



## Up & coming

**Annual Easter egg hunt taking place  
March 23**

The City of Vero Beach Recreation Department will present its 54th annual Easter Egg Hunt March 23, beginning at 10 a.m., at Mulligan's Grille & Raw Bar in Vero Beach for children up to age 9. Bring a basket and a donation of six empty plastic eggs.

For more information, call (772) 567-2144 or visit www.covb.org.

**Blood drive on  
March 26**

The Knights Of Columbus at Holy Cross Church will sponsor an community blood drive. The Indian River Bloodmobile will be stationed in the Holy Cross Church parking lot along Route A1A at Iris Lane in Vero Beach. For more information, call (772) 563-2636.

**Free skate on Easter**

The Skate Factory will host free skate from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on March 31.

If skates are needed, they may be rented for \$2. The Skate Factory is located at 485 27th Avenue Southwest, in Vero Beach. For more information, call (772) 794-3373.

**Dancing event to  
feature two bands**

The Royal Palm Pointe Fountain will play backdrop to the 21st annual "Dancing Under the Stars"

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Indian River Charter High School's performing arts center goes down the rabbit hole

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## WEEKEND WEATHER



**Friday:** Partly cloudy; high: 73; low: 59; high tide: 5:17 a.m.; low tide: 11:27 a.m.  
**Saturday:** Partly cloudy, chance of storms; high: 81; low: 57; high tide: 6:11 a.m.; low tide: 12:16 p.m.  
**Sunday:** Partly cloudy; high: 77; low: 50; high tide: 6:59 a.m.; low tide: 1:00 p.m.  
Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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## Working waterfront lease decision delayed until April

By Jessica Tuggle  
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SEBASTIAN — The Sebastian City Council has delayed a vote on the proposed new contract for the working waterfront program with a nonprofit organization until April.

Despite two hours of discussion on the city's proposed new working waterfront lease with Fisherman's Landing Sebastian during the March 13 meeting, councilmembers could not reach a consensus about how to move forward and delayed a decision until the April 10 meeting.

Several councilmembers said

going into the meeting they were prepared to move forward with the lease agreement in good faith with Fisherman's Landing Sebastian, a nonprofit cooperative, but comments from the public led them to be more cautious.

Several commercial fishermen attended the meeting and relayed to the council that they were confused about the perception that they were being asked what they wanted in a working waterfront agreement.

Some fishermen said they had never been asked what they wanted from representation of Fisherman's Landing Sebastian, while others said they had casual

conversations, but nothing concrete.

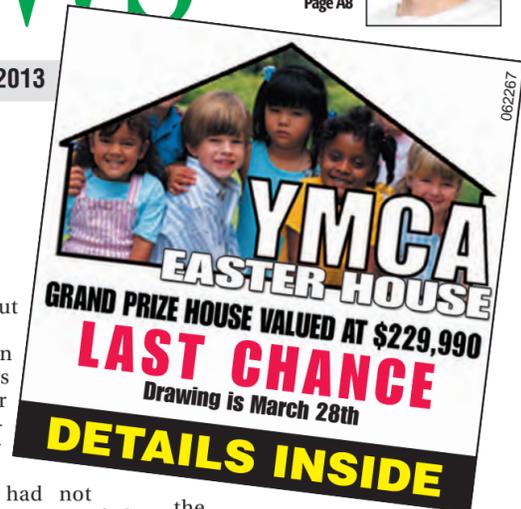
Councilwoman Andrea Coy was quite vocal in her dismay and displeasure to hear that "the fishermen" said they had not been asked to be a part of the nonprofit's discussions about what would be acceptable in the working waterfront lease with the city.

"Good faith has gone out the window," Councilwoman Coy said.

The council told city manager Al Minner to go over the details of

the lease with representatives of the nonprofit, but also to make certain that the fishermen, the ones whose livelihood depends on boat slip rentals at the working waterfront, has their input collected and represented.

None of the fishermen that See WATERFRONT, A2



## Fellsmere challenge course open for public use



By Jessica Tuggle  
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FELLSMERE — The sky-scraping wooden towers in Fellsmere visible from Interstate 95 can now be seen up close and personal by members of the public.

Approximately one year after breaking ground, the Florida Tech challenge course in Fellsmere is completed and being used by the university's Army ROTC students and soon will be used by members of the general public.

"This is a fantastic venue and it seemed a perfect fit for

the vision of Fellsmere," said Fellsmere Mayor Susan Adams.

The approximately 18-acre course is a joint partnership venture between the city of Fellsmere and Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne and the school's Army ROTC program. The project is part of a long-range 100-acre eco-tourism effort the city planned.

Designed to meet U.S. Army standards, the course is physically challenging, but also designed to promote team building and critical thinking, said Capt. Lawrence Lewis, assistant

professor of military science and Florida Tech ROTC leader.

With daunting elevated ropes courses, log climbs, vertical walls, sand traps, a 300-foot zip line and more, both cadets and members of the public can test their physical strengths and mental skills with the challenges, Capt. Lewis said.

The agreement between Fellsmere and Florida Tech ROTC says the ROTC cadets have first chance at the course five months out of the year.

"During the rest of the

time, Florida Tech will take charge of organizing the various groups that wish to take part in the challenge course," he said. "Law enforcement will have the opportunity to use the facility, as will church groups, corporations for retreats and team building activities and adventurous outdoor enthusiasts."

The various courses are available for rent for a minimum of four hours and prices are available online.

Congressman Bill Posey was present at the grand opening of the challenge course on March 11, and said the project was a great exam-

ple of the rare moments when federal and local government agencies and private institutions can work together to bring about a long-lasting positive for the community.

"I love to see this link between Brevard and Indian River County," Congressman Posey said.

Fellsmere city councilman Fernando Herrera said the course was extremely impressive, and he was excited for it to be a part of the future of Fellsmere.

Cadet Myron Krider was

Staff photo by Jessica Tuggle

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## Tom Corr named 2013 Entrepreneur of Year

For Hometown News  
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TREASURE COAST — Exemplifying the innovation, drive and persistence of a successful entrepreneur, Thomas L. Corr Jr. was recognized with the Dan K. Richardson Entrepreneur Program's 2013 Entrepreneur of the Year on March 12 at the Indian River State College Richardson Center at the Mueller Campus in Vero Beach.

"Tom Corr has demonstrated entrepreneurial vision and exceptional business acumen throughout his life," said Dr. Edwin Massey, IRSC president.

"Under his leadership, the George E. Warren Corporation successfully navigated the significant challenges facing the oil industry over the past 26 years, becoming one of the largest importers of fuel in the United States."

The award, which recognizes the entrepreneurial spirit and business and community achievement, is a central element of the Dan K. Richardson Entrepreneurship program established by the IRSC foundation and 13 other founding members to promote awareness and appreciation of the free enterprise system.

"Tom is also recognized

for his generosity and strong commitment to community service, tirelessly supporting numerous charitable organizations and individuals in need," Mr. Massey said. "We are proud to honor Tom Corr with the award."

Mr. Corr started an industrial and commercial maintenance business at 17 years old, and employed 35 people. He first became involved in the petroleum business as a distribution coordinator for Southern Petroleum in Houston, Texas. There, he learned the logistics necessary to more petroleum products

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Photo courtesy of Robert Lane

Carol and Tom Corr at the Dan K. Richardson Entrepreneur Program's 2013 Entrepreneur of the Year Award on March 12 at the Richardson Center on IRSC Mueller Campus in Vero Beach. Mr. Corr was recognized as this year's recipient of the award.

