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For more information, visit www.YourWorkforceSolutions.com.

"The Man with the Golden Voice" keynote speaker at benefit dinner.

"The Man With The Golden Voice" Ted Williams will be the keynote speaker at The Salvation Army of Indian River County's "The Soap, Soup and Salvation" benefit dinner from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 6 at The Oak Harbor Club House in Vero Beach.

The event will begin at 5 p.m. with light Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails from the cash bar and dinner followed by Ted Williams

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Sunday: Partly cloudy; high: 79; low: 59; high tide: 6:57 a.m.; low tide: 12:58 p.m.

Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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Sheriff: Easter weekend shootings will be solved

By Jessica Tuggle
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The combination of alcohol, drugs and romantic entanglements led to gunfire and six injuries over Easter weekend and the trend must not continue, said local law enforcement.

In a press conference on April 1, Indian River County Sheriff Deryl Loar asked the community to help law enforcement by cooperating with the ongoing investigations of the three shooting events that occurred last weekend, two of which in Gifford are thought to be related.

The largest incident happened on the evening of March 31 in front of Smith's Grocery store within a

group of more than 200 people, and is thought to have been related to a drive-by shooting on March 30 in front of Shake Your Booty nightclub, law enforcement officials said.

The third shooting is a homicide investigation and although no one has been charged, detectives are watching a person of interest in the case, the sheriff said.

While there is overwhelming physical evidence to charge in the three shootings and suspects, witnesses and victims are being asked to step up and assist Indian River County Sheriff's detectives in wrapping up the cases, Sheriff Loar said.

"There will be arrests coming," he said.

The Rev. Benny Rhyant, president of the Indian River County Pastors' Association, called for the community to be involved, but not just when a problem occurs.

He said he wants members of the Gifford community to stop coming up with excuses and work together with law enforcement to prevent things like this from happening in the future.

"Try to find a sober solution, not just react emotionally," the Rev. Rhyant said.

The first shooting occurred on March 30 in the early morning hours in Vero Beach. Two men, thought to be brothers or step-brothers, were involved in an altercation

that turned into a homicide.

The victim, John Ross, 29, was transported by emergency personnel to Indian River Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead on the scene. He was shot at least once, but no further details were released at press time.

Scott Collins, 24, is considered a person of interest in the case, but as of press time, had only been charged with possession of cocaine.

Five people were injured during the March 31 shooting, including a 1-year-old who was struck by glass. None of the people have been identified.

After a car show in Gifford, hundreds of people

migrated to the vicinity of Smith's Grocery store. Sheriff Loar said two suspects from Fort Pierce had a fistfight with two young men from Gifford, which turned into a gunfight near the storefront.

The shooting is thought to have been a continuation of a verbal altercation and drive-by shooting at the Shake You Booty nightclub on March 30.

Detectives believe the shootings involved relationships between a young lady and young men and possibly including drug or alcohol.

"A recipe for not a good night," Sheriff Loar said.

For more information about the Indian River County Sheriff's Office, visit www.ircsheriff.org.

Hunting down the eggs



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

The City of Sebastian pulled out all of the stops Saturday for the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Riverview Park. An estimated 800 brightly colored eggs and probably as many toys were up for grabs by the nearly 300 children on hand. Four-year-olds Marley Miller, left, and Payge Anderson took their egg hunting to next level.

What is an Easter egg hunt if you can't wear the Easter basket as a hat? Three-year-old Paige Stoll, of Sebastian, kills time with her mom Felicia while they wait for the city of Sebastian's annual Easter Egg Hunt to get started Saturday.



Cliff Partlow staff photographer

Walking to change laws

Sexual abuse survivor visits Vero Beach to promote awareness

By Jessica Tuggle
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Last week, a survivor of physical and sexual abuse took to the streets of Vero Beach to bring her advocacy message to the forefront of conversation.

Lauren Book, a nationally recognized advocate for sexually abused children and founder of the nonprofit, Lauren's Kids, stopped in Vero Beach on

March 28 as part of her 1,500 mile journey across the state to raise awareness of sexual abuse and encourage other victims to speak about their experiences.

Her stop in Vero Beach was at the county tax collector's office. Tax Collector Carole Jean Jordan said Ms. Book's story and mission is incredible and needs to be shared.

"She is an amazing young lady and she and her dad have made

something positive out of what could have been so debilitating to her," Ms. Jordan said.

Ms. Book was a victim of sexual abuse for six years at the hands of a female nanny. Her book, "It's OK to Tell: A Story of Hope and Recovery," tells the physical and sexual abuse she went through and the process with which she mastered the courage to talk about it.

"Childhood sexual abuse is something that can be so debilitating to her," Ms. Jordan said.



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Lauren Book, left, of the Walk in My Shoes 2013, talks with Harriette Hill, of the Sexual Assault Assistance Program and Michelle Morris, Sebastian Police Chief during the Walk in My Shoes rally at the Tax Collectors office Thursday, March 28.

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Enjoying events outdoors

Hello, everyone. Well, you can certainly tell Spring has sprung in Sebastian. There is so much going on here in April.

If you get a chance, visit the St. Sebastian Catholic Church on U.S. 1. From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., it is having its first Saturday of the month flea market. There will be lots of great things, like antiques, collectibles, crafts, plants, household goods and more.

While you're out enjoying all the great weather, be sure to stop by the Craft club show on Saturday. It will take place in Riverview Park from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., so you'll have plenty of time to browse. This show will have a selection of juried hand-made arts and crafts. The

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best part is that a portion of the proceeds is going towards local charities.

Stick around afterwards for the Concert in the Park. The country group the Andrew Morris Band will perform from 5:30 to 8 p.m. There are more concerts taking place all month long here, so dust off your lawn chair and put it in the car so you sit back and enjoy some local talent.

What's great about this is that it's all free. The concert series is put on between the Sebastian

River Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Sebastian. Also, the series is sponsored by Bay Street Pharmacy and Home Health Care, Indian River Medical Center, Oculina Bank and Sebastian River Exterminating.

So if you get a chance to visit these businesses, take a moment to thank them for wanting to be a part of bringing fun things to the area.

If you are still looking for something to do on Sunday, head over to the Laura Jackson Home on the Environmental Learning Center Campus in Vero. They will be holding its third annual April poetry and barbecue event in honor of National Poetry Month. Cost is \$25 per person, but it's for a good cause, and you get to her from a variety of local and state poets.

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Walking

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abuse is something people don't want to talk about, but we need to bring awareness about it to the public," Ms. Jordan said. "I'm sure there are children just like her (in Indian River County) who have left home or been kicked out of their home for something just like this."

The walk will conclude in Tallahassee where Ms. Book will seek a change in state law through House Bill 7031 that would make an out-of-court statement from older child victims of sexual abuse a stronger tool in trials against their alleged abusers.

She is also pursuing a change in school curriculum for the cause. Instead of only having the kindergarten classes learn about abuse prevention, she wants to see the curriculum to expand to grades one through five, incorporating topics such as bullying and Internet safety, a press release said.

On her website, Ms. Book has a special section for video interviews produced by her organization with experts on child abuse issues. Each week of her walk, she will post new videos focusing on various aspects of child sexual abuse, including signs of abuse, pedophile tactics, prevalence and healing education and prevention, and more.

April is national sexual assault awareness month and this year's national theme is focused on the prevention of child sexual abuse.

For more information about Lauren's Kids or Ms. Book's walk, visit www.laurenskids.org.

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sharing his inspirational journey and experiences with homelessness, addiction and finding Salvation along with his new found fame and experiences over the last two years.

No tickets are sold for this event and RSVP's are going fast, The Salvation Army will ask for a donation at the end of the event.

For more information, email John_Corapi@uss.salvationarmy.org or mail a matching contribution to The Salvation Army of IRC PO Box 2864 Vero Beach FL 32961 or call (772) 978-0265, Ext. 104.

Representatives gather to learn about homeless youth in the county

For Hometown News
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Representatives from private foundations gathered Tuesday, March 19 at the newly launched Foundation Forum hosted by the Indian River Community Foundation.

The session's topic, Children and Youth: The New Face of Homelessness, gave the representatives an opportunity to learn about this little-talked about subject in Indian River County, the nonprofit organizations addressing the need and the opportunities private foundations have to impact the issue.

Four organizations, including representatives from the Indian River County School District, Children's Home Society, Hibiscus Children's Center and United For Families, served on a panel that provided the group with broad statistics about the subject of youth and homelessness in our community, along with specific information about how their organization is addressing the issues.

The Forum concluded with a dynamic discussion between panel and foundation representatives.

The next Foundation Forum is April 9 and will focus on Indian River Lagoon: Concern or Crisis



Photo courtesy of Indian River Community Foundation
Karen Melits, coordinator of Title I, III, and X programs for the Indian River County School District, with Foundation Forum attendees Marcia Blackburn, Ellie McCabe, Kathie Pierce and Lois Appleby.

featuring representatives from the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program, Indian River Land Trust, Ocean Research and Conservation Association and Harbor Branch.

The Foundation Forum is an informal group interested in learning about community needs, discussing critical issues in charitable giving and becoming acquainted with others who share the philanthropic spirit, said

Paul Becker, a board member of the Indian River Community Foundation and chairman of the Foundation Forum. It is open to

any person who is a trustee or board member of a private foundation, which conservative estimates show about 200 such people living at least seasonally in Indian River County.

"Many of these foundations are family foundations, which often have the greatest flexibility to impact an issue through their grant-making programs," Mr. Becker said. "The Foundation Forum is our way of giving these representatives tools to understand Indian River County needs and specific ways they can get involved if they so choose."

The concept of the Founda-

tion Forum was developed in 1996 as the brainchild of Ellie McCabe, Chairman of the The Robert F. and Eleonora W. McCabe Foundation. From 1996 through 2004, Ms. McCabe convened four meetings each season for foundation trustees. Ms. McCabe turned her focus elsewhere in 2005 and the Foundation Forum remained dormant until Becker revived it this year through the Indian River Community Foundation.

Mr. Becker stressed that the Foundation Forum is not a fundraiser, but rather a convening of private

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foundation trustees around a specific community issue for meaningful discussion.

