spiders and ants and the best ways to help prevent and kill them in the least toxic way possible.

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