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**Corr**

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through the bulk distribution system. From there, he joined the George E. Warren Corporation in Boston, and in 1984 was promoted to vice president of trading, becoming a partner in the firm.

Mr. Corr then acquired a controlling interest in the company, and became president and CEO in 1987.

Under his leadership, the

company moved to Vero Beach in 1988, and adjusted to a myriad of geopolitical and weather events that impacted the oil industry.

Following the passage of the Clean Air Act in 1993, Mr. Corr changed direction of the company from a speculative to a blended industry, which resulted in the company becoming one of the nation's largest fuel importers, interacting with all major oil companies as a supplier of gasoline and distillates to New York Harbor,

the Gulf Coast and the middle United States.

Under Mr. Corr's guidance, the company also provides support to numerous charitable organizations, with emphasis on education and support for military troops. Mr. Corr is a founding member of the Indian River Community Foundation and The Learning Alliance.

Mr. Corr is married to Carol, father to Tom Corr III and Katie and is a proud grandfather of two.

John and Kathi Schumann at the Dan K. Richardson Entrepreneur Program's 2013 Entrepreneur of the Year Award on March 12 at the Richardson Center on IRSC Mueller Campus in Vero Beach.

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The Entrepreneurs of the Year, from 2000-13: Front, left: Bob Brackett, John Schumann, Tom Corr, Bud Adams and Sonny Williamson. Back, left: Don Proctor, Ray Oglethorpe, Jim Coffey, Vernon Smith, Dr. Richard Houghten and Sid Banack. The group attended the Dan K. Richardson Entrepreneur Program's 2013 Entrepreneur of the Year Award on March 12 at the Richardson Center on IRSC Mueller Campus in Vero Beach. Awardees not pictured are Barney and Harriot Greene, Alma Lee Loy and Dan Richardson.



Tom Corr, 2013 Entrepreneur of the Year, holds his granddaughter, Sadie, as Dr. Edwin Massey, Indian River State College president, greets them at the Dan K. Richardson Entrepreneurship Program's award ceremony, held on March 12 at the IRSC Mueller Campus Richardson Center in Vero Beach.

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**Waterfront**

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spoke at the meeting said they were opposed to the lease. They were more concerned that the non-profit suggested they were sought out for input, which was not the case.

Councilman Jim Hill was the lone voice on council that was still in favor of voting to move the lease forward.

The proposed lease is for 10 years with an automatic 10-year renewal if the organization is in compliance with the lease. The lease includes permission for two special events, up to three days long, per year, with a cut-off time of 7 p.m.

The events were permitted because the purpose of Fisherman's Landing Sebastian was to raise funds to support the commercial fishing industry in Sebastian.

Also in the proposal, the city would take over management of the old Hurricane Harbor property, which currently is sub-leased to a seafood market, oversee a future tenant to open a small over-the-counter seafood eatery and advance the educational side of the working waterfront vision with a fishing museum.

In addition, the city would construct a fish house, while the nonprofit would build an ice house on the site adjacent to the Hurricane Harbor property, the Dabrowski parcel.

For more information about upcoming city government meetings, or to view agendas, visit [www.cityofsebastian.org](http://www.cityofsebastian.org).

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**Staff photo by Jessica Tuggle**  
 Anthony Catanese, president of Florida Institute of Technology, Congressman Bill Posey and Fellsmere Mayor Susan Adams cut the ribbon to mark the grand opening of the Florida Tech challenge course in Fellsmere on March 11. The city and the university, along with federal agencies partnered to create the course, which will be used by the general public and the school's ROTC program.

## Ropes

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one of the ROTC students giving challenge course demonstrations during the grand opening. While atop the "Tarzan" course, Cadet Krider had to maneuver from ropes segment to ropes segment while doing belly and over-hand crawls and rope swings while attached with dual redundant overhead safety cables.

"We've done this about three times, and we making it look easy, but it's not really," Cadet Krider said with a laugh.

He said he is looking forward to having the close training course to add to his ROTC courses.

Capt. Lewis said there's a certain joy that can be had after accomplishing a challenge like the challenge

course in Fellsmere.

"Let's say you have a fear of heights. You try and you try and one day you finish one of those high challenges. You get a sense of accomplishment after that because you know you put a lot of hard work into it," Capt. Lewis said.

For more information about the course, contact Tim Fletcher at (321) 727-7930 or visit [www.fit.edu/challenge-course](http://www.fit.edu/challenge-course).

**Staff photo by Jessica Tuggle**  
 ROTC Cadets ascend one of the several challenge courses on the Florida Tech challenge course in Fellsmere.



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# Family starts over after devastating house fire

## Community rallies in support

By Jessica Tuggle  
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Within the past month, firefighters have been seen at the Indian River County Firefighters Fair, on the job fighting serious blazes and lending a helping hand to one of their own.

Two weeks ago, an early morning fire consumed

the family home of Scott Chnupa, a 21-year veteran of Indian River County fire rescue division. All seven members of the family made it out of the house safely, but the great majority of their belongings were burned to ashes.

At press time, the cause of the fire was still unknown.

Several individuals and organizations have set up donation funds, gathered clothing and other items to help the family recover

and begin a “new normal” phase in their lives.

At the Indian River County Firefighters Fair in Vero Beach last week, raffle tickets were sold and the proceeds were given to the Chnupa family.

Gene Hout, general manager of the Own It Now in Vero Beach, and his wife, Tracy, raised \$4,652 in the raffle for family during the fair. Winners of the raffle drawing won furniture sets, but one local winner decided to give her prize to the family instead.

Toni Falk donated her prize, a living room set, to the family, and Own It Now also contributed a dining room set to help the family get started when they are in a house of their own again.

Even if she didn't have a business that could contribute something as large as furniture, Mrs. Hout said this cause is one she



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

From left, Tracy Hout, whose husband is general manager of 'Own it Now,' takes raffle tickets from Eddie Owens of Vero Beach and Michael Faucher of Alabama, for firefighter Scott Chnupa and his family who lost everything in a house fire earlier this month.

would want to be involved with anyway.

“This guy is a firefighter,

when that station bell rings, he's the one that goes out there to respond. He's a hero every day,” Mrs. Hout said.

Raising awareness while at the firefighter's fair was a good way to share the community's caring for their own service personnel, she said.

“They are such good people. When I met them I told them it feels like we've known each other forever. We've definitely made new friends,” Mrs. Hout said.

Financial donations can also be made to the Chnupa Family Relief Fund, courtesy of the firefighters union, at 1818 Commerce Ave., Vero Beach.

Physical donations, such as furniture, kitchen items, bed sheets and blankets can be dropped off for the

family at the main fire station on Old Dixie Highway and 16th Street in Vero Beach or at Divine Animal Hospital in Vero Beach.

As is indicative of the times, within days of the fire, friends of the family set up a Facebook page sending the alert of the needs to legions of online friends and acquaintances about the situation.

An online donation page has been set up for the family that will remain active through April 8.

To view the Facebook support page, visit [www.facebook.com/ChnupaFamilyFireFund?ref=stream](http://www.facebook.com/ChnupaFamilyFireFund?ref=stream).

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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 March 6 to March 13, 2013

## Sebastian Police Department

- Joseph Michael Lerchenfeld, 29, of 1055 Royal Palm Blvd., Apt. 8, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of cocaine.
- Crystal Lee Lacretria Wanwagner, 35, of 1405 82nd Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with fleeing and eluding and possession of drug paraphernalia.

## Fellsmere Police Department

- Curtis Lyndell Hardy, 48,

of 4876 35th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with habitual driving while license suspended.