"It could be that a representative has no interest in giving to the specific issue being discussed, but the conversation will spark ideas that a can be translated to other causes" Ms. Becker said. "The most important result is the opportunity to learn alongside other trustees to further philanthropic knowledge and engagement."

The Indian River Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving

Indian River County through donor driven philanthropy. The Foundation currently manages over \$18 million in assets restricted for charitable purposes, the majority of which are held in donor advised funds. To attend the Foundation Forum, a person must serve on the board of directors or be employed by a private, grant-making foundation.

For more information about the April 9 Foundation Forum call (772) 492-1407 or email kerry@irccommunityfoundation.com.

Fourth annual spring luncheon to benefit the Homeless Family Center

For Hometown News
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY —The Homeless Family Center will hold its Fourth Annual Spring Luncheon at 12 noon on April 9 at Bent Pine Golf Club.

This year's featured speaker will be Audrey Malin, a resident of the Homeless Family Center, who will be sharing her powerful story.

The event will commence with lunch followed by Audrey sharing her personal life struggles as well as her hopes and dreams, highlighting the role of the Homeless Family Center in helping to change her life.

Event co-chairs are Pat Dunsmore and Rosemary Hartmann. Cost per person is

\$50, and lunch is included.

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The Homeless Family Center is a nonprofit organization committed to changing lives one family at a time.

The center which is located at 720 4th Street in Vero Beach is a partner agency of the United Ways of Indian

River and St. Lucie Counties, Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Inc. and Indian River County Children's Services Advisory Committee.

For more information, call (772) 567-5537 or visit www.HomelessFamilyCenter.com.



Photo courtesy of the Homeless Family Center
From left: Event co-chair Pat Dunsmore, guest speaker Audrey Malin, co-chair Rosemary Hartmann and Homeless Family Center executive director D. Lorne Coyle.

Goals

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ing the Ironman competitions on television and he knew it was a challenge he wanted to accomplish for himself.

Since then, he has completed several Ironman competitions and marathons, dozens of 5k races and has set his overarching goal to be competing in the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Winning at the World Championships in Hyde Park will put him that much closer to his goal, he said.

"I think I have the edge for it and I'm going to keep going with it and see if I can do it," Mr. Verderber said. "I'm looking forward to coming back and seeing people who I haven't seen in a while and I hope they come out and support me."

Since his son has transitioned to triathlon training, Mr. Bud Verderber said he has seen an exponential amount of dedication and determination bring put forth.

"I have never seen someone so dedicated to his sport like this," said Mr. Verderber, who was a professional kickboxer.

His son's drive and passion has led him to change his eating habits to a nearly vegetarian diet, study the best ways to challenge and train his body and pursue a different career path as a personal trainer.



Photo courtesy of Richard Auger, augerstudios.com
Buddy Verderber, formerly of Sebastian, is a member of the USA triathlon team and is training to compete at the World Championships in Hyde Park London this fall. A fundraiser is being held at Tiki Bar and Grill in Sebastian on April 13 to help him finance the trip.

His son has been approached by coaches who want to work with him, but for now, he has opted to train on his own, but does look to his father for some advice now and then.

"I did train with him when he first started, but

now it's not even fun. I'd be running, he'd take off and next thing I know, he's lapped me," Mr. Verderber said with a laugh.

For more information about Mr. Verderber's upcoming trip and his races, visit www.budverderber.com.

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Vero Beach woman crowned Ms. Senior Florida 2013

By Dawn Krebs
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VERO BEACH — In front of a packed auditorium, Betsy Ross Horn was

crowned the Regency Park Ms. Senior Florida 2013 on March 23.

The pageant took place at the Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center.

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

Ms. Horn's talent shown during the pageant when she sang "I Got Lost in His Arms."

"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.

Ms. Horn's court consists of Jeanne Larranaga, from Bradenton, as first runner up; Lindsey Smith, from St. Augustine, as second runner up; Terry Johnson, from Vero Beach, as third runner up; and Barbara Wong, of Melbourne, as fourth runner-up.

All the contestants will receive various prizes and gifts, and Ms. Horn 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, and the other sponsors included Hometown News, 97.1 Ocean FM, Senior Life Magazine, Minute man Press, Aloha Home Care and Artistic Florist.



Betsy Ross Horn of Vero Beach was crowned the first Ms. Senior Florida on March 23. She will represent the state when she travels to the national competition in Nevada.

Photo courtesy of Hedi Headley



Photo courtesy of Hedi Headley

The royal court for Ms. Senior Florida 2013 are, from left, 2nd Runner-up Lindsey Smith from St. Augustine; 1st Runner-up Jeanne Larranaga from Bradenton; Regency Park Ms. Senior Florida 2013 Betsy Ross Horn from Vero Beach; 3rd Runner-up Terry Johnson from Vero Beach; and 4th runner-up Barbara Wong from Melbourne. The pageant took place at Vero Beach High School.



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Arrests listed were made from March 20 to March 26, 2013

Sebastian Police Department

- Ritter VanWilliam Cyphers, 28, of 1542 Dewitt Lane, Sebastian, was charged with robbery, larceny and domestic violence battery and assault.
- Venessa Ashley Kilbourne, 24, of 2860 Brocksmith Road, Fort Pierce, was charged with grand theft, theft and driving while license suspended with knowledge.

Fellsmere Police Department

- Shauna Jeanette Holstein, 30, of 525 Remington Oak Drive, Lake Mary, was charged with possession of hydrocodone and codeine, driving under the influence and giving a false name while detained.

Indian River County Sheriff's Office

- Jeffrey Burmaster, 40, of 1010 35th Ave., Vero Beach, was

charged with assault or battery on an emergency medical care provider.

- Tyler Gabriel Delabruere, 30, of 2485 11th Court S.W., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest without violence.
- Gervens Dieujuste, 32, of 540 Northeast 132nd Terrace, North Miami, was charged with two counts of giving false information to a pawn broker and two counts of dealing in stolen property.
- Robert James Frazho, 20, of 1080 35th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with burglary of a structure.
- Ronald Gene Kasserman, 50, of 1015 Commerce Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of cocaine, fleeing and eluding, reckless driving, altering motor vehicle registration or tag, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving while license suspended with knowledge.
- Nicole McCall, 24, of 510 19th St. N. Apt. C, Fort Pierce, was charged with felony petty theft, trespass or attempted trespass on an occupied dwelling or conveyance and resisting a merchant.
- Victor Coury Batista Pires, 18, of 421 24th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with

lewd or lascivious battery, criminal mischief and trespass of a structure or conveyance.

- Vito Mancini Reascos, 32, of 761 18th Place Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with burglary of an occupied dwelling.
- Christina Rebecca Jane Romano, 29, of 2939 N. Indian River Drive, Lot 25, Sebastian, was charged with dealing in stolen property.
- Geno Vincent Romano, 28, of 997 Devon Ave., Sebastian, was charged with possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Roberto Vazquez Bautista, 31, of 2314 Second Ave. S.E., Vero Beach, was charged with sexual battery on a person in familial custody, between 12 and 18 years old.
- Brian Scott Fultz, 35, of 2665 11th Court, Vero Beach, was charged with criminal use of personal identification information.
- Rickie Renold Solomon, 27, of 1145 Ninth Court S.W., Vero Beach, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, child abuse, false imprisonment, improper exhibit of a firearm or weapon and possession of marijuana.

• John Sposato, 57, of 7915 Highway A1A, Melbourne Beach, was charged possession of marijuana.

- Clinton Brandon Story, 30, of 1913 22nd Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of marijuana.
- Edward Joseph Termyna, 59, of 1455 90th Ave., Apt. 9, Vero Beach, was charged with battery on a law enforcement officer.
- Randy Steven Heen, 19, of 1046 22nd Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with dealing in stolen property, theft, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.
- Jamie Sebeny Kalinowski, 52, of 1825 20th Ave., Apt. 1, Vero Beach, was charged with felony petty theft.
- Justin Cory Short, 30, of 1056 28th St., Vero Beach, was charged with tampering with or destroying evidence and possession of marijuana.
- Justin Wayne Comes, 20, of 10005 19th St., Vero Beach, was charged with domestic violence aggravated battery.
- Jennifer Ashley Hunter, 28, of 4250 28th Ave., Vero Beach, was charged with possession of buprenorphine, oxycontin and

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oxycodone, two counts of possession of cocaine, two counts of possession of a controlled substance and two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Linda Diane Jackson, 57, of 1826 19th Ave., Apt. 22, Vero Beach, was charged with fleeing and eluding, petty theft, resisting a merchant and battery.
- Robert Steven Sebree, 25, of 2245 14th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with forgery and uttering a forged instrument.
- Latoya Deann Adderly, 30, of 1155 13th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with domestic violence aggravated battery.
- Michael Fennall Brown, 22, of 781 Carnival Terrace, Sebastian, was charged with dealing in stolen property and giving false information to a pawn broker.
- Omar Edgar Outten, 30, 9883 E. Verona Circle, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of a firearm, ammunition

or electric device by a convicted felon, possession of methylene with intent to distribute and possession of marijuana.

- Patrick O'Neal Phillips, 42, of 4025 46th Lane, Vero Beach, was charged with possession of cocaine.
- Timothy Wayne Carver, 30, of 1126 13th Ave. Southwest, Vero Beach, was charged with third degree grand theft, giving false information to a secondary metals recycler and dealing in stolen property.
- Letwain Lebrian Walker, 20, of 211 Sixth Drive, S.W., Vero Beach, was charged with sale of marijuana.

Florida Highway Patrol

- Tarsha Nichole Stinson, 38, of 425 Englar Drive, Sebastian, was charged with trafficking in cocaine, possession of cocaine and a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana.

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

Sheriff presents check to Mental Health Collaborative

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Indian River County Sheriff's Office presented a check for \$8,000 to Ann Marie Suriano, chairwoman of the Mental Health Collaborative of Indian River County.

"This is the largest check we've been able to contribute to a non-profit from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund," said Sheriff Deryl Loar. "There is a critical link between mental health services and crime prevention, and we fully appreciate the work the Collaborative is doing."

Founded in 2004, the

Mental Health Collaborative of Indian River County is comprised of private and public funders, mental health providers, and individuals who work to increase access, decrease duplication and facilitate community-wide support of mental health issues.