## Indian River County Sheriff's Office

- Jeremy Dominique Cobb, 21, of 4585 56th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a firearm, ammunition or electric device by a convicted felon and resisting arrest without violence.
- Frederick Anthony Gregory, 36, of 3981 47th Place, Vero Beach, was charged with grand theft, burglary of an occupied dwelling and criminal mischief.
- Durce Anson Jackson, 24, of 2050 Olenader Blvd., Apt. 106, Vero Beach, was charged with giving false information to a pawn broker and dealing in stolen property.
- Kathleen Patricia Sitasz,

54, of 4969 Corsica Square, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of oxycodone and petty theft.

- Michael Adarryl Slaugher, 20, of 1850 Woodland Circle, Apt. 301, Vero Beach, was charged with felony aggravated battery.
- Robert Williams, 37, of 2490 12th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with grand theft, two counts of dealing in stolen property and two counts of giving false information to a pawn broker.
- Cody Lee Williams-Claxton, 18, of 7865 97th Court, Vero Beach, was charged with being a fugitive from justice.
- Helen Janet Borcherds, 42, of 2666 10th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with battery on a security officer,

criminal mischief and reckless driving.

- Salvatore Charles Gibilisco, 28, of 8895 22nd St., Vero Beach, was charged with dealing in stolen property.
- Karen Elizabeth Nadeau, 33, of 1510 Sixth Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with nine counts of unlicensed practice of health care and nine counts of obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud.
- Andrew Ordrick Selogy, 43, of 8085 103rd Court, Vero Beach, was charged with burglary and battery.
- Cesar Ernesto Solis, 26, of 4141 16th St., Apt. 202, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of buphrenorphine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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- Yubran Vazquez Alvarez, 20, of 1124 E. 70th St., Savannah, was charged with armed robbery with a deadly weapon.
- Matthew Emmanuel Vasquez, 22, of 1124 E. 70th St., Savannah, was charged with armed robbery with a deadly weapon.
- James Martin Pedigo, 25, of 5450 Irby Lane, Sebastian, was charged with aggravated assault and battery.
- Nicholas Curry Footman, 29, of 4251 25th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with dealing in stolen property.
- Thomas Dozier Sikes, 47, of 1085 Eighth Place, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of cocaine.
- Amber Dawn Brannigan, 25, of 110 First St. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with habitual driving while license suspended.

# Vero Beach voters clamor for FP&L sale

By Jessica Tuggle  
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VERO BEACH — Vero Beach voters answered the “to sell, or not to sell” question with a resounding “yes” during a special election last week.

The Vero Beach City Council-approved referendum question to the public whether to sell the municipal electrical utility to Florida Power and Light is now in the books with a stamp of finality.

The election results were 63.75 percent for approval of the sale and 36.25 percent for rejecting the sale. The numbers were very similar to a 2011 vote on whether to lease the power plant land to FP&L.

A big selling point of

moving to FP&L power is that electric rates could see a decrease, proponents of the sale have said.

Currently, FP&L power rates are about 40 percent lower than what Vero Beach electric customers are paying.

Former Vero Beach Councilman Charlie Wilson, who is credited for vocalizing on council the need to pursue a sale with FP&L, was pleased with the results.

“Last night felt more like groundhogs day than Election Day,” Mr. Wilson said in an email. “This is the fifth time the people have spoken. It is time the ‘no supporters’ join with us to work together for what the people have recognized is a better future and lower rates. I thank the voters for

being well informed and getting out to vote.”

In the past few elections, city voters have chosen candidates who have said they are interested in getting out of the electric utility, Mr. Wilson has said.

Vero Beach City Manager Jim O'Connor said he is ready to move forward in the sale process.

“The vote was not unexpected and reinforces the challenge the city council gave me when I was hired, and that was to bring a contract to them for the sale of the electric system,” Mr. O'Connor said in an email. “Our next step will be to negotiate with Florida Municipal Power Agency the terms and conditions of our exit from the All Requirements project.”

The project serves

wholesale power to 14 cities around Florida and the municipal members are considered owners, not just customers of the power system.

Finding a way to extricate Vero Beach from three other power supply contracts has been achieved, but the large all-requirements project has yet to be negotiated, leading some councilmembers and members of the public to believe it will not happen.

According to the city's legal counsel on the sale and FP&L representatives, a closing date for the sale could occur as soon as 2014.

For more information about upcoming city government meetings, visit [www.covb.org](http://www.covb.org).

# Police brief

## Sebastian Bank robbed

At approximately 3:20 p.m. March 12, Sebastian Police responded to a bank robbery at the PNC Bank in the 900 block of Sebastian Boulevard in Sebastian.

A description of the suspect is a black male, possibly 20s in age; approximately 5'8" to 5'10" with a slim build; has patchy facial hair with a small mustache and small goatee.

The suspect was wearing a long white T-shirt with a lacy pink sweater over the

top, bright pink fuzzy slippers, black pants, a dark skull cap and carried a black and pink multicolored purse.

No one was injured in the incident. The suspect was observed leaving on foot, jumping a fence to the east of the bank. Additional information has yet to be confirmed regarding a vehicle description.

If anyone has possible information, contact the Sebastian Police Department at (772) 589-5233, Ext. 0, or Crime Stoppers at (800) 273-TIPS, where you may be eligible to receive a reward.

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## Having the software to do the job

Many people are surprised when they get their new machine home and someone sends them email with a Word or XL document attached and they cannot open it.

"Isn't this thing supposed to be able to handle these files already?" I often hear.

The assumption people make is if they get a machine with enough horsepower, memory and hard-drive space, it ought to do anything they need it to. To a degree, that is true. But the one thing that's missing is the software, or program, to do the job.

Programs that are installed after Windows are loaded enhance the system and allow the computer to run at its full potential. What programs we need installed depends on the files that we are trying to open and work with.

A lot of the files that we work with on the Internet, such as .jpg, .html and .txt files all will open with the built-in Windows applications (called "applets") but other files, such as .xls, .doc, .pdf and .ppt need programs that specifically handle those kinds of files.

The three-letter extension is what identifies to the computer what kind of file it is, what icon to display for it and what program to use to open it.

If the program that is required to open a file is not installed on the machine, then the file will be displayed with a generic Windows icon. When you try to open it, the computer will open a screen listing the installed applications asking what program you want to use to open it, because it doesn't recognize the file type.

Unfortunately, when we see that program list, usually we don't have a clue what to open it with either, for the same reason the computer got stumped — there is no program installed for that type of file.

So, that brings us back to the beginning, with the question of "What programs does a typical computer need installed, on top of Windows, in order to be able to handle most of the file formats that everyone else in the world is using?"

Why is it that some machines can already handle certain files and some machines cannot?



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And, when you buy a computer, what should you look for as far as "bundled" software goes?

Let's take the last question first and talk about "bundled" software. Some computer manufacturers have made deals with software vendors to "bundle" their software with every computer they sell. They, of course, get some sort of commission for including the software in with the price of the machine. Where things get tricky is every computer manufacturer has a different bundling agreement, or none at all, so every computer comes with different software loaded on top of Windows.

What that means is one computer bought from one manufacturer will usually have different software installed than what may be installed in another computer of the same hardware specs (horsepower) from another manufacturer.

So you've decided to get a new computer. What bundled software should you look for, above and beyond Windows, that will allow you to do some of the more common tasks without getting the dreaded "unknown file type message?"

Well, the most common bundle that ought to be installed is some level of Office Suite.