"We certainly value the financial support, but we're also grateful for the effective working relationship we have with law enforcement," said Ann Marie Suriano. "That's what collaboration is all about."

The vision of the collaborative is to provide a seamless delivery of mental health care services unlike

any other in the state of Florida.

The collaborative seeks to engage and build trust among individuals, government agencies, law enforcement and mental health providers to transform the continuum of care into an effective system.

The Mental Health Collaborative of Indian River County grew out of the United Way Community Planning Committee, which had been studying barriers to quality mental health care for nearly 10 years.

For more information, visit www.mentalhealthcollaborativeofirc.org or call (772) 567-2166.



Deryl Loar, Indian River County Sheriff's, presented a check for \$8,000 to Ann Marie Suriano, chairwoman of the Mental Health Collaborative of Indian River County.

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Police briefs

Search warrant yields, drugs, guns and an arrest

Detectives from Indian River County's Multi Agency Criminal Enforcement Unit concluded a three-month investigation yesterday when a search warrant was served in the 9000 block of Verona Circle in Vero Beach.

Responding to complains by neighbors and anonymous tips, the search revealed methylene, marijuana, a pistol, a shotgun, ammunition and more than \$1,200 cash.

The suspect Omar Outten was arrested

and charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of methylene with the intent to distribute and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana.

Wildfire extinguished

Vero Lakes Estates, across the lake from the 9000 block of 87th Street, had a wildfire on March 26. The Indian River County Fire Rescue handled the fire, and the Florida Forest Service is investigating.

— Information provided by local law enforcement and fire rescue.

Benefit dinner to feature "The Man with the Golden Voice"

For Hometown News NewsFP@hometownnewsol.com

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The Salvation Army of Indian River County has announced that "The Man With The Golden Voice" Ted Williams will be the keynote speaker at "The Soap, Soup and Salvation" Benefit Dinner taking place from 5 to 8 p.m. on April 6 at The Oak Harbor Club House in Vero Beach.

Mr. Williams gained widespread media attention in early December 2010 when a passerby taped him homeless and standing next to traffic holding a cardboard sign with a hand-written advertisement of his voice and a request for donations. The clip of him and his gorgeous radio voice was then posted on YouTube, the video went viral and overnight launched him as "the homeless man with the golden voice."

Mr. Williams has since received numerous jobs that include becoming the official voice for New England Cable News, 'The Golden Voice of Love' to promote Kraft's Mac & Cheese TV campaign which launched on ESPN during the 2011 Craft Fight Hunger Bowl and is a sought after speaker on the issue of addiction and homelessness.

In May of 2012 he authored the book, "A Golden Voice: How Faith, Hard Work, and Humility Brought Me from the Streets to Salvation."

In his book, Mr. Williams puts all the pieces together to give an unforgettable, honest account of life on the streets. Nothing is held back, as Mr. Williams takes the reader through theft, crack houses, and homeless shelters in a search, ultimately, for redemption and hope.

Along the way, we see his relationship with his long-term girlfriend, Kathy, grow into an unlikely and inspiring love story, and we hear the Golden Voice of God lead him from the selfishness of crime to the humility of the street corner — almost a year before he was "discovered" on that highway entrance ramp. Mr. Williams proves that no one, no matter how degraded, is never too lost for a second chance.

The event will begin at 5 p.m. with light hors d'oeuvres and cocktails from the cash bar and dinner followed by Ted Williams sharing his inspirational journey and experiences with homelessness, addiction and finding Salvation along with his new found fame and experiences over the last two years. Before

and after the event, Mr. Williams will be signing books available for purchase.

No tickets are sold for this event and RSVP's are going fast. The Salvation Army will ask for a donation at the end of the event that will be matched by one anonymous donation of \$10,000.

The Salvation Army, an evangelical part of the universal Christian church, has been supporting those in need in His name without discrimination since 1865. Nearly 30 million Americans receive assistance from The Salvation Army. Each year through the broadest array of social services that range from providing food for the hungry, relief for disaster victims, assistance for the disabled, outreach to the elderly and ill, clothing and shelter to the homeless and opportunities for underprivileged children in this community. About 84 cents of every dollar raised is used to carry out those services in Indian River County.

For more information, send an email to

John_Corapi@uss.salvationarmy.org or mail your matching contribution to The Salvation Army of IRC PO Box 2864 Vero Beach, FL 32961 or to RSVP call (772) 978-0265, Ext. 104.

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Investing in jobs and education works

In the four years before I took office, Florida lost more than 825,000 jobs, unemployment more than tripled from 3.5 percent to 11.1 percent, and state debt increased by \$5.2 billion.

Today, our businesses have created more than 280,000 new private sector jobs, Florida's unemployment rate has dropped below the national average to 7.8 percent, we have paid down state debt by \$2 billion; and we are not stopping there. We cut taxes, eliminated thousands of regulations on job creators, and invested in education. It's working.

Because we made the hard choices over the last two years, we are able to make the smart choices to keep our economy growing this year. We have a projected budget surplus for the first time in six years. Our challenges are different in this budget, but our goal is absolutely the same: economic growth and job creation.

This year, we have two priorities to keep our economy growing: first, remove the sales tax on manufacturing equipment to create more manufacturing jobs, and second, invest in our teachers by providing them a well-deserved pay raise. Our Florida Families First Budget supports these priorities while maintaining substantial reserves. This is responsible stewardship of taxpayer money.

Why are we so focused on creating jobs and improving education? Why do we focus on putting Florida Families First in our budget? Because every Florida family wants not just to dream, but to have the opportunity to make those dreams come true. We must invest in our education system, support our teachers and cut taxes to help create more jobs. Our work to cut spending and live within our means over the last two years has allowed us to once again invest in education. Student learning is important to the economy because the workers of tomorrow are in Florida classrooms today.

The single most important factor in student learning is the quality of teaching. That is why we eliminated teacher tenure,



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and signed performance pay into law. It will take effect in 2014. Florida's education system is making tremendous progress, due in large part to our great teachers and many in the Legislature.

The best way we can build on this progress is to reward our hard-working teachers with a \$2,500 pay raise. Some say they are afraid that giving raises to all teachers may mean that a teacher doing a bad job gets rewarded. But, thanks to our work, we are now in a better position than ever before to reward good teachers and move bad teachers out of the classroom. We don't want a war on teachers; we want a war on failure. An investment in Florida teachers is an investment in Florida's future because teachers change lives.

That is why our budget increases K-12 education funding by more than \$1.2 billion. This billion dollar commitment builds on our billion dollar investment in K-12 education last year and our total education investment in state funding for K-12 schools this year is the highest state funding level in Florida history. As long as even one Florida family needs a job, our work is not done. That is why we are committed to removing the sales tax on manufacturing equipment. Florida is one of only a few states with this tax, and we lag behind the nation in per capita manufacturing jobs. Manufacturing has a major impact on our economy because every manufacturing job supports two to three other jobs in our state.

I believe Florida will be the number one place in the world for job creation, the number one place in the world to get a great education and the number one place in the world where families can afford to live. Everything we have done together over the last two years has been geared toward economic growth. It's working.

Never too young to be eco-friendly



From left, Melanie Dawe, Ellie Watkins, 7 and her mom, Amy, pick up trash during the Big Beach Cleanup along Wabasso Beach Saturday. Ellie said she was picking up trash, 'so the animals don't eat it (trash) and get sick and die.' Both families were in town visiting their dad Bill Dawe of Sebastian.

Cliff Partlow
staff photographer

Letter to the editor

Youths speak out

To the editor:

Parents, do you know how many kids die from drinking alcohol, without being in a car? Allow your kid to start drinking at home and they could be one of them. According to the Drug Free Action Alliance, "Every day more than six teens die from non-driving, alcohol related causes, like falls, drowning and suicide."

Don't tell your kids not to go to parties, but then allow them to drink in your house. Lock up or hide your alcohol and stop giving your kids mixed messages about alcohol use. If you really care about your children, be their parent,

not their friend. Set clear rules for your kids that state no drinking, anywhere, at any time, until they are 21.

When teens drink alcohol before they turn 21, studies show that they have more of these problem behaviors:

1. More sex, especially unprotected sex.
2. Stealing or skipping school.
3. Fighting.
4. Greater risk of becoming dependent on alcohol.

You cared about their every move when they were young, don't stop now or their life may be done.

By Cody Manning, Romeo Dorvilien and Shania Noel
Eighth graders and members of the YES Team at the Substance Awareness Center of Indian River County

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What immigration reform is really about

Let's be perfectly clear. "Comprehensive Immigration Reform, or more accurately, "Amnesty for Illegal Aliens," is about one thing and one thing only: votes.

Any person in government who says anything, and I mean anything different is lying. Amnesty is here again (after being roundly trounced by We, the People on multiple occasions) because the Democrats want votes to get in and keep themselves in power in our government at all levels, local, state, and federal. It's clearly not about what's best for the country and its citizens or else Amnesty wouldn't even be discussed for one second. Liberal Sanctuary Cities across the country are controlled by Democrats. Now, even some Republicans are willing to accept Amnesty because they lost at the polls in the last election. It's all about votes and these people will destroy the country to get them. Anyone who votes for Amnesty should be tried for treason. At the very least they must be targeted for defeat at the polls and kicked out of government for abject failure of their duties to the people who elected them, you know, American Citizens.

Obamaism?

Everyday living is made up of choices. For every negative there is a positive. Being gay is one of them. I believe gays should have the same rights all Americans enjoy as to work, education, achievement, etc. We are not to judge, but are to leave all judging to God. The big decision in Congress now is whether to enact Gay Marriage into law along with many other Godless and unconstitutional trappings liberals are shoving down our throats. Gay's make their own choices, but same sex marriages must not be "Enacted into Law." TV sitcoms today would be considered pornography fifty years ago. Blasphemy, homosexuality (as being funny, the norm, or family orientated). Audiences laughing like crazy at sexual situations and corny sexual jokes. Certain 'Reality' programs, men choosing women, women choosing men, totally sexual, are not entertaining, funny, nor are they intelligent. Mothers entering five year old girls into beauty contests made up to look 21. Kids have no childhood. All this has slipped slowly and silently into our lives and the lives of our kids. Being a young country we have come a long way as to choices, decisions and the lack of blessings. So, where do we stand today?