An office suite, such as MS Office, Open Office or even Works Office, is a package of software to handle Word processing, spreadsheets, databases, and is a must-have for productivity.

For things such as .pdf files, an adobe portable document, the Acrobat reader can be installed. Adobe Reader and Open Office are free and can sometimes be found bundled with other software or easily downloaded from the Internet. But that is the subject of another column altogether.

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

## Taking a walk through history



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

The Heritage Center in downtown Vero Beach was home to 'A Heritage Celebration, The Indian River Story' Thursday, March 14. In a chronological historical order, booths started at the front door with 1,200 BP, The Old Vero Ice Age Committee to the present. Ruth Stanbridge, charter member of the Historical Society, discusses county history with Thomas Mentzinger. For more pictures, see B5.



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### School budget cuts

The school board needs to make major changes in order to balance the school budget. The community was invited to provide input Thursday night, March 7, as to where the cuts should be made or not made in order to address a \$15 million short fall. At this point in time, there are no easy solutions.

At the present time, the Florida legislators are meeting in Tallahassee for their yearly sixty-day session. The \$15 million shortfall originates in Tallahassee. School systems throughout Florida are facing difficult financial times because Florida legislators have failed, over the years, to properly fund public education. Tax money that would have been directed to public education has been diverted to other areas such as the voucher system. The Florida legislators are not being held accountable for fully funding public education.

The Florida legislators are fast to support the evaluation of students, schools and teachers. Now is the time to evaluate the performance of the Florida legislators as to their support of public education. The Humane Society has been evaluating Congress for years as to legislation affecting animals. The school boards, teacher organizations, and parent associations need to evaluate the Florida legislators every year. A Florida Legislative Scorecard could be put together individually or collectively by the school boards, teacher organizations, and parent associations.

The community needs to hold the legislators accountable as to their support of public education. The Florida Legislative Scorecard would provide the public at large as to which Florida legislators support public education. A well-informed public will support public education. The youth of Florida deserve an excellent public school system.

### About the gun laws

Currently there is ongoing debate regarding the right of an individual to keep and bear arms. President Obama, who has been a gun hater since his days as senator, is in full support of this effort.

Several other members of Congress, mainly Senator Feinstein, have expressed a desire to severely restrict our individual right by outlawing certain weapon types and restricting the number of rounds a firearm can hold. What they ultimately want is to completely eliminate certain weapons, by making it illegal to manufacture, sell, possess, or even will a firearm to someone. What they won't tell you, or admit, is that the weapons they want to ban are common weapons used by law-abiding citizens in a variety of shooting sports. Plus, they don't admit that the weapon ban previously signed into law by another gun hater, Bill Clinton, did not work. The problem was and remains to be the lack of attention given towards mental health. A sane person is not going to commit mass murder. If lawmakers seriously want to do something to reduce the possibility of a repeat slaughter, they should focus on mental health and gang violence. The entire congress could actually work on a bill together to accomplish something. Somehow I believe it will be another missed opportunity to do something positive.

### Nursing home neglect

Nursing home neglect and abuse is a problem that is getting swept under the carpet and it should not be. Our elderly should be treated with dignity and respect. There should not even be an issue as nursing home neglect and abuse. When there are billboards and commercials asking you if you are a victim or a family member a victim of abuse and neglect in a nursing home, you know that this is

a very serious issue. There needs to be a crackdown on the owner, owners and corporations to make sure that the nursing facilities are fully staffed and the staff fully trained properly for the ones in need. The owners need to trim down their fat paychecks for the ones in need for health reasons. There is too much greed going on in this world today. It seems to me that the nursing homes are only getting a slap on the wrist with fines and cited. It's like getting a speeding ticket, pay it and move on to the next citation. It's not fair to the elderly and their families. The nursing homes are supposed to be there to care for them, not abuse and neglect the residents. Abuse and neglect is a crime whether it is the children, elderly, or animals. Why are the nursing homes getting by with this? We need hospitals, nursing homes, rehabs, doctors, nurses, surgeons, etc. Everyone should be in the best care possible. Need to bring all the bad nursing homes up to good. It's the right thing to do. Please Take action and contact state legislators about putting an end to nursing home neglect and abuse. Let's make this a better, safer, and healthier world for everyone. We need change.

### Regarding the sequester

The federal government decided to sequester its agencies and employees for an undesignated amount of time slashing funds and salaries. This maneuver by the federal government has caused outrage. I was dismayed to hear that the government has begun to close needed recreational activities on our military bases. Armed forces members on base are home for rest and relaxation are not allowed to work on their vehicles in their state of the arts facility. All on base youth programs on select bases are closed. The government feels these are necessary tools too extravagant for our men and women returning from their obligations and duties overseas. Many returnees have done multiple assignments overseas, and they need these facilities on base for reasons such as affordability and a way to vent after their treacherous assignments.

As a member of the Road to Victory Museum, it is crucial that we contact our Congress representatives asking that these facilities not be slashed to the bare bones. Our men and women in our Armed forces have done so much for our country. A visit to our Road to Military Museum off Ocean Blvd behind Memorial Park in Stuart will indicate to residents and visitors the sacrifices of these brave men and women.

### Zombies?

I am starting to believe there are zombies in Barefoot Bay. I first realized this while driving down the road. There was a group of what I first believed were people walking down the center of the road, blocking the entire lane. Thinking they did not know there was a car behind them. I beeped the horn. They all turned and looked at me with blank faces, and continued walking down the middle of the street.

I have also seen several of them near the main intersection where people post signs for tag sales. They stop in the middle of the road to write down the location of the tag sales, oblivious to the cars stuck behind them. I would not have believed it but they can also drive golf carts, but not well. You see them at the Winn Dixie Plaza driving down the sidewalk, or parking the carts on the walk blocking the entrances to the businesses. I don't think any of them are dangerous, just very ill-mannered and inconsiderate of others.

### Golf course consideration

Sebastian Golf Course is a great facility with great employees. The attached restaurant has very good food and reasonable prices, but we've experienced not so great service, so we will not be patrons. You'd think that a restaurant attached to a pro shop/golf course would try to cater to the golfers. Instead, we, along with our frequent winter guests, have been made to wait when it wasn't busy, ignored, and told they don't have any "quick" sandwiches. We have heard this from many other members and year-round golfers who refuse to use the restaurant, even for a beverage. Golfers are coming in after nine holes of golf and would like to grab a quick snack. What would be wrong with having a half dozen sandwiches made up and ready in a cooler for a set price (that could be replenished as used) and someone assigned to work the counter on a daily basis? Especially during the busy season? They might even make some extra money, and members and guests would sure enjoy a snack and friendly service before, during or after a round. Thank you.

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## New management adds variety and appeal to flea market

New rent rates attracted more than 50 new vendors

**By Chris Fish**  
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BREVARD — Since his family has taken over management of the flea market on Eau Gallie Boulevard in Melbourne, Ed Renninger wants residents to know that his business is aiming for perfection.

"It's much nicer than what it was four months ago," he said about the business he and his family took over on Nov. 1. "We are very dealer-friendly, which is something we have developed during a period of 35 to 40 years. We know that dealers have to be successful for us to be successful."

The Renningers, who own four other markets, with two in Pennsylvania and an antiques and flea market in Mount Dora, said they are redeveloping the market to make it more appealing and dealer-friendly.

"We are redoing the roof and the outside to make it more appealing," Mr. Renninger said. "Also, the bathrooms have been complete-

ly redone. If it isn't good enough for me, than it's not good enough for my customers."

Mr. Renninger has also revamped the rent structure to make it more affordable and to attract a variety of local vendors to enhance a customer's experience.