We have "Obamaism" with his sadistic and satanic decisions (choices) on the table, while our country is failing fast. Our oceans are polluted with oil, garbage, dead animals washing up on shore. The coral reefs of Florida are infected in some areas. Only one percent of water on earth is fit for human and animal consumption. Certain fish are extinct. Devastating winter and summer storms and draught bombarding the U. S. causing food loss and prices to soar. The horrible abuse of children and crime fill our neighborhoods. Obama is not interested in these problems and has never put

America first. Our so-called leader will raise taxes of 'One Trillion Dollars' over the next 10 years. How much is that in one year? That's insane! Will the "Working Middle Class" be able to pay this? In ten years there would be no jobs and the entire population would be on welfare. What welfare? Where and how are all these millions and millions of immigrants expected to go? Most cannot speak English, won't find jobs (there aren't any), or pay taxes. Taking so much away from certain people and giving so much to others will meet in a huge crash. What part of this does 'ignorance' not understand?

I am fed up with Obamaism, wimpy Republicans and Democrats who will not staunchly fight him. Others have shed much blood, given their lives for many years to fight dictators all over the world. Americans are still dying and shedding blood for the freedom of this country. Lawmakers and all Americans must stand tall, act like men and women of God, and make the right decisions regarding all negative 'choices' for the good of all.

Stop tossing trash

Every day my dogs and I walk or bike ride Fleming Grant Rd. between Micco Rd. and the railroad tracks. Daily, there is new evidence of beer alcoholics, rum drinkers and cancer stick smokers throwing their garbage on the side of the road, rather than putting their cans of Bud, Bush, etc. bottles, cigarette packages in a receptacle at the local Cumberland Farms, Winn-Dixie store or even the re-cycle or garbage can at home.

Obviously these people are lacking in education, good manners and a strong moral upbringing, never learning not to litter.

You can't call these people smart. Why? Read the following: One woman throws her empty cigarette boxes out the window. She put her credit card in the cellophane alongside the box. When spotted alongside the road, it was taken to the issuing Wells Fargo bank, where everyone had a good laugh.

Another individual who also would fail a Mensa screening likes to put his Bud cans, Camel cigarettes boxes and scratch tickets in plastic bags and toss the alongside the road. This person couldn't even read his winning scratch ticket for \$50.00. Thank you Mr. Trash throwing out that bag of garbage cost you and made me a winner.

One day I noticed an empty McDonald bag, drink container and wrappers someone threw out the window onto Fleming Grant Rd. there was a \$1.00 dollar bill laying alongside the bag. Upon further investigation inside the bag was a \$10.00 bill more ones and small change. This highly uneducated person chucked the balance of their purchase in the bag and forgot.

It is doubtful the persons who litter our road can or ever will read this rant, but perhaps when you read this, you might recognize someone you know that would benefit from this story and in telling or repeating it, you just might wake up the trash who are throwing garbage on Fleming Grant Road.

Close Video Arcades

Don't our politicians have anything better to do than interfere with a person's right to enjoy and entertain themselves as they wish, as long as no harm is done to others. Well, here's my suggestion. If they are so concerned about video gaming, let's shut them down and convert them into Strip Clubs. That doesn't seem to be on anyone's radar now. Just think of the benefits. Instead of a few game repair clerks, we would employ hundreds of ladies in the workforce, increasing the tax base. And those folks that visit the arcades? I'm sure they will involve themselves in this new form of entertainment. But what about those seniors? Not a problem, after a visit to the clubs, they'll go back to their community. It's about time we gave the Villages a run for their money in the world of STD's. Hey, that would probably force the Health Department to reopen more clinics, employing more people. Personally, I don't see a down side - It's a win-win situation.

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Business

Technology startups come out on top in competition

By Jessica Tuggle
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Two emerging businesses in Indian River County took home the top prizes in the inaugural Research Coast Business Plan Competition held last month.

TruMobility and Azzly, both businesses based in Vero Beach, beat out 32 other companies for first and second place in the business plan competition, earning them cash prizes and free legal, accounting and mentoring advice from event presenters, the non-profit Research Coast Pricipium Foundation.

As first place winner, TruMobility was awarded \$25,000 based on their business plan presentation during the March 21 competition. The timed presentations were given to four venture capitalist judges and seven members of the foundation.

Coretta Dorado, Azzly's founder, CEO and president said the process was difficult, but fun at the same time.

"When your head has been down for the past five years trying to get going, being recognized and visible is just great. It's a validation of what you are, and

that is crucial for a new company," Ms. Dorado said.

As the second place winner, Azzly was awarded \$15,000 in cash prizes, which will all be put into building the company and its profile in the medical community, Ms. Dorado said.

Azzly bills itself as a "one-click patient care management" company. Basically, Azzly provides small to mid-size medical practices and clinics a program to manage electronic health records, patient health information, claims and clearing house records, as well as revenue information, all in one secure and seamlessly integrated system.

The system allows physicians and administrative personnel to schedule appointments, record patient visits, health outcomes, manage billing, and more, all in one place, instead of going back and forth between other systems that only manage one area, Ms. Dorado said.

American consumers are accustomed to doing many things electronically, shopping, banking, booking for vacations, and in general people are comfortable with retrieving personal



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Alan Roberts, Indian River State College vice president of applied sciences, and John Moore of Rosway, Moore Swan attorneys at law present Steve Barnett, Dan Dooley and Marcus Coya of TruMobility the first place check at the inaugural Research Coast Business Plan Competition on March 21.

information online.

"We're all patients at one time or another, and today's technology allows us to have electronic medical records, but yet, it's not something most people have available to them," Ms. Dorado said. "By offering a streamlined system at a competitive price, the medical community can embrace the new technolo-

gy and give the consumers a way to be accountable for their care and health by having the records available in a timely and accessible way."

TruMobility offers companies a way to integrate cell phones with corporate business phones.

As a result of the integrated system, TruMobility can lower the communication

costs for a business. The system can also increase mobile productivity and eliminate coverage gaps in an office space. A user would have one phone number and voicemail box and calls can be moved seamlessly between the desk and mobile phone.

The Research Coast Pricipium Foundation is dedicated to developing eco-

nomie opportunity by facilitating interaction between professionals, investors and the emerging business community.

The competition was open to businesses in Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin and Okeechobee counties.

For more information about the event or future events, visit www.rcbiznovation.com.

Workforce Solutions offering workshops for upcoming job fair

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PORT ST. LUCIE – Workforce Solutions is offering Job Fair Strategies workshops in all four counties leading up to their April 17 Spring Job Fair at the Havert L. Fenn Center.

"Job fairs provide an awesome opportunity for job seekers to meet dozens of recruiters and employers," said Susan U. Waller, regional manager and coordinator of workshops at Workforce Solutions. "These workshops will provide job seekers the tools and the confi-

dence to navigate the sometimes intimidating job fair."

Understanding job fair strategies will improve the job seeker's odds of being successful. The Workforce Solutions' Job Fair Strategies workshop will provide job seekers with tips and techniques to prepare for the event including activities job seekers should perform before, during and after the job fair. The Job Fair Strategies workshops will be offered on a first come first serve basis in Indian River County, at 1880 82nd Ave., Suite 101 in Vero Beach, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on

April 8; and from 1 to 3 p.m. on April 11.

In Martin County, the workshops will be held at 616 S.E. Central Parkway in Stuart from 9 to 11 a.m. on April 9; from 1 to 3 p.m. April 11.

In St. Lucie County, the workshop will take place at 584 N.W. University Blvd., Suite 300 in Port St. Lucie from 9 to 11 a.m. April 9, and from 1 to 3 p.m. April 11.

In addition to the Job Fair Strategies workshops, Workforce Solutions also offers an ongoing variety of workshops free of charge. Job seekers can attend Resume

Writing, Ace the Interview, Introduction to Computers and Introduction to Word Processing, to name a few. To learn more about job-seeker workshops, visit www.YourWorkforceSolutions.com/workshops.

To date, more than 70 Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie county employers have registered

to participate in the Spring Job Fair.

Workforce Solutions is a private, nonprofit, Florida corporation with a board of directors consisting of private business, economic development and education representatives, community and state agencies, and elected officials. Members of the Board represent the

diversity of businesses, organizations and trades that operate in the Research Coast Region, including Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties.

For more information, call (866) 4U2-HIRE or (866) 482-4473 or visit www.YourWorkforceSolutions.com.

SELF Offers a Spring giveaway for homeowners

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TREASURE COAST — The Solar and Energy Loan Fund is preparing Treasure Coast homeowners for the upcoming hot summer months by offering two free giveaway packages consisting of a variety of energy-saving products.

These energy-saving giveaway packages include services and products provided by SELF approved contractors. One winner will receive LED lights donated by SunCool Energy; a window sun screen donated by B & C Cool Sun Screens; and a maintenance inspection with discounted parts and labor with Sea Coast Air Conditioning (total value of \$300).

The second winning package includes a power-

saver agreement with Grimes Air Conditioning, which includes two maintenances and 10 percent discount parts and labor; a wireless energy usage meter and walk-through home energy assessment donated by Energy Wise (total value of \$350).

Homeowners living in St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee counties are eligible to apply. To enter, visit www.CleanEnergyLoanProgram.org/Contact and submit your name and contact information, and specify "Giveaway entry" in the message box. For an additional entry, follow SELF on Facebook anytime between now and April 26 at www.Facebook.com/SolarEnergyLoanFund and your name will be submitted again.

Both winners will be pulled on April 26, at the Florida Green Business Expo at Indian River State College in Fort Pierce.

For more information on how to enter into the Spring Giveaway contest, or about the Solar and Energy Loan Fund call (772) 468-1818 or visit

www.CleanEnergyLoanProgram.org, www.Facebook.com/SolarEnergyLoanFund.

The Solar and Energy Loan Fund is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization, which administers the Clean Energy Loan Program. The Clean Energy Loan Program was created through partnerships between the U.S. Department of Energy, St. Lucie County, the Solar and Energy Loan Fund, and local community leaders and organizations.

Mall to host summer camp expo for parents April 6

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Indian River Mall is hosting the Summer Camps and Attractions Expo on April 6.