"We have somewhere from 50 to 60 new vendors, some with multiple spaces," he said. "There is a lot more variety than what used to be here. The old owners discouraged weekly rents, but I think weekly rents turn into monthly rents."

Renningers Flea Market contains several vendors, including a variety of foods, clothing and some antiques.

Mr. Renninger said one popular vendor is a man, who sells air-plants, a form of eco-friendly gardening that does not require soil.

"It was funny to see him come in there," he said. "He wanted to try it on a weekend, and he booked three spots a weekend on a monthly basis. There is



Photo courtesy of Renningers Flea Market  
Chris, Cindy and Ed Renninger, owners of the Renningers Flea Market in Melbourne on Eau Gallie Boulevard, are bringing in new and innovative ideas to their business.

always a crowd around his area."

For the future, Mr. Renninger hopes to continue to develop the outside area and create a climate-controlled area of the market.

"I have been getting a lot of inquiries about antiques, but, with the way the market currently is, there is not a place for vendors to safely leave expensive items," he said. "With a climate con-

trolled, insulated area, there will be an availability for antiques."

Renningers Flea Market is located at 4835 W. Eau Gallie Blvd. in Melbourne.

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In the world of fundraising, nothing seems to beat the work of Color Me Rad 5K Run, to benefit the Senior Resource Association. Nearly 4,000 people came to Pointe West Saturday morning to run, have fun and get their color on. Runners ran in waves and were pelted with colored cornstarch at various points along the route, including at the finish line. Karen Deigl, president/CEO said, the event 'exceeded her expectations.' When she was asked about the great weather, she replied 'the stars were lined up; multiple colored stars.' With such a big turnout, she expects the event will make more than \$20,000 for the association.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer Nobody, including Willis Lowell, was impervious to the color pounding at the finish line of Color Me Rad 5K Run Saturday at Pointe West.



The first wave of runners in the Color Me Rad 5K Run at Pointe West got their color on as staff blasted them with brightly colored cornstarch.

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Allison Carter gets a shot of color as she crosses the finish line Saturday.



Tracy Kendrick of Vero Beach heads into the foam at the starting line during the Color Me Rad 5K Run.

## Using house plants to beautify your home

For most of us, we do most of our gardening outdoors, where we can receive lots of fresh air and sunshine. Why not bring some of that same fresh air and sunshine inside?

You can if you use live houseplants as decorative accents throughout your home. Using houseplants to decorate your home can liven up your living space dramatically and also as an added bonus, they can

make your living space healthier!

Houseplants can have many uses in your home. Plants can add both color and diversity to your décor, as well as adding the healthy benefit of being a live air filter.

There are many plants to choose from, including herbs. You can grow herbs right on your kitchen windowsill and enjoy fresh flavor anytime just by pinching off a few leaves.

Another great category of indoor plants includes ivy and philodendrons. These lovely plants can be grown as is and kept trimmed or they can be trained to grow



**GARDEN NOOK**  
 JOE ZELENAK

on almost any trellis or other structure for a remarkably relaxing effect. These plants are easy to care for and do not have many insect enemies. Mainly they require water, occasional fertilizer and lots of love.

If you prefer a more exotic look, indoor tropicals would probably be the key for you. Indoor tropicals can give your home the

Florida cottage look that many of us try to recreate. There are many choices to be had including ficus, areca palms, rubber trees, marginatas and more. Most of these plants are easy to care for, but will require a well-lit part of the house.

Putting your house plants in a dark corner can often lead to leaf drop over an extended period of time. There is a solution for this, however.

If you want to place plants in an area that is not well lit, buy two of the same plant you are going to use to decorate with. Put the second plant in a well-lit area such as your porch and swap the plants out about once a week or so. The rotation will help keep both plants looking fresh and vibrant.

Once you start your new indoor garden project, you will want to have all the tools necessary to maintain your plants. You will want to purchase a small watering can and many of these choices are decorative as well. They can add beauty as well as being functional. You will also want to purchase some water-soluble fertilizer and indoor plant insect spray for those occasional pest infestations.

Joe Zelenak has more than 30 years experience in gardening and landscape. Send e-mails to [hometowngarden@gmail.com](mailto:hometowngarden@gmail.com) or visit his website [www.hometowngarden.com](http://www.hometowngarden.com).

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## Welcome home, Mike Beck!



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Mike Beck crossed the finish line, so to speak, on Friday as he entered the Centennial Trail at Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge, finishing a nearly 1,400-mile ride over 14 days to raise awareness of Pelican Island. The bicycle ride, called the Pelican Ride, began in Washington D.C. March 2.



Week of 3-22-2013

**ARIES - March 21-April 20**

Aries, avoid making a mistake you may regret later. Difficulties are expected with any situation, but you have to rise above and exhibit grace under pressure.

**TAURUS - April 21-May 21**

Taurus, address a situation that concerns you so it does not become a major misunderstanding. Others share your concerns, but they might be waiting for someone else to speak up.

**GEMINI - May 22-June 21**

Gemini, now might be a great time to present a new image. Someone you want to get to know better will respond to the changes you make in a positive way.

**CANCER - June 22-July 22**

Ask questions and you will likely get all the right answers, Cancer. Trust your intuition to fill in the blanks and rely on the people you look to for advice to guide you in the right direction.

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

Leo, enjoy activities and challenges that enable you to use your talents and skills fully. Stick to relationships with positive people and you will be just fine.

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

Virgo, don't let someone pressure you into doing something you don't want to do. Be prepared to face a few challenges, the most important of which might be figuring out your love life.

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

Listen and observe what everyone is doing this week, Libra. Once you have a clear image you can take the appropriate action to achieve all of your goals.

**SCORPIO - Oct. 24-Nov. 22**

Scorpio, the people you interact with this week will teach you some valuable lessons. Your gut instinct will lead you in the right direction, but it's up to you to take

See **SCOPES, B4**

## Charter high school goes to 'Wonderland'

Graduate displays artistic flair with costumes

By Jessica Tuggle

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Next month, students at Indian River Charter High School will go down a rabbit hole and hope to come out on top.

The Prince Street Players musical version of "Alice in Wonderland," will be the debut show at the performing arts school's new theater venue, the Charter Dome, for three evening performances April 5-7.

The play is a musical version of Lewis Carroll's whimsical and wacky book and will be a treat for the eyes and ears of all in attendance, said Michael Naffziger, theater director.

"More than 100 students will be involved in the pro-

duction in one way or another, from dancers to light and sound technicians," he said.

Audiences will be treated to fashionable, stylized versions of the familiar characters designed by graduated Indian River Charter High School student, Wendy Gonzalez.

In the past, large productions similar to "Alice in Wonderland" would be done in the Vero Beach Theater Guild facility because there wasn't a place on campus large enough to hold a big crowd, but with the Charter Dome, students can organize and present their artistic visions in a more familiar setting, their school home.

The Charter Dome is a breezy, outdoor theater venue with a covering in the

See **ALICE, B4**



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

From left, Mariah Moore, 'The Hatter,' Harley Del Cogliano, the 'Queen of Hearts,' costume designer, Wendy Gonzalez and April Consalo, 'Alice,' fit costumes at the Indian River Charter High School Wednesday, March 13.

## Out & about

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.

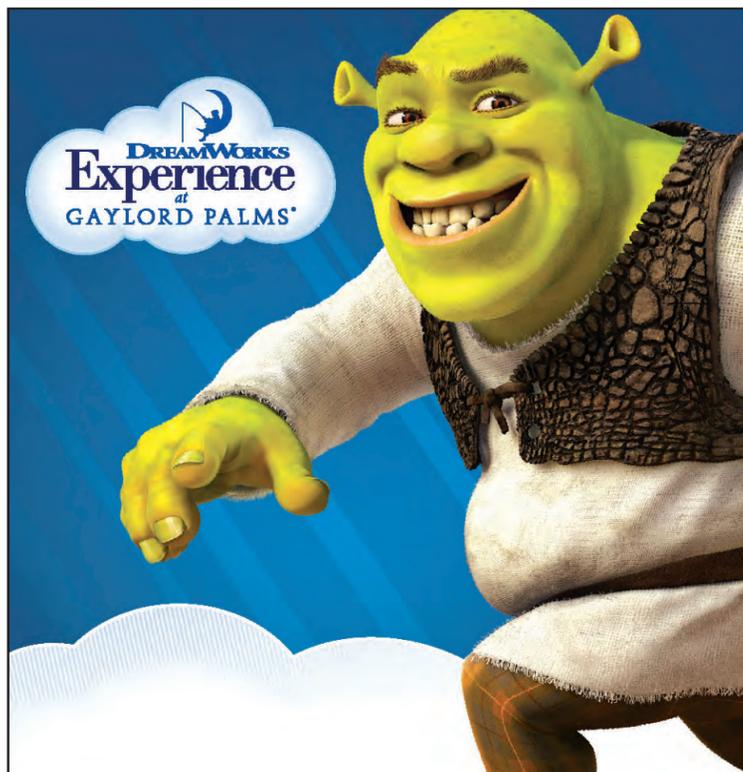
THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 24

• 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.vero-beach-theatre-guild.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.

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# Grand Cypress has some great golf courses to play on

In a town best known for its theme parks, Orlando is also home to a nirvana of golf destinations, the Villas of Grand Cypress Golf Resort.

In addition to fabulous accommodations, exquisite dining, a relaxing spa, tennis, two refreshing swimming pools, a health and fitness center, and plenty of activities for children and adults alike, Grand Cypress offers some of Florida's best golf. Not only can you play the best tracks in Orlando, but you can include lessons at the Academy of Golf to get your game on-track.

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most units featuring a kitchen, you can truly make this home.

The club features three nines, the North, South and East, all originally designed and recently renovated by Jack Nicklaus, and the 18-hole New Course, a Nicklaus masterpiece.

The North, South and East nines test your mental toughness and accuracy rather than your strength and distance. They may be played in several combinations and are marked by sharply ledged fairways, tall shaggy mounds, greens perched above water and sand, and many beautiful

trees. It's a demanding test of target-style golf.

To play the new course, which opened in 1988, is to step into a world of golf unlike any other in Florida. Nicklaus' masterpiece, built in the midst of a rolling, open meadow, is a tribute to the old course at St. Andrews. Complete with double greens, stone bridges and walls, gorse mounds, burns, and those pesky pot bunkers as deep as 12 feet, it is a creation in the Scottish spirit.

Very little water comes into play on the course, but it may be found. The interior of the course offers few trees, creating huge fairways and plenty of room to miss your target and still have a shot. Of course your wayward shots may find one of those deep pot bunkers, or another fairway, or even a mound covered in gorse. You could also face a putt from well

over 100 feet if you find the wrong side of a double green.

Like all links courses, the new course's defense is not in its length. Without trees, but with devilish bunkers and swirling winds, the course is well defended. Mother Nature decides just how difficult your round will be.

In addition to a few long par-4s, there is one that tempts you to drive the green and yet another where trying such foolishness will likely introduce you to the burn.

Three of the four par-5s tempt you to get home in two with a hybrid or long iron. However, that decision could be made for you should you find a bunker off the tee. Doing so can turn any hole into a par-6 or worse. I quickly learned to take my medicine and make certain that I hit my next shot out of the bunker, even if it meant going backwards.

At the new course, you need not be afraid of spraying the ball a bit. I actually hit the same fairway from three different tees during my round. The greens are huge with subtle undulations and are kept at a respectable speed. In true Scottish links fashion, you can choose many ways to play any shot. There are times when you should bump and run the ball, and others where you'll need to hit it high and land it softly. You'll use every club and every shot in your bag here.

As you step to the 18th tee to conclude your round, you can picture in your mind's eye the final and first holes surrounded by bleachers filled with fans. You can feel the spirit of the game and all those who have played on a links course before. The new course doesn't have the history of the old course, but

it has the "feel". Best of all, it's just a short drive from home.

After our round we dropped by The Club, a restaurant and sports bar right in the clubhouse, for an early dinner, while catching up on the day's sports news and enjoying a cold beverage. For elegant dining the Nine 18, overlooking the ninth and 18th greens of the North and South Courses, offers fine steaks, seafood and more.

To find out about golf packages and more at the Villas of Grand Cypress Golf Resort, visit [www.grandcypress.com](http://www.grandcypress.com) or call 877-330-7377.

*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 [stammergolf@yahoo.com](mailto:stammergolf@yahoo.com).*

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## Beach clean-up taking place March 30

For Hometown News [newsfp@hometownnewsol.com](mailto:newsfp@hometownnewsol.com)

WABASSO — The Environmental Learning Center is sponsoring a Big Beach Clean Up from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 30 as one of its 25th anniversary celebration events. The beach clean-up is hosted by Penny Hill Beach Emporium.

Parking for the clean-up will take place at Wabasso Beach, or follow the additional parking signs. Participants should then start by visiting ELC's booth alongside Penny Hill Beach Emporium

located at 1840 Wabasso Beach Road.

Pick-up gloves, bags, and picker-uppers will be provided. When a participant returns with a full bag of beach trash, they will receive a special gift that includes an array of items including free ELC admission passes, memberships or a free canoe excursion.

The first 50 early birds also will receive an official ELC/Penny Hill reusable acrylic cup and free drink refills for the rest of the day. They may bring the cup back to Penny Beach Emporium

any time after the clean-up and receive a discount on drink refills.

The Environmental Learning Center is a nature center located north of Vero Beach off County Road 510 at the western end of the Wabasso Bridge.

More than 30,000 children from the county have participated in ELC's educational programs, one of the few experiential field trips offered to all children in the Indian River school system.

The center is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday from 9

a.m. to noon, and on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, with children under 12 free. The first Saturday of every month the admission fee is waived. The 64-acre island campus includes a Discovery Station with aquariums, a marine touch tank and exhibits as well as a native plant gardens, a self-guided audio tour, picnic facilities, a gift shop and a visitor center. ELC is a non-profit organization funded by private donations.

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### Out

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• The City of Vero Beach Recreation Department will present its **54th annual Easter Egg Hunt** March 23, at Mulligan's Grille & Raw Bar in

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26**

Vero Beach. The hunting begins at 10 a.m. For more information, call (772) 567-2144 or visit [www.covb.org](http://www.covb.org).

• Ralph Brown, Project Engineer for the St. Johns River Water Management District will be the speaker at the **See OUT, B4**

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# Association names Emergency Service Provider of the Year

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

TREASURE COAST — Treasure Coast Fire Chiefs' Association honored Lt. David Dangerfield as Emergency Service Provider of the Year at their annual awards banquet held Jan. 18 at Gator Trace Country Club in Fort Pierce.

"The TCFCFA wishes to congratulate Lt. Dangerfield for his extensive involvement throughout his career with his department and the community," said retired Fire Chief Lori Sunderman, president of the TCFCFA. "We are hon-

ored to present the 2012 'Emergency Service Provider of the Year' award and proud to recognize his work for the Treasure Coast."