Parents and kids can check out all the fun summer camps available and enjoy food samplings, games and prizes in the kid's fun zone, and meet and greet furry critters in the Life for Youth petting

zoo. There will be 30 camps on display ranging from traditional and sports/outdoor adventure camps, to special interest camps featuring performing arts programs in theatre, music, dance, magic, circus and visual arts as well as science, junior vet and community service programs and more.

Camp exhibitors include: Vero Beach Recreation Department, Life for Youth,

St. Edward's, Christi's Fitness, Jungle Club and many more.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and parents and kids can check out fun summertime activities, get valuable advice about local area camps, and meet counselors first hand.

The event is free and open to the community. For more information, call (772) 770-9404.

American Association of Retired Persons offers driving skills class

By Jessica Tuggle
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Red means stop and green means go, but some other laws of the land regarding driving on the

road may have changed since you were a 16-year-old kid with a license hot off the presses, AARP representatives say.

The American Association of Retired Persons is offering low-cost refresher

drivers classes for members and members of the general public in Indian River County in April.

The six-hour classroom-based instruction reviews safe driving procedures, road signs and markings, Florida laws and ways to cope with the effects of aging on driving, said Betty Wellington, course facilitator, in an email.

"It boosts driving awareness and how to improve driving skills, minimize crash risks and increases confidence," she said.

The AARP safe driving materials also include vision and seating tips for older drivers.

For example, purchasing a car with deeply tinted windows could limit visibility for night driving, and

having the appropriate eyewear for daytime versus nighttime driving would also be helpful.

When it comes to being seated in the driver seat, making sure the seatbelt, steering wheel and head restraint are all in the correct position is important as well. The seatbelt should lie flat on the collarbone, the steering wheel should allow for clear visibility of the dashboard and the road, and the head restraint should be touching the center of the back of the head.

The driving safety class cost for AARP members is \$12 and \$14 for non-members.

The class includes a workbook and supplement and a DVD component for certain sections of the class, Ms. Wellington said.

"As an added bonus, not only will drivers who take the class learn how to be safer on the roads, there is also a potential insurance

savings to be had," she said. "Usually insurance companies will give a 5 percent to 10 percent discount to individuals who complete the safety course, though the amount may vary from person to person."

Classes are held in various locations in the county. A class will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on April 8 and April at the Boys and Girls Club in Vero Beach. To register, call (772) 713-7129.

Another class is scheduled for April 10 and April 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the North Indian River County Library in Sebastian. To register, call (772) 562-6031.

The final class in April will be 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on April 19 and April 22 at the Brackett Library at Indian River State College's Vero Beach campus. To register, call (772) 562-3184.

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Relay for Life look for survivors for registration

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SEBASTIAN — Cancer survivors of all ages are welcome to attend the Relay for Life of North Indian River on April 12, at Sebastian River High School Sharks Stadium.

Survivors who preregister at Oculina Bank on April 5, will receive a special purple survivor shirt while supplies last. Registration is scheduled at the Roseland Road and U.S. No. 1 branch of Oculina Bank, located at 13600 US 1 in Sebastian in the Rose-land Plaza from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Survivors who wish to attend the Relay for Life of North Indian River may also register on April 6, at the Italian American Club on County Road 512 in Sebastian.

The team Francesca's Haircutter's will also be hosting a Relay for Life Spaghetti Fundraiser at this location from 5 to 7 p.m. The team is requesting an \$8 donation for the dinner, all food has been

donated and 100 percent of the donations will go to the American Cancer Society. Survivors may register for the Relay without attending the fundraiser. Registration will also be from 5 to 7 p.m.

"Relay For Life is a unique opportunity for our community to come together to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember those we've lost, and fight back against the disease," said Jessica Keaton, Relay For Life of North Indian River, event chairwoman and assistant principal at Sebastian River High School. "Many of the participants are cancer survivors, which serves as a reminder that the Sebastian community is not immune to this disease and that by participating in relay, we are joining with the American Cancer Society's efforts to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays."

Survivors who register and attend the relay on April 12, will be asked to arrive by 6 p.m. for the opening ceremony, after which they will be asked to assemble at the purple and white balloon arch for the first official lap of the relay.

Teams of community supporters who have been fundraising for months will celebrate their survivor status with cheering and applause.

After this lap, survivors will be invited to the survivor tent on the infield for a complimentary dinner donated by Capt. Hiram's.

In addition to the Relay in Sebastian, the American Cancer Society, through the efforts of hundreds of volunteers, will be hosting two additional events in the South part of Indian River County.

Survivors are invited to register for Relay for Life of Indian River County and Relay for Life of the Beaches by contacting the American Cancer Society 3375 20th Street, Suite 100 in Vero Beach. They may also call (772) 562-2272 or email Theresa Woodson at theresa.woodson@cancer.org.

Relay for Life of Indian River will be held April 26, 2013 at Vero Beach High School and Relay for Life of the Beaches is scheduled for May 3 at Riverside Park in Vero Beach. Opening ceremony for all relays is scheduled for 6 p.m.

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The cozy spot where good friends meet great food

By William Gardner
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MICCO — My wife and I were excited to be going to a wine dinner at the Red Rooster Cafe in Micco. It was quickly becoming a favorite dining spot of ours. But our first visit almost didn't happen.

A few weeks ago I'd made reservations there for our anniversary. When I told her where we'd be dining, her response was, "A cafe? You're taking me to a cafe for our anniversary?" Luckily for me, it was every bit as good as I'd heard and she went home with a smile!

The restaurant is cozy. It seats less than 35, and is decorated in a rooster motif that reminds me of my grandmother's kitchen in the country.

But, there's no "hash slinging" here. The menu was full of appetizers and entrees that you'd find at high-end restaurants. They also had an impressive wine list with some of the best labels.

That night, my wife thoroughly enjoyed Salmon

Wellington in a puffed pastry with a fantastic lemon-dill creme sauce. I was lucky enough to have ordered the Pork Osso Bucco. It was the size of a softball and smothered in a delicious balsamic glaze. The outer skin was crispy and the meat just melted off of the bone.

We met three couples at the table next to us who raved about the Red Rooster.

"It's our favorite place," one said.

It turns out that the owner, Steve Hahn, and my wife are both from Wisconsin. In fact, Steve's first restaurant job was at a place that my wife had frequented.

The evening was a hit, and we were so amazed that there could be such a great restaurant off the beaten path. So when we heard that there would be a wine dinner a few weeks later, we knew we couldn't miss it.

When we arrived for the dinner, we were greeted with a warm smile by Steve's wife, Joti. She runs the front of the restaurant while Steve

handles the kitchen. They had met while they both worked at the Yellow Dog Cafe in Malabar, where Steve had been the executive chef for many years.

They married, started a family and six years ago decided to open their own place. The name 'Hahn' is German for rooster, so hence the Red Rooster was born.

We enjoyed Caprese Salad, Prince Edward Island Mussels in a creamy pesto sauce and a fantastic Veal Saltimbocca. My wife only recently began eating mussels, but raved about these. The Saltimbocca consisted of veal scallopine layered with paper-thin prosciutto and fresh mozzarella, then finished with a delicious lemon-butter wine sauce. The veal was perfectly prepared and very tender.

Jim and Sally from Vintage Selection provided the wines and one of the wine-makers, Lee Skelton Venturini del Grecco, graced us with her presence. A former model, her estate in Italy, Castelnuovo Tancredi, pro-



Vegetable lasagna is just one of the many delicious dishes found at the Red Rooster Cafe in Micco.

Photo courtesy of Will Gardner

duces some amazing wine.

Their '06 L'Assedio DOC was very impressive. It's a well-balanced blend of Sangiovese, Merlot and Colorino. It's full-bodied with great structure and powerful tannins. So good, in fact, that we bought two bottles to enjoy at home.

We topped off our meal with the most amazing Tiramisu that I've ever had. The ladyfingers soaked in

the espresso with mascarpone and cocoa were out of this world.

Once again, the Red Rooster Cafe lived up to its reputation as one of the area's best-kept secrets. We left with the feeling that we dined with friends.

My wife and I can't wait until the next wine dinner on April 22. We hope that Steve and Joti save us a seat.

The restaurant is open

from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday for lunch and from 4 to 8 p.m. for dinner. On Sundays, they are open from 4 to 8 p.m. They offer an Early Bird menu from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. daily. They are closed on Mondays.

For more information on the Red Rooster Cafe, call (772) 664-4065 or visit www.redroostercafe.com.

Marionettes a museum hit

By Jessica Tuggle
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VERO BEACH — Like a master puppeteer, the Vero Beach Museum of Art has tugged on just the right strings to make hundreds of museum visitors excited about art this season.

The most popular exhibit at the museum this spring is "Recycled Dreams: Pablo Cano's Marionettes," a show that combines human imagination and ingenuity with satire, humor and repurposed objects for a creative display that stimulates intergenerational conversation.

Mr. Cano is a South Flori-

da artist with a talent for found-object sculpture and uses his marionettes in his own productions. Born in Cuba, but raised in the U.S., Mr. Cano and his family were on the last flight out of Cuba before the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962.

This is Mr. Cano's first exhibit outside South Florida, said Jay Williams, museum curator.

At any given time in the Schumann Gallery, children or adults can be seen exploring the hall with the 24 different pieces of art that happen to be marionettes. Some of the pieces are just fun and silly, but others are recreations of old

famous works of art, said Mr. Williams.

One of the most interesting and detailed art history homages is "Giovanni Arnolfini and his Wife," which is a mixed media design based on the "Portrait of Giovanni Arnolfini and his Wife" by painter Jan van Eyck.

Mr. Cano was able to reproduce the intricate details of the painting using various household objects and what some people might consider rubbish. In a clear sign of the times, one family was looking at a digital picture of the original painting and comparing it



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer

The pig in a tux, 'Boring Boris,' is just one of many pieces in The Recycled Dreams: Pablo Cano's Marionettes now on display through May 26.

Out & about

THROUGH APRIL 30

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

• Craft Club of Sebastian hosts "Celebrate Spring" April Craft Show

(rain date: Apr 7), from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Riverview Park, 650 Indian River Drive at U.S. 1 and CR 512. Portion of proceeds benefits local charities. Juried, handcrafted items. DJ Entertainment Plus of Vero Beach providing music and dance lessons from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free admission, free parking. *For vendor space call (321) 956 7608.*

• A **boating safety course** will be given by the Vero Beach Power Squadron. Learn about navigation rules, boat handling, trailering and life-saving equipment, from 9 a.m. to

5 p.m. at the Vero Beach Power Squadron Building, 301 Acacia Road, Vero Beach. Cost is \$35. *Register by calling (772) 532-6893 or lblott@gmx.com.*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

• **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 discussion will begin at 7 p.m. at the Jungle Club, 1060 6th Avenue, Vero Beach. *For reservations, call (772) 205-8990 or deana@parvuscenter.com*

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

• **Market Day Treasures:** From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. New and old items for sale. Homemade baked goods also for sale. St. Elizabeth's Church, 901

Clearmont St., Sebastian. *For more information, call (772) 589-2770.*

MONDAY, APRIL 15

• **Humanist of the Treasure Coast speaker/discussion meeting** will begin a 6:30 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 16th St. and 27th Ave., Vero Beach, choir room. Teresa MacBain, former Methodist minister, will deliver a presentation regarding her decision to leave more

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Aries, you may feel like you need to move faster to get ahead, but the opposite is true this week. Slow down and focus on the details and you will benefit.

TAURUS - April 21-May 21
Taurus, though the first few days of the week may seem disastrous, hang in there and you will find things will turn around quite quickly.

GEMINI - May 22-June 21
Gemini, sometimes you have to make some noise to be heard, which may seem out of character for you. If the cause is that important, you will do what is necessary.

CANCER - June 22-July 22
Cancer, you can't get enough of a certain

thing, but you may need to pace yourself. Otherwise your interest may start to wane. A surprise situation arises on Thursday.

LEO - July 23-Aug. 23
Leo, there are things you need to say to a particular person in your life. But you do not know how to express your opinions in a way that's easy to understand. Speak from the heart.

VIRGO - Aug. 24-Sept. 22
You may be feeling a bit under the weather this week, Virgo. It's likely due to you pushing your schedule to the limits. Schedule some recovery time for yourself.

LIBRA - Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Libra, you need to rely on someone this week for a big project, but you don't know who to choose. Make a list of your best prospects, and then you can narrow it down from there.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24-Nov. 22
You can use a break from the daily grind, Scorpio. It might be time to plan a getaway. You may want to make this a solo trip so you can fully recharge.

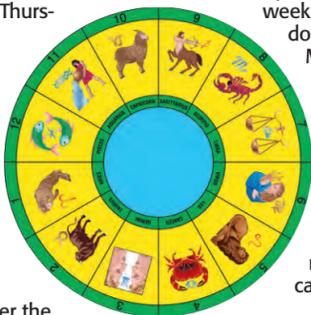
SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23-Dec. 21
The truth can sometimes hurt a bit, Sagittarius. But a dose of honesty this week provides

the reality check you have been needing. Make some changes.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Capricorn, an event this week gets you fired up and excited. It could be the news you have been waiting to hear from work or from a significant other.

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Aquarius, knowing when to keep quiet can be difficult, especially when you suspect something is off-kilter. This week you will be put to the test.

PISCES - Feb. 19-March 20
Pisces, the week may begin somewhat aimlessly, but things will all come together by the middle of the week.



Fundraiser to feature wild game prepared by hunters

By Jessica Tuggle
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — Quail and venison and gator, oh my!
One of the newest fundraising traditions of the Vero Beach Oceanside Rotary Club is to host a wild game feast and once again this hotly anticipated event

will benefit community individuals with special needs.
SunUp ARC, a nonprofit agency serving the needs of the developmentally and intellectually disabled, just celebrated one year since two like-minded nonprofits merged together to create the organization.
This will be the second year Oceanside Rotary has

partnered with SunUp ARC for the exciting fundraiser, said Elaine Jones, event coordinator.
The event is scheduled for April 27 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will include loads of food for everyone to try, an auction, games and musical entertainment, she said.
The feast will take place at Big Racks Processing, 7065 21st St. Southwest, Vero Beach. Tickets to the event are \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door. Children 12 and younger are free.
Participants will get to try many kinds of wild game, including gator, quail, pheasant and venison, as well as frog legs, fish and barbeque pork, Ms. Jones said.
"We have the finest hunter-chefs and they love to cook their own food," she said.
The rotary club will also be

bringing side dishes to round out the meal and there will be an oyster and clam bar.
Beverages will include beer, soda, teas and water.
Cornhole games and bull-whip-cracking competitions are certain to be the popular forms of entertainment, along with local musical guests, Old Barber Bridge, Ms. Jones said.
The auction will include donated items from local and national companies, including Bass Pro Shops and the Wild Turkey Federation.
SunUp ARC clients will also be participating in the fundraiser, possibly helping out with the entertainment, said Chuck Bradley, executive director.
"This past year has been a busy one in the life of the nonprofit," he said. "In addition to merging two

organizations into one, the clientele has continued to grow and SunUp ARC now serves 180 clients, an increase of nearly 30 percent."
In 2012, SunUp ARC formed an advocacy committee to bring awareness to the community about the needs of people with disabilities. This past March, thanks to the donations of members of the community, the committee was able to take their message to Tallahassee during Disabilities Awareness Day.
While in Tallahassee, Patricia Moody, Scott Connelly, Michelle Penly and Natalie Urquhart spoke to legislators, asking them to remove the "r-word" in legislation referencing people with disabilities.
"House Bill 1119 and its companion bill Senate Bill 142, are currently in the

committee stages and would remove the term "mental retardation" and replace it with "intellectual disabilities" in all legislative language documents and state statutes," Mr. Bradley said.
The four SunUp advocacy committee members were able to share with legislators how the "r-word" makes them feel, how degrading it is and how it destroys self-esteem, he said.
"The whole trip was funded by an outpouring of community support. We really thank everyone," Mr. Bradley said.
The bills have not yet come to the floors of either the state House or Senate.
For more information about the wild game feast, call Ms. Jones at (772) 299-1383. For more information about SunUp ARC, visit www.sunuparc.org.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

- The Indian River County Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with SCORE, will sponsor the "How to Start a Small Business" workshop from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Chamber of Commerce. The workshop is facilitated by SCORE Counselor Tom Spear. While there is no fee to participate in the workshop, reservations are required due to limited seating. Register at treasurecoast.score.org. Call the Chamber (772) 567-3491 ext. 116 for additional information.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

- The annual luncheon of The National League of American Pen Women, Vero Beach Branch, will be held at noon at the Italian Grill, 2180 58th Avenue, Vero Beach. Members are encouraged to share their creative works in the areas of Art, Music, and

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to the marionette sculpture in the gallery, exclaiming each time they found a matching detail.
No matter the age of the

museum visitor, everyone is fascinated by the recycled pieces used by Mr. Cano in creating the unusual marionettes. Someone with a good eye might even be able to identify a sink and a shopping cart among the framework for his creations.
Other items in his masterpieces include foil from cigarette packets, cheese graters, taillights, babydoll eyes, baskets, gasoline cans and a buoy.
Other fascinating marionettes recognizable historical figures, include an 8-foot tall sculpture of "Queen Marie Antoinette," a "Fred Astaire" and a "Louis Armstrong."
The darkest and most sinister marionette in the room is a cigar-smoking, top hat-wearing man-spider called

"Dr. Death aka Fidel Castro."
"He obviously does not have a positive view of Mr. Castro," Mr. Williams said with a chuckle.
Interestingly, one of the eyeballs of "Dr. Death" is a tiny baseball, alluding to the Cuban dictator's pitching talents early on in his life.
"Most people don't know that he was being scouted to play here in the U.S.," Mr. Williams said.
For the most part, Mr. Cano finds his own materials, but sometimes people drop off objects at his house in case he can use them.
"It's an incredibly intriguing story in this exhibit. You can see politics, art history, history and religion because he pulls from all over the culture," Mr.

Williams said.
Even technology is present in Mr. Cano's designs with pieces from his "Seven Wonders of the Modern World" production, "Amazona," "Face-Booka," and "Google Lina."
"He pokes a little fun at our dependence on social media and the Internet," Mr. Williams said.
The exhibit also includes a video of Mr. Cano's marionettes in action and during production.
"Recycled Dreams" will be on display at the museum through May 26.
For more information about this exhibit or other exhibits or programs at the Vero Beach Museum of Art, call (772) 231-0707, or visit www.verobeachmuseum.org.

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What your computer does when you're not doing anything

One of the things that many people are surprised to learn is that even when "nothing is happening," their computer is still extremely busy just keeping things alive.

I don't know how many times I have been discussing something with a person as their machine sits "idle" when, all of a sudden, "chug chug chug," the hard drive starts working furiously. Or even more surprising, the machine suddenly crashes, even though no one was "at the wheel." Invariably they look at me and ask, "Why did it just do that?"

Sometimes people have a hard time accepting that even though they are not



COMPUTE THIS
SEAN MCCARTHY

pushing the mouse, typing away or actively doing something, their machine is not "resting." The reality is that even when your computer appears inactive, it is still very busy with general housekeeping.

There are tasks like monitoring the keyboard for input, painting the image on the display (dozens of times per second) or waiting to see if the mouse moves. The list of chores goes on. Seriously,

the list goes on and on and on!

The tasks that your computer is constantly performing in the background are necessary for the function of the computer and are controlled, for the most part, by the operating system Windows. Just because we, the users, aren't giving the computer any input or are not paying attention to what's going on the display does not mean that the computer gets to take a break until we come back. Nope. As long as there is power to the machine and it's turned on, your computer is very busy indeed.

Understanding that your computer is busy doing

something all the time can help ease the fear that something is wrong. I know that when a computer user spends a small fortune on a new machine, it can be pretty disconcerting when, for no apparent reason, their new machine starts chugging and groaning.

Many people are also surprised to find out just how much brain power it takes for their computer to move the mouse. People don't realize that even something as simple or basic as moving the mouse pointer takes so much of the computers resources. Often I will see someone move their mouse in big swirls just to make sure the machine is working not

realizing that moving the mouse will actually distract the computer, drawing its attention away from the task at hand.