Lt. Dangerfield is a 24-year veteran of the Indian River County Fire Rescue. He is currently assigned to Fire Station No. 2 where he is the Field Training Officer for the Dive Rescue Team of A-Shift.

In addition to responding to traditional calls for the area, Station 2 houses marine rescue units which respond to calls from backyard pools, canals, marshes, intracoastal waterways and the Atlantic Ocean. Lt.



David Dangerfield

Dangerfield also serves on Special Operations – High Angle Team.

He is a fire instructor at Indian River State College's

Fire Academy.

Lt. Dangerfield is founder and current chairman for the annual Firefighters' Chili and Salsa Cook-off. The event has raised more than \$90,000 for local children's charities in Indian River County since 2003. Lt. Dangerfield is also active in the Big Heart Brigade of Indian River County, which provides Thanksgiving Day meals for those in need. He and his wife, Leslie, have two sons, Christopher and Bryce.

Dangerfield was one of four candidates nominated for this award. Other nominees included: Glen Black-

ford, Public Safety Officer, Jupiter Island Public Safety Department; Scott Legg, Battalion Chief, Martin County Fire Rescue; and Thomas Mikovsky, Lieutenant, St. Lucie County Fire District.

Member agencies for the TCFCFA include: Florida Forest Service, Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association, Indian River

County Fire Rescue, Indian River Shores Department of Public Safety, Indian River State College, Jupiter Island Department of Public Safety, Martin County Fire Rescue, Okeechobee County Fire Rescue, Okeechobee Fire Department, St. Lucie County Fire District, Stuart Fire Rescue and Treasure Coast EMS Advisory Council.

## The sights, the sounds... the fair



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For 34 years, the Firefighters' Indian River County Fair has helped those stricken by fire in Indian River County.

Each year, the midway of the Strates Show is home to some of the best food, rides and games found at any county fair. The sounds of children laughing and the smell of the food always gets you in the mood to have fun. This year's fair included newcomers, Disc Connected K9's, a flying disc derby with some of the world's most talented canines. Each year proceeds from the fair go to the Indian River County Burn Fund, scholarships and fairground improvements.



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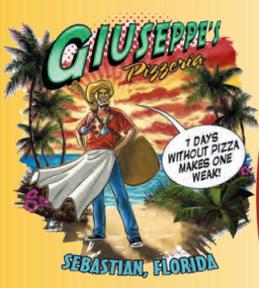
From left, Taylor Hatton, 11, Abigail Flynt, 12, both of Sebastian and Olivia Ohler, 13, of Vero Beach fly through the air in the Cliff Hanger Thursday, March 14.



Michelle Thomas and 'Spencer,' put on quite a show with Disc Connected Frisbee Dogs Thursday evening.

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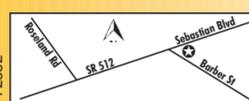
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# Grant finalists announced, winners to present case April 11

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Impact 100's leadership team has concluded its intense vetting process by selecting eight grant finalists to present to the full membership for final selection at the April 11 annual meeting at Oak Harbor. Four \$100,000 grants will be presented; the finalists not chosen as winners will each split any remaining money over the \$400,000, ensuring that every penny of the membership fund is awarded.

For the first time the eight projects represent all four focus areas: family; health and wellness; education; and enrichment and environment. Impact 100's grant finalists for the 2013 season include:

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Indian River County:** Big Brother Big Sisters and Youth Guidance will collaborate to provide comprehensive mentor training, staff development and a Mentor Roundtable facilitation for Indian River County nonprofits that are implementing a mentoring program. The grant will provide for the hiring of a trainer/coordinator as well as establishing a resource library.

**Camp Haven:** This grant will be the only shelter for homeless adults without dependent children in the county. The program provides for newly homeless persons to avoid a rapid spiral into chronic homelessness. This will also include caseworker support, life-skills education and shelter

and meals for county men and women in a supportive living opportunity for those who seek to rise out of homelessness. Their grant also includes a new roof and a small commercial kitchen for their new property, formerly the Citrus Motel. Residents stay for six months, with a follow-up program for one year.

**Early Learning Coalition:** This comprehensive parent education program, "Ready! For Kindergarten," will target 250 parents of four-year old children who are enrolled in Voluntary Pre-kindergarten in Indian River County. Parents will play a major role in supporting their child's intellectual and social-emotional growth using the training and tools provided. Included will be 250 kits at a cost of \$206 each. It will also provide for the hiring of a program coordinator.

**Environmental Learning Center:** This project proposes to buy and install the only children's interactive environmental exhibit in Indian River County. It will include six professionally designed innovative, interactive museum quality exhibits for children that will employ

the whole learning wheel — from goal setting, to experimenting and observing, to reviewing and finally action planning. This complete process allows children to learn new skills and perhaps new ways of thinking and behaving.

**Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute Foundation:** (in collaboration with Indian River Land Trust) This Junior Scientists Fellows Program will create an ongoing group of Student Fellows who understand and know how to provide solutions to environmental problems in our community. Students at Vero Beach High School, Sebastian High School and St. Edwards School will learn the science needed to manage critical waterfront lands and habitats along the Indian River Lagoon.

**Senior Resource Association:** Their grant is for relocating the Adult Day Care Center, the only one in Indian River County, to the Schumann Center. The present facility is inadequate for bathroom and kitchen facilities. Funds will be used to relocate from its retrofitted, cramped 1952 house to the adjacent Schumann Center,

which will significantly increase the number of seniors served daily from 35 to 69. The vision requires modifications, including remodeled bathrooms, construction of mobile partitions, installation of safety elements and a porte-cochere, addition of a secure outdoor garden, and appropriate health care furniture which lends to the independence of participants

**Treasure Coast Community Health:** This grant will provide oral health education and preventative care through the expansion of pediatric services at their Oslo center. The grant calls for converting administrative space to allow for three new dental chairs. This would result in 5,000 new dental visits a year and cut down on their three-month waiting period to be seen. Children six months to four years old will receive application of preventative material on their teeth, providing early interventions and guidance. Instructions will be given to parents on how to provide age appropriate oral hygiene for approximately 350 children.

**Vero Beach Theater Guild:** This grant will offer a sub-

stantial number of elderly residents musical theatre access with "Project Guild on the Go" providing four musical programs and 96 performances among identified 24 retirement, assisted living and nursing facilities. The purpose is to enrich the lives of thousands of elderly residents who formerly were active contributors and volunteers in our community who now cannot access the theater because of financial, health, and/or mobility problems. The grant would be used to purchase a cargo van; sound equipment, software and a portable stage. Performers and staff are all volunteers.

The grant review process begins each January. Panel members study the grant proposals, review financial documents and perform site visits. Those grant requests that are found to meet Impact 100 criteria are then forwarded to the Leadership team for an all-day review and selection vetting process. The finalists are selected and will make their cases before the full membership at the annual meeting April 11.

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## Alice

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school's courtyard area.

"The construction of the dome was made possible by two generous private donors," Mr. Naffziger said. "A moveable, stackable stage was purchased and will allow the performing arts department to put on shows in various configurations, including in the round."

Mr. Naffziger came to Vero Beach after directing in Los Angeles and couldn't be more thrilled with his students and

their dedication to the arts.

"They rise to the occasion. If I told them we had to perform this in the parking lot, they'd say OK. The applause is secondary to them, they do this because they love it," Mr. Naffziger said.

The "Wonderland" characters in the school's production will be quite different from the Disney characters everyone is used to seeing, Mr. Naffziger said.