Let's see just how much "brainpower" it takes your machine to move your mouse. Click the task bar with the right mouse button and then click Task Manager. In Task Manager, click the Performance Tab and take a look at the CPU Usage History. This will display your computers "brain activity" on a graph that is updated every second or so. Move your mouse in big arcs about the screen. You can see how hard the computer has to work just to move the mouse.

Now, next time your machine is busy and you wonder if your machine has crashed, you may be tempted to "test it" by swirling the mouse around. Remember the performance monitor and resist the urge. If your machine was close to crashing, "swirling the mouse" can, and often does, push it over the edge and actually cause the crash you were trying to avoid.

Frankly, I'm often amazed that modern machines still run at all, what with all the stuff they have to do.

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Celebrate diversity at ninth annual Treasure Coast PrideFest

By Anna-Marie Menhenott
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TREASURE COAST — For some, celebrating who you are is easy. There are Irish Festivals, Renaissance Fairs, Star Trek Conventions and tattoo expos. But, for a growing segment of the community, celebrations haven't always been easy or accepted. That's why this year's Treasure Coast PrideFest, celebrating gay, lesbian, transgender and bisexual people, and its board members are overwhelmed with the community's support.

"Over the past few years, it seems interest in Pride of the Treasure Coast, and our efforts to help the community while putting on a great event, has increased," said Cory Pfister, president, Treasure Coast Pride. "We're a small board of officers and directors who work year-round to collect donations from the community. Every dollar that is brought in to the organization is put right back into supporting organizations

like Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays of Vero Beach, Project Response, St. Lucie County on Aging, and ultimately PrideFest."

PrideFest welcomes many vendors, from companies and charitable organizations, to corporate sponsors and food and craft vendors. This year, there will be many new vendors, along with plenty of returning ones.

"I think over the years the community has seen and recognizes our efforts and the vision we have for the Pride organization," Mr. Pfister said. "This coming year, the board of Pride of the Treasure Coast would like to focus on bringing new members, volunteers and committee members on board to help put on an amazing event, have fun and serve the community."

Throughout the year Pride of the Treasure Coast puts on several events to help raise donations for PrideFest. The most successful and most talked

about event is Dining with the Stars; a dinner and celebrity illusion event performed by entertainers from across the state.

This year's sponsors include Treasure Coast Lexus and Treasure Coast Toyota, REBAR nightclub, home of the official after-party, and Bottom's Up Beverage.

There will be plenty of entertainment, including: DJ Joshua Atom, Kelli Randell; Dominique Taylor; Shelita Taylor; Miss Treasure Coast Continental Elite, Trish Stevens; Dragon Blade Taylor, Reggie B. Coxworthy and Family; Roxxy Andrews, current contestant on RuPaul's Drag Race; Spike Van Dykey; Palm Beach Makos cheerleaders; Rafael Gomez, with Center Stage Dance Production; Category 5 & the Storm Horns; and a few more surprises.

PrideFest will take place from noon to 9 p.m. April 7 at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center. For more information, visit www.prideofthetreasurecoast.org.

Barbeque competition coming to area

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TREASURE COAST — Don't miss out on the food, fun and friends at the second Annual Treasure Coast BBQ Championship, scheduled for May 10 starting at 4:30 p.m. and on May 11 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Veterans Park Riverwalk Center, at 600 N. Indian River Drive in Fort Pierce.

Last year, more than 5,000 people enjoyed the festivities, all proceeds of which benefit the Humane Society of St. Lucie County.

Sign up for Friday's Best Dessert Contest. Come out on Saturday and enjoy tasty BBQ chicken, pork, ribs and brisket. Enter your "Backyard Division" BBQ team and compete

for thousands in prize money. Vote for your favorite BBQ for the People's Choice Award the day of the event. And enjoy live music, cold beer and fun for the whole family.

Held along the beautiful Indian River, this two-day event is sanctioned by the Florida BBQ Association and both professional and amateur BBQ teams from across the country will compete for prize money, trophies and bragging rights.

New this year is the Iron Chef Competition. In this unique and exciting event, teams are provided with a box of food items, from which they are expected to prepare a full meal, including an appetizer, entrée and dessert,

in just two hours. There is still an opportunity for local "celebrities" to sign up for judging this event and enjoy some of the most fantastic food the teams can create!

There are plenty of other ways to become involved in the Treasure Coast BBQ Championship. Sponsorships are still available, as are opportunities to become a food vendor or an arts and crafts vendor.

To download team and Iron Judge applications and sponsorship forms, visit www.hsslc.org.

Judges are still needed for the competition.

For more information, contact co-chairs Annette Miller at (772) 696-2095 or Carroll Frischkorn at (772) 332-7267.

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Add roses for beautiful color with some simple steps

With everybody getting his or her yards ready for spring, the one thing everybody wants is color. Color is one of the main elements that make your yard stand out. One of the most practical ways is through the use of roses.

Roses are beautiful flowers that symbolize love and friendship. Imagine yourself entertaining your friends in a lovely alcove surrounded by colorful flowers. Roses are relatively easy to grow and are a great choice because they will often grow where other flowers won't because of Florida's intense summer sun.



GARDEN NOOK
JOE ZELENAK

Roses can be successfully planted in either containers or in the ground. In either case, the plants should be in well-drained soil in a sunny location.

If you plant your treasures in the ground, be sure the soil drains well. Dig a hole about 15 – 18 inches wide and eighteen inches deep. Put a layer of gravel on the bottom of the hole. This is to allow drainage so water drains away from the root

system. The same would apply if you plant your roses in a container.

The next step is to prepare the soil you are going to use to plant your roses. You should use a mix of a good quality potting soil with around half the mixture composed of organic matter such as mulch or peat. You can also use some bone meal with your soil mixture.

Now, it's finally time to plant your prize. Carefully remove the plant from its original container. Place the plant in your prepared hole so the top of soil layer on the plant is the same level as the surrounding soil. Fill the gap underneath the plant with your prepared soil mixture. Now, fill the gaps around the remaining parts of the plant and pack down

lightly. You are now ready to water in your newly planted rose.

You finally have your roses planted and they are bursting with color, now you need to do some periodic maintenance to maintain that beauty.

Since we live in such a humid climate, certain diseases such as black powdery mildew and black spot can both be a common problem. Both diseases are much easier to control if you prevent them happening in the first place. Once established, both are very difficult to get rid of.

Although there are many products on the market that are used for disease control on roses, Orthenex reigns as the king. The product controls not only diseases,

but also controls insect infestation as well.

If you are interested in an all-natural cure for fungus, how about baking soda? Plain ordinary baking soda added at the rate of three teaspoons per gallon of water. You then can add a small amount of mild dish detergent to the mix to act as a spreader sticker. This will work as a preventive measure, but will not work well if an infection is present. Be sure not to make your mix too strong as damage to your roses could result.

With all the remedies that we have at our disposal for controlling rose problems, probably the best way is prevention. One way is to avoid watering late in the day so the leaves of the

plant do not stay wet all night. Also it is important to have good soil drainage.

Roses are heavy feeders and like a good supply of food. Roses should be fed at least once a month. You can use a good quality commercial food or you can use your own mix, which should consist of one cup of bone meal, one cup cottonseed meal, one-half cup blood meal, one-half cup fishmeal and one-half cup Epsom salts. You can spread this mix around each plant and then water in.

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Photo courtesy of the Environmental Learning Center
A book signing was held at the Vero Beach Book Center in honor of the Environmental Learning Center's 25th anniversary. Artist Rick Kelly, left, and Camille Yates, author of "Treasured Waters" join ELC volunteer Eileen Connelly, right. The next reading will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 19.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — As part of its 25th anniversary celebration, the Environmental Learning Center presented the first of two nature book readings, which was hosted by Vero Beach Book Center on March 8.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were served along with anecdotes and inspiration that were shared with an enthusiastic audience by artist Rick Kelly and author Camille Yates as they recalled their experiences creating the book, "Treasured Waters."

This compilation of masterful artwork includes interesting facts about the flora and fauna that make up the valued habitats of the magnificent Indian River Lagoon from Ponce Inlet in New Smyrna Beach to the Jupiter Inlet. Books are still available at the Vero Beach Book Center and ELC Gift Shop for purchase.

The Environmental Learning Center is now looking forward to the second nature book reading, which will feature "Gone

Fishing," a fishing-themed event for the entire family with local author Tamera Will Wissinger at 6:30 p.m. on April 19.

The upcoming event is sure to be a festive evening as the author shares her insight into creating the story of a nine-year-old boy's day of fishing. Sibling rivalry, the bond between father and son, the excitement and difficulty of fishing, all add up to a day of adventure that any child would want to experience.

Although this book is recommended for ages 6-11, it is enjoyed by all ages. Following a brief introduction, the author will give an interactive presentation on her new book. Children will then be encouraged to participate in fishing related eco-crafts. Books for purchase will be available and guests will have an opportunity to have it signed by the author. Snacks will be provided. Reservations are not required.

"Gone Fishing" will be available at Vero Beach Book Center for purchase.

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ONGOING EVENTS

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

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When the first of this month strikes the fool-hardy

The first day of the fourth month of every year is a time when strange happenings occur, and this year is no exception.

At Bushwood Golf and Country Club in Farfaraway, New York, sides have been taken with regard to the club's lone mime member.

Yes, I said "mime." Gerard Pardoo is a student of the late, great Marcel Marceau and a long-standing member at Bushwood. The problem seems to be in that the other members at this prestigious club no longer wish to see Mr. Pardoo and his "antics."

"It started a couple years back when he petitioned the club to have a member/mime tournament," said Club President Joe Knowitall. "We have traditionally had a member/guest, but he wished to expand it to have mimes playing with every member.



GOLF JAMES STAMMER

That was not acceptable to the rest of our membership."

Now, in court papers filed on the first of this month, the club is taking action to expel Mr. Pardoo and revoke his membership. The documents filed cite that he is a distraction when playing, that he never speaks to anyone and that his makeup scares the children of other club members.

Mr. Pardoo's response, sent through his attorney, states, "I have never been anything but the perfect member. Never have I voiced my opinions out loud. When I play I always hear the female members gossiping and interrupting

the quiet others need to hit their shots. I do no such thing. I'm always quiet and respectful."

Bushwood's members offer a slightly different version.

"He used to be fun to play with, but now he is trying too hard," said one member who asked to not to be identified. "My daughter loved him when she was really small. Now, when he plays in the summer and his makeup runs from sweating in the heat, he looks very scary. He made my daughter cry the last time she saw him. She calls him 'the scary clown.'"

Mr. Pardoo's attorney responded, "A clown? Seriously? This just goes to show you the lack of understanding these people have for my client. A mime is nothing like a clown. A mime is a true artist, not a birthday party sideshow!"

However, the complaints

are coming in from more than just one member.

"Our members are complaining that his act is wearing thin," Mr. Knowitall continued. "Every time after hitting his tee shot he will not leave the tee box without going through the whole 'I'm stuck in an invisible box' routine. He then makes someone from the group go to his cart, remove the key and come unlock the invisible door so that he can leave the tee box. It's funny on the first hole, but gets quite old about the third time."

Other complaints about Mr. Pardoo include having to use an imaginary rope to pull himself out of bunkers. Members say that he always requires one or more players in his group to help pull on the rope to get him out of the trap.

The court documents also state that Mr. Pardoo has become a hazard on the course.

"He never yells 'Fore!' when he hits a wayward shot," states the club's champion, Dave Shooter. "I was hit once by one of his many poor drives and he said nothing. He just stood there holding up four fingers and shrugged his shoulders."

"He also holds up play," said another member. "If his putt just misses and stops within an inch or two from going in, he will drop to the ground and use some sort of pantomime to get the ball to go in the hole. He pretends to pull on a string that's attached to the ball, or to use an imaginary pool cue to knock the ball in. He thinks it's darn funny that we're waiting to putt and he's going through this garbage. Soon I'm going to toss him in one of the lakes."

Mr. Pardoo's written response to these accusations was simple.

"I'm using mime telepa-

thy. It's like mental telepathy, but better (smiley face). As for throwing me in a lake, I'm not scared, I will just put myself in an airtight bubble and stroll out of the lake. Besides, with all the balls these numbskulls hit into the water, it can't be very deep."

So the sides have been drawn in what could be a long and very nasty battle between the members at Bushwood. I'm unsure who I would side with, but I'm glad I don't have to be on the jury should it get that far. Stay tuned as I continue to watch this monumental case unfold.

Editor's note: Mr. Stammer hopes everyone enjoyed his April Fool's column.

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 stammorgolf@yahoo.com.

Having a hoppin' good time at the Habitrot 5K run

More than 200 runners start the Sixth Annual Habitrot 5K Run and Bunny Hop Saturday at South Beach Park. The scholarship program helps children of Habitat homeowners get after school care, participate in summer programs and help with post secondary education.



Cliff Partlow staff photographer

Hundreds of runners and supporters came out in force Saturday morning to take part in the Sixth Annual Habitrot 5K Run and Bunny Hop at South Beach Park. Those who attended couldn't have asked for better weather. Cool temperatures and low humidity made for a perfect day for a run to benefit Habitat for Humanity's Scholarship Education Program. For more information, call (772) 562-9860 ext. 232.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer Vero Beach resident Aurelia Yoblonski gets celebratory kisses from 'Pugsley' her 8-month-old pug after Saturday's 5K at South Beach.



Cliff Partlow/staff photographer Richard Pagerno, left, of Sebastian and Aurelia Yoblonski, of Vero Beach, celebrate as they cross the finish line.



Cynthia Falardeau, left and Jennifer Jones are the in the height of fashion as they show off their tutus during Saturday's Habitrot 5K Run at South Beach.

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Obituaries

Fran Linville

Fran Linville, 76, of Sebastian, died March 21, 2013. She was born in Dayton, Ohio and moved to Florida in 1978.

She is survived by a son, Keith (Candice); three daughters, Donna (Craig), Susan and Patricia; eight grandchildren, Christopher, Jami, Rees, Christopher, Angela, Brandon, Cory and Benjamin and four great-grandchildren, Kingston, Gabriel, Liam and Ryan.

Arrangements by Strunk

Funeral Home and Crematory.

Ruth Anne Putman

Ruth Anne Putman, 86, of Sebastian, died March 21, 2013.

She was born in Greenville, S.C., and moved to Sebastian in 1985.

She was survived by her husband of 67 years, John; a daughter, Susan; a sister, Marjorie; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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Funeral Home and Crematory.

Carol C. Holmes

Carol C. Holmes, 82, of Sebastian, died March 23, 2013.

She was born in Medford, Mass., and moved to Sebastian in 1990.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, George; a son, Bruce; two daughters, Nancy and Natalie and four grandchildren.

Arrangements by Strunk Funeral Home.

Gator's athletic director to speak at event

For Hometown News
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TREASURE COAST — The University of Florida's Treasure Coast Gator Club will hold the sixth annual Treasure Coast Gator Toast on May 8, at 5:30 p.m., at the Moorings Club in Vero Beach.

This year's event will prove to be another exciting evening to celebrate the Gator Nation, featuring scholarship awards to local students and UF Athletic Director, Jeremy Foley as keynote speaker.

Mr. Foley has handled virtually every aspect of UF's \$96 million athletic program during his administrative career, rising from a ticket intern in 1976, and now, in his 21st year as athletic director. He is widely recognized for moving UF Athletics into the upper echelon of college sports, but is also known for being equally committed to student-athlete success in the classroom, said Anthony Guettler, Treasure Coast Gator Club president.

"This is going to be an evening to remember," Mr. Guettler said. "Not only is

Jeremy Foley a great role model for our scholarship recipients, but he will give us an incredible perspective on the condition and future of UF sports. Everyone is excited and honored to welcome Mr. Foley to the Treasure Coast."

In addition to Foley's keynote address, the Club will present more than \$25,000 in scholarships to 18 students from Indian River and St. Lucie County who will attend UF in Gainesville or the UF Indian River Research and Education Center in Fort Pierce in the fall. The evening will also include a sit-down dinner, one-of-a-kind silent auction items and vendors selling unique Gator gear.

The Treasure Coast Gator Toast, is the signature event of the Treasure Coast Gator Club, which has awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships to local UF students since 2007. Mr. Guettler said the Club's scholarship program is different from others because it is open to all students from Indian River or St. Lucie County who are pursuing an undergraduate degree from UF, not just

graduating high school seniors.

"With our program, we want to make sure that great students, who need a little help to complete their education, have the support they need," Mr. Guettler said. "Our scholarships are very helpful for older students pursuing a bachelor's degree, who have more limited options for applying for scholarship support."

The Gator Toast is the major fundraising event for the scholarship program.

Other sources of funding are named scholarships which this year include the Arthur and Marian Block Endowment Fund, the Bryan Schirard Memorial Fund, the Elizabeth F. Addison Memorial Scholarship, the Clint S. Malone Memorial Scholarship, the Mark and Robbie Pierce for the Hardee Family Foundation Scholarship, and a scholarship in honor of Ray and Beth Smith given by Trey Smith. The Club also hosts a variety of fundraising events throughout the year.

The Treasure Coast Gator Club is a 501(c)3 organization governed by a local board of directors that cel-

Mental Health Association secures new funding

For Hometown News
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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — The United Way of Indian River County Board of Directors voted to grant \$30,000 to the Mental Health Association for "stabilization funding" at their March 19 meeting. This is in addition to the \$80,000 already awarded the organization through the annual United Way Community Investment process for Fiscal Year 2012-13.

Representatives from the Association presented details on the recent activities of the MHA board and staff while requesting the additional financial support. Ken Felten, MHA vice chairman, led the presentation, providing insights into their developing business

plan and giving an overview of actions taken by the board since the beginning of the year.

Actions taken include; a financial analysis, including both historical and projected operational costs through the end of the current fiscal year; work begun on a fund development plan; progress on an organizational effectiveness audit; and an external communications plan.

"Our board was impressed with the progress made and exceptional commitment already demonstrated by interim CEO, Robert Brugnoli, and the MHA Board of Directors," said United Way CEO, Michael Kint. "We are looking forward to a bright future for that organization and, as a result, for mental

health services in our community."

The United Way Board expressed its thanks for the extraordinary effort the MHA Board is giving in service to this community and voted on the funding in support of the excellent work being done.

United Way of Indian River County is encouraging people in the community to LIVE UNITED by donating to the annual campaign, helping spread the word about programs and services that help people in need, and volunteering their time and talent to a local cause.

For more information on how you can LIVE UNITED and help create a brighter future for those in need in our community, call (772) 567-8900 or visit www.unit-edwayirc.org.



Photo courtesy of Treasure Coast Gator Club

The Treasure Coast Gator Club Scholarship Committee, including Linda Schirard, Melissa DePriest, Bryan Beaty, Steve McLacken, Dillon Roberts and Katy Faires, prepare to review 63 applications from Indian River and St. Lucie County students. Eighteen students will be awarded scholarships to attend the University of Florida at the annual Treasure Coast Gator Toast on May 8. The committee also includes Hamp Elliot, Lenora Ritchie and Jennifer Watson.

brates UF and provides networking opportunities for local alumni and UF fans alike. The Club's core mission is to raise money to provide scholarships for

Indian River and St. Lucie County students. For more information, visit www.tcgatorclub.org. Tickets are on sale at

www.tcgatorclub.com at a charge of \$55 for UF Alumni Association members, \$65 for nonmembers or \$25 for children 12 and under.

Out

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- **Garden walk with country care roses**, weekends from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 14070 109th St., Fellsmere. For more information, call (772) 559-5036.
- **Vero Beach Elks Lodge sends cookies to soldiers:** Homemade or store-bought cookies may be dropped off at 10 a.m. on the third Thursday of every month. Money

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

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

• **Men's singles tennis pyramid:** Play runs from 6-8 p.m. every Thursday at the Riverside Racquet Complex, 350 Dahlia Lane, Vero Beach. This is an adult league for ages

18 and older; men's levels of 3.5/4.0. The fees are \$2 per week for members and \$5 per week for non-members (plus \$1 light fee per hour when applicable). Participants must check inside the pro shop with the attendant on duty and pay before going to the courts. Players must register weekly by sending an email to Brian Orzel, singles pyramid coordinator at orzelbp@gmail.com by noon on Thursdays. 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. The railroad station is located at 2336 14th Ave., Vero Beach. For more

information, call (772) 778-3435.

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

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

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