"A story like "Alice in Wonderland" reinforces the idea that human imagination is both amazing and something to never let die," he said

The costume designs are more modern and learn toward high fashion rather than cutesy and comical. The

many personalities of the characters clearly shine through with colors, shapes and the materials used in creation of the costumes.

"Ms. Gonzalez's creativity and originality in both make-up and costume design will only enhance the audience's experience of 'Alice in Wonderland,'" he said.

The Red Queen's outfit takes on a fierce edge with red wire mesh coverings, evoking Lady Gaga. The Tweedle brothers, instead of short and dumpy, are portrayed as tall and thin with the help of stilts, making it necessary to customize pants for the pair that are about 6-feet long.

Though she graduated from the school in 2007, Ms. Gonza-

lez is happy to lend her talents as the theater's costume designer and stay in touch with the performing arts at her alma mater.

"I'm a stay-at-home mom and this something I love to do," Ms. Gonzalez said.

The production of the costumes happens at her home, which she admits is slowly taking over her space.

"It started out in the guest room and now it's in about half of my living room," she said with a laugh.

Tickets to the musical are still available and are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.

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action.

### SAGITTARIUS – Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Sagittarius, consider what made you happy in the past and work toward achieving that happiness again. Things will fall into place if you are honest with yourself.

### CAPRICORN – Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Do your best to sort through any strong emo-

tions, Capricorn. Remember, you cannot have happy days all the time, but you can learn from the challenging ones.

### AQUARIUS – Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Take on a new challenge or hobby to meet new people, Aquarius. Entertaining friends and their mutual friends will open up new possibilities.

### PISCES – Feb. 19-March 20

Pisces, trust your intuition regarding matters of the heart. Love is in the stars, and you should look for that special person.

## Out

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**Friends of St. Sebastian River March meeting.** Mr. Brown will provide an update on two stormwater management projects the District is building, to improve water quality in the St. Sebastian River. The largest — the Fellsmere Water Management Area is nearing completion and the second — Wheeler Grove Stormwater Park, in Micco is a newer project in

development. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at the North Indian River County Library, 1001 Sebastian Blvd., in Sebastian.

### 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](http://www.mckee-garden.org).

### SATURDAY, MARCH 30

• The Environmental Learning Center is sponsoring a **Big Beach Clean Up** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. as one of its 25th anniversary celebration events. Pick-up gloves, bags, and picker-uppers will be provided. Parking for the clean-up is at Wabasso Beach, or follow the additional parking signs. For more information visit [www.DiscoverELC.org](http://www.DiscoverELC.org) or call (772) 589-5050.

### 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](http://www.mckee-garden.org).

### ONGOING EVENTS

• **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.  
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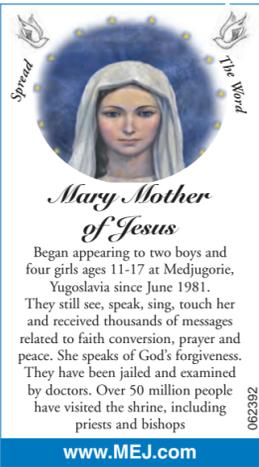
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## David L. Barnett

David L. Barnett, 73, of Barefoot Bay, died March 10, 2013. He was born in Youngstown, Ohio and moved to Barefoot Bay in 2001. He served in the U.S. Marines. He is survived by his daughter, Kelly (Frank); three sisters, Eileen, Rose and Patricia; a brother, Bill; two grandchildren, Madison and Sydney and a sister-in-law, Rhoda.

Arrangements by Strunk Funeral Home and Crematory.

## John Ralph Simone Sr.

John Simone Sr., 75, of Sebastian, died March 10, 2013. He was born in New Haven, Conn. He served in the U.S. Army. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Debra; three daughters, Ann Marie, Lisa Marie and

Simone; two sons, John and Ralph; five sisters, Justine, Patricia, Josephine, MaryLou and Barbara; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Arrangements by Haisley Funeral & Cremation Service.

## George Henry Daley

George Henry Daley, 76, of Sebastian, died March 10, 2013. He was born in Rutland, Vt., and

moved to Sebastian 25 years ago. He served in the U.S. Marines. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Rita; four daughters, Anne, Priscilla, Patricia and Debra; two sons, George and Shawn; three stepdaughters, Kathy, Shirley and Lisa; two stepsons, Larry and Greg; two brothers, Jim and Bill; three sisters, Mary, Kathy and Nancy; 40 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

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## Bike, Mike!



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer Friends, family and well-wishers lined the sidewalk and clap as Mike Beck crossed the finish line, so to speak, Friday and entered the Centennial Trail at Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge, finishing a nearly 1,400-mile ride to raise awareness of Pelican Island as the 'First Refuge.' The 1,400-mile in 14-days bicycle ride, called the Pelican Ride, began in Washington D.C. March 2.

## Where the wild things are

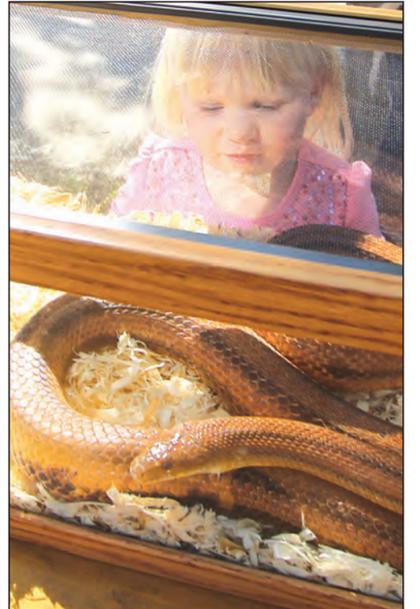


Cliff Partlow/staff photographer Ed Bowes of the Treasure Coast Wildlife Center waits with the center's resident bald eagle.

You couldn't have asked for better weather for the Pelican Island Wildlife Festival in Riverview Park Saturday. The event honors 'America's First National Wildlife Refuge est. 1903.' Live shows by the Treasure Coast Wildlife Center and the Treasure Coast Herpetological Society informed the crowd about wildlife in the area. The TCWC brought several native birds, which included a red-shouldered and peregrine falcons, bared and great horned owls and a bald eagle. Snakes always seem to be a hit, especially with the children. One of the TCHS snakes, a Florida pine snake, drew a crowd as it rested on top of the cages as if it was waiting to be petted. Other booths included The Pelican Island Preservation Society, U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, the Pelican Island Audubon Society, artists and sculptors displaying their wildlife art.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer Gene Certrulo and daughter Sophia, 4, examine the touch tank supplied by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Service.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer Mckayla Cloran, 3, of Vero Lake Estates, admires, from afar, a red rat snake.

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## Out

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• **Men's singles tennis pyramid:** Play runs from 6-8 p.m. every Thursday at the Riverside Racquet Complex, 350 Dahlia Lane, Vero Beach. This is an adult league for ages 18 and older; men's levels of 3.5/4.0. The fees are \$2 per week for members and \$5 per week for non-members (plus \$1 light fee per hour when

applicable). Participants must check inside the pro shop with the attendant on duty and pay before going to the courts. Players must register weekly by sending an email to Brian Orzel, singles pyramid coordinator at orzelbp@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.

• **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.

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Crossword puzzle grid with words filled in: CRAIGS, MANTRA, IFYU, TANNERY, GRO, SERIES, TAIL, ORFASH, ATLCAN, SHEBANG, FELLA, CANOE, IDONT, DELE, DAY, USN, YOUR, ALL, REGARD

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